



Press release

Nexans wins 50 million Euro submarine high voltage power cable contract for Centrica's Lincs offshore wind farm project on England's east coast

This new project illustrates once again energy infrastructures are at the core of Nexans' activities

Paris, November 5, 2009 – Nexans, the worldwide leader in the cable industry, has been awarded a 50 million Euro contract by Centrica to design, manufacture and supply the high voltage (HV) subsea power export cables for the Lincs wind farm project. The new wind farm is being constructed eight kilometres off the coast of England, to the east of Skegness in the county of Lincolnshire.

The Lincs power export cable contract comprises the design, manufacture and supply of two 145 kV XLPE subsea power cables to be laid in parallel, each 50 km in length, that will connect the wind farm to the existing National Grid substation at Walpole, North Norfolk. Each cable will comprise three copper cores with a conductor cross-section of 630mm². Jointed at the factory, the cross-section of the copper conductors will be increased to 1.200mm² for the landfall section to accommodate less favourable ambient conditions. The cables will be delivered, during 2011, in single continuous lengths from Nexans' factory located in Halden, Norway and they will incorporate fibre optic elements manufactured at the Nexans plant based in Rognan, Norway.

"This latest major project continues our relationship with Centrica on the UK's wind farm programme", says Yvon Raak, Senior Corporate Executive Vice President. "It follows the success of cables we supplied for the Lynn & Inner Dowsing wind farms that came on line in 2008 in the same general area as Lincs".

Power generation to meet the annual demand of 200,000 households

Lincs is the first of Centrica's 'Round 2' projects (as classified by the UK Crown Estates' Round 2 plan laid out in 2003 for constructing offshore wind farms in the UK) to receive planning consent in the Greater Wash, a strategic area designated by Government in 2002 for further offshore development on a larger scale. It will be capable of generating sufficient power to meet the annual demand of 200,000 households, significantly reducing emissions of carbon dioxide.

Nexans' activities in High voltage subsea cable

In this market, Nexans has strong assets. In addition to a state-of-the-art production unit located in Halden, Norway, operated by specialized teams, Nexans benefits from complete expertise from design and engineering to transport and installation. To meet the submarine challenge, Nexans also operates dedicated cable laying vessels, remote operated vehicles and other specialized underwater equipment. Nexans Norwegian-designed Capjet has buried over thousands of kilometers of cable as deep as 1,000 meters in seas around the world.

About Nexans

With energy as the basis of its development, Nexans, the worldwide leader in the cable industry, offers an extensive range of cables and cabling systems. The Group is a global player in the infrastructure, industry, building and Local Area Network markets. Nexans addresses a series of market segments from energy, transport and telecom networks to shipbuilding, oil and gas, nuclear power, automotive, electronics, aeronautics, handling and automation. With an industrial presence in 39 countries and commercial activities worldwide, Nexans employs 22,400 people and had sales in 2008 of 6.8 billion euros. Nexans is listed on NYSE Euronext Paris, compartment A. More information on www.nexans.com.

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