



Press release

Hyundai awards Nexans 17 km mud and fire resistant cable order

Paris, 13th November, 2001 – Nexans (Paris: NEX.PA), the worldwide leader in the cable industry, has been awarded a contract to supply 17 Km of Telecom Mud and Fire resistant cable (FRC-2) to Hyundai Heavy Industries, in Ulsan, Korea.

Deriving from a family of Underwater Repeaterless Cables (URC-1), Nexans has used a cost effective steel tube design, allowing the FRC-1 (fire resistant only) and the FRC-2 to offer the best protection topside.

Originally named the "Topside Cable", FRC-2 offers a resistance to fire and mud and is creating interest not only in the oil & gas industry but in a host of industries keen to benefit from the integration of Nexans' steel tube technology, such as railways, underground railways, mining and potentially could be used for road tunnels and some defence applications.

Pascal Portevin, President Telecom Division, Nexans, commented, "*The Mud and Fire Resistant Cable, developed using steel tube technology, has allowed us to market an offshore turnkey solution, appealing not only to those who build oil platforms but to a number of industries where potential application could benefit.*"

The Mud and Fire Resistant Cable is manufactured at the Nexans Norway plant in Rognan.

About Nexans

Nexans is the worldwide leader in the cable industry. The Group brings an extensive range of advanced copper and optical fiber cable solutions to the infrastructure, industry and building markets. Nexans cables and systems can be found in every area of people's lives, from telecommunications and energy networks, to aeronautics, aerospace, automobile, building, petrochemical, medical applications, etc. Operating in more than 20 countries, Nexans employs 19,000 people and had sales in 2000 of euros 4.8 billion. Nexans is listed on the Paris stock exchange. More information on www.nexans.com

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