



Press release

Nexans Awarded Contract in Taiwan for the supply and installation of Optical Interconnection Systems to Howin Technologies Corporation

Paris, September 3rd, 2001 - Nexans, a worldwide leader in the cable industry, has been awarded a 4 million Euro contract for the supply and installation of interconnection equipment by Howin Technologies Corporation. The equipment will be deployed across the entire Taiwan territory as part of the Taiwan Fixed Network (TFN) subscriber optical network.

TFN is one of the three operators to have obtained a fixed telephony operation license following the deregulation of the Telecom market in Taiwan. TFN is a member of the Pacific Electrical Wire & Cable Co. Ltd., one of Taiwan's largest telecommunications groups. Howin Technologies is a subsidiary of TFN.

The contract covers the supply of more than 1000 Opteastar modular optical distributors equipped with patching, splicing and coiling modules, subscribers' units and splice protection units.

The first half of this equipment should be installed during the summer of 2001.

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. More information on www.nexans.com

Note

Nexans' range of interconnection solutions covers the operator's complete needs, from the telephone exchanges through to the subscriber, and ensures consistency and uniformity of the line connection and management methods, while at the same time catering for varied environments. Furthermore, this product range is designed on the basis of multiple variants giving the operator optimum flexibility to build modular connection solutions that correspond perfectly to its own cabling configurations. Lastly, the speed of intervention of its commercial, marketing and production teams helps guarantee the performance of Nexans' technical and commercial offer.

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