



**Press release**

## **Nexans wins an airfield lighting cable contract for King Abdulaziz International Airport in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia**

**Paris, May 19, 2009** – Nexans, the worldwide leader in the cable industry, has won a contract from Almagani to supply special airfield lighting cables for King Abdulaziz International Airport (KAIA) in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Almagani is the general contractor for the current airfield facilities upgrade project at KAIA that forms part of a major redevelopment of the airport to expand its capacity to 80 million passengers per year – including the capability to handle the new Airbus A380 Superjumbo aircraft.

The Nexans contract includes the supply of some 1,500 km of 5 kV easy-to-install and watertight primary cables to connect the airfield power network to the lighting transformers located on the runways that power the airfield lights.

*“Almagani awarded this contract to Nexans because we offered a well proven, high – specification products, bringing safety thanks to advanced fire behaviour cables as well as enhancing security and efficiency of these airport infrastructures, at a competitive price”* said Paolo Pieri, Airport Infrastructure Business Segment Manager of Nexans. *“Another key factor was our established track record in airfield projects worldwide, where we continue to demonstrate excellent factory service, extensive local support and strong relationship.”*

The cable for KAIA are manufactured at Nexans’ plant based in Lyon, France. Delivery have started in 2008 and still continue in 2009.

### **KAIA’s capacity is planned to reach 80 million passengers per year**

King Abdulaziz Airport is the gateway to Saudi Arabia for a large number of pilgrims. The airport is close to the cities of Mecca and Medina, two of the holiest sites in Islam. During the 2005 Hajj (pilgrimage) season it received 3.5 million travellers and around two million pilgrims.

The redevelopment will take place in three stages, the first of which should be completed by the first quarter of 2011. After the completion of all the three construction stages, the airport's capacity is planned to reach 80 million passengers per year.

At the end of the first stage the airport's capacity is to increase initially from 13 million passengers to reach 30 million passengers each year. The expansion of the airport includes the construction of support services building, renovation of the existing South and North Terminals and upgrades to the existing runway and airfield systems to accommodate the Airbus A380.

### **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 23,500 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](http://www.nexans.com)

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