

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

20 May 2011

Dear Nexans Shareholder,

I wish, before your Annual General Meeting, to direct your attention on the importance of resolutions relating to the renewal of the Board of your company as it has come to my attention that some reservations or negative voting recommendations have been issued on certain candidates to the Board.

Nexans endorses the highest governance standards. In 2010, Nexans was considered to promote the best corporate governance practices in an independent and public study conducted over more than 100 of the largest French listed companies.

All proposed candidates to the Board have been selected in view of these high governance standards and I invite you to consider the following with respect to three of them in particular:

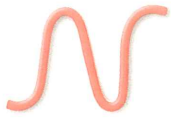
- Both **Mr. Chodron de Courcel** and **Mr. de Tavernost (proposed renewal)** have made a highly valuable contribution to the governance of Nexans, which they know well with an independent and critical input on Nexans strategic decision. Both bring to Nexans their professional experience from their respective positions as COO and Chairman of the Management Board of prominent listed companies.

Mr. Nicolas de Tavernost is a dedicated member of the Nexans Board with a 100% attendance rate in 2010 and only two directors' seats outside of M6, where he holds an executive mandate (Nexans and GL Events).

Mr. George Chodron de Courcel has a very valuable knowledge of Nexans as he has been a director since 2001. He is committed to a high level of attendance to Nexans Board (90% in 2010) and has an additional significant and substantive implication by chairing the Audit Committee.

At a time when 4 new directors will join the Board following a favorable vote of the Shareholders, it would be inopportune to lose the experience and continuity there two directors bring to the Board.

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- **Mr. Francisco Pérez proposed appointment** to the Board is an essential element of the agreement signed with main shareholder Madeco on March 2011. This agreement, which has received full support from investors, is an opportunity for Nexans to have a stable long term investor contributing to corporate governance, and willing to participate in financing growth opportunities. And the agreement will lead to a liberalization of shareholder voting rules, without conferring control to Madeco.

Mr. Pérez has an excellent profile to contribute to Nexans Board with his high-level industrial experience, international profile and his expected dedication to Nexans Board as he currently does not hold any directors' mandates outside of the Chilean group Quiñenco.

Your Board of Directors hopes that you will support all the resolutions at the Annual General Meeting, which have been designed in view of the highest corporate governance standards.

Sincerely yours,

Frédéric Vincent
Chairman of the Board – Chief Executive Officer