



Press release

Shell awards additional umbilical cable to Nexans

Paris, March 19, 2002 – Nexans, the worldwide leader in the cable industry, has been awarded an additional umbilical cable of 43.4 km length to the Nakika host for Shell's Coulomb field. The Coulomb umbilical cable comprises 4 x 1" steel tubes and 8 x ½ " steel tubes, which transport hydraulic fluids for well control, and 3 electrical quads for supplying electrical power and telecommunications signals from the NaKika host platform to the subsea wells.

Nexans won the Shell/BP NaKika contract back in December 2000, supplying nine umbilical cables, with a cumulative length of 91,6 km. These umbilical cables interlink five subsea developed oil and gas fields to the NaKika host platform in the Gulf of Mexico.

Yvon Raak, President of Nexans Energy Division, said of the contract, "*We are delighted to have once again been selected by Shell, reinforcing our reputation as a global leader in the umbilical market.*"

The umbilical systems will be manufactured at the Nexans Halden plant, in Norway, and are scheduled for completion by 1st January 2003.

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 28 countries, Nexans employs 18,000 people and had sales in 2001 of euros 4.8 billion. More information on www.nexans.com

About Shell

Shell has more than one hundred years' experience in oil exploration and the production of petroleum products. Today the company has production and operating interests in more than 45 countries and employs over 30,000 people. In its role as an Operator, Shell is responsible for upstream production in 32 countries.

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