



Press release

Nexans fiber optic cable system to link Kuwait and Iran

Paris, June 8, 2005 – Nexans, the worldwide leader in the cable industry, has been awarded a contract to supply all the submarine and land fiber optic cable, as well as cable accessories to create a new telecommunications link between Kuwait and Iran. The contract, which includes branches to Failakah (Kuwait) and Kharg (Iran) islands and the Soorosh oil platform, has been awarded by Emirates Telecommunications & Marine Services FZE (e-marine) who are constructing the link on behalf of the Kuwait Ministry of Communications (MOC) and the Telecommunications Company of Iran (TCI).

The total system route is approximately 380 km straight across the Gulf from Kuwait City to Ganeveh in Iran, including land cables in both countries. The cable will be of the unrepeated type URC-1 with 12 optical fibres providing an initial capacity of 2.5 Gigabit/second, upgradeable in accordance with future traffic requirements, with heavy armour protection giving a total cable weight of approximately 900 tonnes. The submarine cable will be laid at a depth of up to 50 m.

The submarine cable, manufactured in Nexans' Rognan plant located in the northern part of Norway, is scheduled for delivery in June 2005. The accessories will be shipped out from Rognan together with the main cable. The land cable with accessories will be shipped from Oslo.

A major challenge

The Kuwait-Iran project is a major challenge calling for a short implementation time-scale and fast delivery of cables and highly specialized components required to branch off the main cable to the islands and offshore oil platform - including reliable termination on the platform deck.

A great experience

Nexans is a leading manufacturer of fiber optic submarine cables for the unrepeated market, and has a world wide supply record of more than 13 000 km to more than 100 clients including major telecom operators.

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 cabling systems can be found in every area of people's lives, from telecommunications and energy networks, to aeronautics, aerospace, automobile, railways, building, petrochemical, medical applications, etc. With an industrial presence in 29 countries and commercial activities in 65 countries, Nexans employs 20,000 people and had sales in 2004 of euros 4.9 billion. Nexans is listed on the Paris stock exchange. More information on www.nexans.com

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