

Nexans wins contract to supply offshore wind farm Moray West project with the high voltage export cable solution helping achieve Scotland's commitment to achieve net zero target

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- **Nexans will supply the export cable solution to the offshore wind farm Moray West off the coast of Scotland, providing power to the equivalent of 650,000 households.**
- **The cables will be manufactured at Nexans' facilities in Norway, US and Belgium, and the purpose built cable laying vessel Nexans Skagerrak will be used for laying the offshore cables.**

Paris, December 20, 2021 – Nexans has won a significant turnkey contract of with Ocean Winds to design, manufacture, install and protect the 220kV subsea and onshore export cable system for the Moray West offshore windfarm project. Nexans cabling solution will connect the wind farm to the national grid, delivering electricity to up to 650,000 Scottish homes and helping achieve Scotland's ongoing commitment to net zero target by 2045.

The Moray West project is an 860MW offshore wind farm in the outer Moray Firth, located off the northeast coast of Scotland. Nexans' tailor-made export cabling solution will connect the project's substation to the national grid electricity transmission system at Blackhillock, Keith. The project is also an important step towards the UK's goal to provide enough offshore wind energy to power the country and will support Scotland's contribution of 10GW of wind energy to meet the UK's goal of 40GW by 2030.

The cable system consists of Nexans' industry-leading High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) cabling which will connect the wind turbines to two offshore substation platforms (OSPs). The 220kV cabling, including 170km of land cables and 100km of subsea cables, will be installed from each offshore substation platform along the full route to the project specific onshore substation. The cables will be manufactured at Nexans' plants in Halden and Rognan, Norway, Charleston, USA and Charleroi, Belgium and installed by the most advanced cable laying vessel Nexans Skagerrak. The onshore part of the project will be overseen and delivered by Nexans' expert personnel based in Edinburgh, Scotland.

OceanWinds is an ambitious and fast-growing offshore wind joint venture between EDP Renewables and ENGIE with around 300 employees. Ocean Winds has a majority shareholding in the adjacent Moray East offshore windfarm which is currently nearing the end of the commissioning phase. The Moray West is fully consented with construction expected to start in 2022. Completion is expected in 2024.

This partnership strengthens Nexans' position in the region as a key player in the energy transition. Nexans has already delivered export cable infrastructure on the adjacent Beatrice offshore windfarm and is currently delivering the export cable system for [Seagreen offshore wind farm](#) project, and is as well the cable supplier for the onshore [Viking Wind Farm](#) project.

Executive Vice President Subsea & Land Systems of Nexans, Ragnhild Katteland says: *“The UK has significant ambitions to develop the offshore wind market and this contract is another example of how Nexans can contribute its extensive experience and expertise to the renewable energy sector. We look forward to supporting this significant offshore windfarm project and helping Scotland and the broader UK to achieve its net zero ambitions.”*

Project Director for Moray West, Adam Morrison said: *“The decision to select Nexans was made after an extensive procurement process. Nexans have a strong track record and we are delighted to work with them on the next Ocean Winds project, Moray West. Nexans will deliver more world class high voltage cable for Moray West to ensure the project can reliably export green electricity to consumers across the UK. While Nexans have experience of utilising local contractors, the Moray West project team are working with Nexans to maximize the potential for the regional supply chain to secure sub-contracts, primarily supporting the onshore construction, including through Meet the Buyer events.”*

About Nexans

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The Group is a leader in the design and manufacturing of cable systems and services across four main business areas: Building & Territories, High Voltage & Projects, Industry & Solutions and Telecom & Data.

Nexans is the first company of its industry to create a Foundation supporting sustainable initiatives bringing access to energy to disadvantaged communities worldwide. The Group pledged to contribute to carbon neutrality by 2030.

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