Global cable expertise:
reliable solutions for complex Oil and Gas projects
Challenges to the oil and gas industry

The oil and gas industry is continuing to reduce costs, improve efficiency, and exploit new fields. To ensure future supplies, it is also moving into deeper waters (+3,000 m). By 2015, nearly 25% of offshore oil will come from greater depths, compared to just 10% in 2004. Meanwhile offshore gas output will continue to rise from both shallow and deep waters, with 12% of global offshore gas coming from the deep ocean floor by 2015, compared to 7% today. Continuing gas growth will drive expenditure on gas infrastructure, including pipelines, LNG plants, gas-to-liquid processing plants, tanker transport, and loading and unloading terminals.

Moving the control of subsea development onshore can greatly reduce operating expenses. However, it requires longer submarine energy cables and longer umbilicals. “Smart wells” both onshore and offshore need remote management capability through sensor, instrumentation and control cables, and extended WANs and LANs for application-sharing among wells and platforms. Onshore facilities (storage depots, refineries and petrochemicals) demand energy and control cables which can operate under aggressive conditions, while protecting workers, infrastructure and the environment.

What oil and gas producers expect of a cable manufacturer:

- advanced exploration technologies
- full range of cables for energy, control, and data
- special cables for exploration, exploitation, refineries and petrochemicals
- high-reliability and low-maintenance for continuous production
- installation expertise in ultra-deep waters and onshore
- technologies for pipelines, tanker transfer, storage
- environmental friendliness and safety
Nexans keeps oil and gas flowing both upstream and downstream

Nexans is present at every level of oil and gas production, providing a wide range of energy and telecom cables for onshore and offshore exploration, production and distribution, as well as for refinery and petrochemical infrastructure. We are developing new installation techniques, as well as trenching and burying systems for cables on the seabed. Innovative technologies, like long-length, deepwater umbilicals and high-speed fiber and copper backbones for data transfer and remote control applications are all in our product range. Nexans provides special products for the electrical heating of pipelines, and special combined submarine cables and umbilicals. We have also pioneered sheathings that resist sea salt, chemicals, and “mud”. To protect infrastructure and people, we have also developed advanced fire-performance products, and have been carefully tracking and improving materials for easy recycling.

For onshore projects, we use our unique supply chain, global services and technical support to help international contractors and engineering firms meet the complex challenges of the hydrocarbon processing industry.

Nexans takes an integrated approach to your needs:

• cables for all applications, from exploration and production to transport and refining
• full range of LV/MV/HV power cables for wells, platforms and refineries
• specialized umbilicals for greater water depths and long-distance applications
• advanced fiber/copper WANs and LANs for land and maritime installations
• standard and interconnective solutions for high availability worldwide
• high performance in tough conditions, including heat, cold, saltwater, “mud”, and oil
• installation expertise for deepwater and remote land locations
• reduced weight and volume through XLPE cable designs
• superior fire-reaction and resistance to safeguard people and equipment
cables monitor sensors and activate control, safety and bleed valves to regulate oil, water and gas flow, and measure and control temperature.

Nexans supplied Samsung with cables for the White Rose project off Newfoundland, and designed a sensor cable for Danfoss Marine, to measure crude oil levels and pressure at high temperature in tankers. A Halogen-Free, Fire-Resistant cable (NEK 606 standard) can continue operating up to 1,000˚C.

Capjet trenching system
The CAPJET trenching system buries fiber-optic, power and control cables, steel and flexible flowlines, and large oil and gas pipelines.

The CAPJET trenching system has now done trenching and free-span connection work for 4,000 km of power cables, pipelines, flowlines and umbilicals. Nexans Norway offers four complete state-of-the-art systems.

Dynamic umbilicals for Remote Operated Vehicles (ROVs)
Nexans provides cost-effective and field-proven umbilical solutions using steel-wire armor for ROVs operating down to 4,000 m.

Umbilicals
Multifunction umbilicals carrying energy, telecommunications, fluids and chemicals are essential for controlling subsea systems.

Umbilicals for energy, telecommunications, fluids and chemical transport
Nexans provided the steel armored umbilicals for the ROV that worked on the “Prestige” wreck off the coast of Spain. Aramid strength members can operate down to more than 6,000 m.

Capsens fiber cables use Fiber Bragg Grating (FBG) technology to monitor characteristics, like temperature and tension, to safeguard power cables and umbilicals, especially in critical ROV operations.

Nexans supplied umbilicals fitted with CableSense to the Dutch dredging and marine contracting company, Van Oord.
Maritime copper/fiber LANs for remote monitoring, control, maintenance, data transfer and entertainment.

High voltage energy cables for subsea power transmission.

Seismic and oceanographic cables for exploration ease and system durability.

Optical sensing cables to safeguard power cables and umbilicals.

Transfer lines for liquefied gas.

Seismic data acquisition cables for terrestrial exploration.

Copper/fiber LANs for telecommunications, monitoring of data and energy flows.

Accessories and custom software for all energy and telecom needs, mechanical testing, etc.

Dynamic umbilicals for ROVs for various subsea operations.

Maritime copper/fiber LANs for remote monitoring, control, maintenance, data transfer and entertainment.

Marine optical fiber backbones for telecommunications and remote-control.

Electrical direct-heating cables for pipelines and flow lines.

Onshore optical fiber backbones for pipelines and flow lines.

LV, MV and HV onshore cables for instrumentation, compensation, control and power.

Capjet trenching system for trenching and backfilling of buried cables.

Optical sensing cables to safeguard power cables and umbilicals.

Transfer lines for liquefied gas.
...for a safer, more efficient oil and gas industry

**Marine optical fiber backbones**
Independent optical fiber cables running from shore to platforms and between platforms increase bandwidth and provide remote control. Nexans supplies repeaterless systems for up to 500 km.

Several North Sea platforms (Statoil) are being linked to achieve cost savings and better safety. Sensor fibers are used to monitor temperature, pressure, stress and overheating, so flow changes and “wax” can be controlled.

**Subsea and land-based high-voltage energy cables**
Nexans manufactures submarine paper-insulated and XLPE-insulated cables with copper conductors of up to 2,500 mm² for voltages up to 525 kV AC, from shore to platforms, between platforms and for onshore applications. Our composite solutions add fiber optic cable for secure telecommunications.

Feeding clean energy to a platform eliminates onboard generators and dangerous CO₂ emissions. A record-breaking 67 km long 52 kV cable is already linking land facilities with the Troll platform in the North Sea.

**Onshore optical fiber backbones**
 Pipelines between distant points provide a convenient and protected infrastructure (Right-Of-Way) for long distance optical fiber backbones.

In remote deserts, optical fiber cables safely attached to pipelines can provide the remote control of pumping stations, full network management.

**Maritime and terrestrial Local Area Networks**
Copper and/or fiber LANs can move functions onshore providing remote monitoring, control, maintenance, real-time drilling data, videoconferencing and even entertainment. They are also ideal for the multiple needs of refineries.

In the Caspian Sea, Nexans Cat 7 allows application sharing. Instead of having to pull three separate cables, a single cable (containing four individually screened cables) handles telephony, Internet, data and TV. Cat 7 can now support 10 Gigabit Ethernet speeds.

**Transfer lines for liquefied gas**
Nexans Cryoflex® transfer lines consist of concentric, flexible, vacuum-insulated corrugated tubes for carrying liquefied gases between floating production ships, shuttle tankers, LNG carriers and onshore LNG receiving terminals.

Not only do these flexible tubes resist stress, strain, and corrosion, the outer sheath functions as an emergency insulation in the case of an inner tube puncture, an important safety feature.

**Electrical direct-heating cables**
A heating cable strapped to a pipeline provides a current in the steel of the pipeline, as well as an induced current which heats up the pipeline to required temperatures to prevent “plugs” and avoid shutdowns.

Nexans completed the first offshore electrical pipeline heating system for Statoil in the Åsgård field, heating 6 flow lines for a total of 45 km. We have also provided a pipeline heating system for the Hydraf and Kratin fields in the North Sea.

**Accessories and custom software**
For all energy and telecom needs: joints and terminations, pressure systems, pumping plants, pull-in heads, terminations, buoyancy elements, branching units, amplifiers, etc.

Without the need for mechanical testing, Nexans’ unique software dynamically positioned cables in the North Sea to and from platforms and production ships according to currents, waves and movement.

**Onshore instrumentation, compensation, control and power cables**
Nexans provides LV, MV and HV compensation, control and power cables for transmission and distribution. For refineries, petrochemicals plants and LNG terminals, they can be shielded against dangerous chemicals.

Nexans provided lead-free MV/LV and instrumentation cables for the Q-Chem petrochemical complex in Qatar and an ethylene plant in Iran (Technip-Coflexip and Nargan). We also supplied instrumentation and LV cables to Exxon Mobil, Total, and la Raffinerie des Flandres in France.
Global expertise
Our long experience in oil and gas worldwide makes us a unique problem solver. We deliver everything from off-the-shelf items to customized solutions and complete turnkey systems. Our leadership in international standards and interconnectivity makes it easier for you to respond to new projects, and pursue strategic goals.

Local presence
Through close partnerships with local shipyards, platform builders, oil and gas producers, refineries and installers, we complement your national capacities. Understanding your supply chain and culture makes us highly responsive in terms of delivery logistics. We also offer counseling in terms of design, installation and maintenance.

Technical leadership
We are constantly innovating to support your oil and gas activities. We are improving umbilicals, extending distances and depths for energy cables, and increasing the flow of information between wells, platforms, refineries and plants. Fire safety and environmental friendliness are also top priorities.
Nexans is the worldwide leader in the cable industry, with an industrial presence in 29 countries and commercial activities in 65. The Group employs 20,000 people. Its sales amount to 4.9 billion euros. Nexans brings an extensive range of advanced copper and optical fiber cable solutions to the infrastructure, industry and building markets. Its cables and systems can be found in every area of people’s lives, from telecommunications and energy networks, to aeronautics, aerospace, shipbuilding, automobiles, railways, buildings, petrochemicals, medical applications, material handling, etc. Nexans is listed on the Paris Stock Exchange.