



Press Release

**Nexans will supply safety and environmentally friendly cables
for GASCO project in Abu Dhabi**

345 km of power and communication cables with high-tech eco-friendly sheathing have been installed for GASCO's Habshan 5 Utilities and Offsites project

Paris, December 21st, 2010 – Nexans, the worldwide leader in the cable industry, will complete a 9 million Euro contract for Hyundai Engineering & Construction to supply power and communication cables featuring advanced, environmentally friendly insulation technology for GASCO's Habshan 5 Utilities and Offsites project in Abu Dhabi. Around 345 km of Nexans Medium Voltage (MV) and High Voltage (HV) and communications cables featuring either HFFR or HYPRON® insulation have been installed.

The integrated gas development project at Habshan will have four gas processing trains with total processing capacity of 2,000 million cubic feet per day. After commissioning of these facilities, the new Habshan 5 complex will produce 900 million cubic feet of sales gas, 12,000 tonnes per day of natural gas liquids and 5000 tonnes per day of liquid sulphur.

In July 2009, Abu Dhabi Gas Industries (GASCO) awarded the EPC contract for its Habshan 5 Utilities and Offsites project to Hyundai Engineering & Construction, of South Korea. The project is designed to provide various utilities and offsite facilities required for the operation of Habshan 5, such as steam, power, sulphur storage and loading, de-bottle-necking of existing facilities at Habshan/Bab, new pipelines and process buildings.

Nexans was awarded the contract to supply all the MV and HV power cables and communication cables required for the Utilities and Offsites project in April 2010, and will complete the final delivery in January 2011. In order to ensure maximum safety on the site, Nexans has provided high-tech cable solutions including HFFR (Halogen Free Flame Retardant) polyethylene insulation as well as the new HYPRON® cables developed to provide an environmentally friendly alternative to lead-sheathed cables for power, control and instrumentation applications in the oil and gas industry. In addition, MV cable includes the fire and flame retardant cable which Nexans is the only cable supplier to meet these strict requirements.

The HYPRON design comprises three co-extruded construction elements: AluPE, an HDPE (High Density Polyethylene) sheath and a PA (Polyamide) sheath that enables it to offer exactly the same protection against aggressive petrochemicals as traditional lead-sheathed cables, with the added advantage of improved ease of handling and installation thanks to its lower weight and smaller cross-section.

The HV power cables were manufactured by the Nexans plant in Hanover, Germany, the MV cables were produced in Cheongwon, Korea and the communication cables in Mehun, France.

"We are delighted to have worked on this important GASCO project. One of the key factors in its success was the close collaboration between Nexans units for not only commercial aspects but also for technical issues. It also demonstrates that Nexans is the global leader in developing eco-friendly products such as HYPRON that provide an effective alternative to lead sheathing for communication cables as well as flame retardant polyethylene sheathing" says Nicholas Ballas, Nexans Asia Pacific Area Executive Vice President.

About Nexans

With energy as the basis of its development, Nexans, the worldwide leader in the cable industry, offers an extensive range of cables and cabling systems. The Group is a global player in the infrastructure, industry, building and Local Area Network markets. Nexans addresses a series of market segments: from energy, transport and telecom networks to shipbuilding, oil and gas, nuclear power, automotives, electronics, aeronautics, material handling and automation.

Nexans is a responsible industrial company that regards sustainable development as integral to its global and operational strategy. Continuous innovation in products, solutions and services, employee development and engagement, and the introduction of safe industrial processes with limited environmental impact are among the key initiatives that place Nexans at the core of a sustainable future.

With an industrial presence in 39 countries and commercial activities worldwide, Nexans employs 22,700 people and had sales in 2009 of 5 billion euros. Nexans is listed on NYSE Euronext Paris, compartement A. For more information, please consult www.nexans.com

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