



Press release

## **Nexans wins contract helping to prevent the testing of nuclear weapons**

*Nexans wins Euro 2 million contract to supply cabling & equipment to the French Atomic Commission*

**Paris, December 5, 2002** - Nexans, the worldwide leader in the cable industry, has signed a contract with the French Atomic Commission (CEA, Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique), for the supply of cables and equipment to a nuclear test ban monitoring project called, "HA4 -Crohydro".

"Crohydro" is a monitoring system developed under an international agreement that forms part of the International Monitoring System of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organisation CTBTO\*, which is based in Vienna. The system, designed to monitor the test explosions of Nuclear weapons, will be laid on the ocean bed in the area around the Crozet Islands.

The cable, with branching units and splices, will carry energy to hydroacoustic sensors, whilst also transmitting signals generated by the array back to the monitoring system on Crozet Island. The contract may also involve Nexans supplying additional equipment to the project at a later date.

Work on this technically demanding project has already begun with Nexans scheduled to deliver the cable and equipment at the end of the year. The cable will be installed during the austral summer of 2003, with the electronics related work to be carried out by the French company, Oceano Technologies.

\*The purpose of the CTBTO is to ensure that the international community would rid the world of the testing of nuclear weapons. Under Article 1 of the CTBT, each State Signatory " undertakes not to carry out carry nuclear weapons test explosions and all other nuclear explosions, and to prohibit and prevent any, nuclear explosion at any place under its jurisdiction or control. The CTBT seeks to constrain the development and qualitative improvement of nuclear weapons as well as the development of advanced new types of nuclear weapons.

**Notes to Editors:**

The Crozet Islands are part of the *Terres Australes et Antarctique Françaises*, and also lie the Southern Indian Ocean. They form an archipelago of 5 main islands and are home to over 1.5 million penguins representing half of the world's King Penguin population.

**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, railways, building, petrochemical, medical applications, etc. With an industrial presence in 28 countries and commercial activities in 65 countries, Nexans employs 17,500 people and had sales in 2001 of euros 4.8 billion. Nexans is listed on the Paris stock exchange. More information on [www.nexans.com](http://www.nexans.com)

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