



Press release

Nexans wins 50 million Euro umbilical contract for Dolphin Gas Project

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Paris, April 12, 2005 – Nexans, the worldwide leader in the cable industry, has been awarded a 50 million Euro contract by Dolphin Energy to manufacture and install the chemical injection/control umbilicals for the Dolphin Gas project in the Middle East.

The two Nexans umbilicals, with respective lengths of 90 km and 75 km, will link two offshore platforms to the Dolphin Ras Laffan processing plant in Qatar. They will supply corrosion inhibitor, hydrate inhibitor and diesel fuel to the two platforms, as well as facilitating communication via a fibre optic element.

The Dolphin Gas project

Dolphin Energy's Dolphin Gas Project is one of the largest single energy initiatives ever undertaken in the Middle East. Dolphin gas will be a unique source of clean new energy for the Southern Gulf. Through its supply of natural gas from Qatar, the Dolphin Project will also bring together three GCC nations – the UAE, Qatar and Oman – in a regional energy network for the very first time. Initial flow, when the project is commissioned in 2006, will be an average of two billion standard cubic feet per day.

Manufacturing in Norway

Manufacturing the umbilicals will require 684 km of Super Duplex Steel Tubes, and 165 km fibre optic element. The tubes will be welded into continuous tube-strings in Nexans' cable and umbilical factory in Halden, Norway. The fibre optic element will be manufactured at the Nexans factory in Rognan in the North of Norway with the final assembly and sheathing carried out in Halden. When the umbilicals are completed, they will have a total weight of almost 3000 tonnes.

Manufacture of the umbilicals is planned for completion in early 2006, ready for installation offshore Qatar in the summer.

“Shore-to-Offshore”

At the shore end, the two umbilicals will be buried in a trench to provide protection for a length of over one kilometre from the beach up to the connection point. Nexans has considerable experience in “shore-to-offshore” applications including prestigious projects such as Scarab/Saffron, Corrib, Snøhvit, and Ormen Lange.

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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