



Press release

Nexans wins major contract for submarine fibre optic connection in the Caribbean

First delivery of next generation repeatered fibre optic submarine systems for Nexans which will supply 1,300km of cable to connect Trinidad & Tobago to Suriname via Guyana

Paris, February 25, 2009 - Nexans, the worldwide leader in the cable industry, has been awarded a major contract by Global Marine Systems Ltd., one of the world's leading providers of submarine cable installation and services, to supply 1,300km of repeatered fibre optic submarine cable to connect the islands of Trinidad & Tobago to Suriname via Guyana. The cable system will help enhance communication links between the three countries.

The 1300km cable will be produced at Nexans' factory in Rognan, Norway and comprise 21 segments, with amplifiers integrated every 70km, and will be delivered to Global Marine Systems in October 2009.

Behind this next generation of repeatered fibre optic submarine systems are Nexans, Global Marine Systems Ltd. and Huawei Marine Networks, a Chinese manufacturer of telecom accessories.

"The latest repeatered optical cable is a major technological breakthrough for Nexans that will enable us to deliver cables for any optical transmission range. It opens up tremendous opportunities for us in this new and very interesting market segment" says Yvon Raak, Nexans' Chief Corporate Officer, in charge of the Europe Area. "We are extremely pleased that our product is the chosen solution for the Trinidad & Tobago to Guyana-connection and look forward to continuing our work with Global Marine Systems Ltd and Huawei Marine Networks."

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, automotive, electronics, aeronautics, handling and automation. With an industrial presence in 39 countries and commercial activities worldwide, Nexans employs 23,500 people and had sales in 2008 of 6.8 billion euros. Nexans is listed on NYSE Euronext Paris, compartment A. More information on www.nexans.com

About Global Marine Systems:

Global Marine, an independent marine engineering company, has been in business for well over 150 years and continues to be the pre-eminent provider of submarine cable installation and maintenance services in the world. Operating the world's largest fleet of cable ships and subsea vehicles, it is a market leader in marine cable installation and maintenance for telecommunications, as well as scientific research, oil, gas, utilities and the renewable energy sector. Global Marine is headquartered in the United Kingdom with regional offices in the United States and Asia.

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