



Press Release

Nexans sponsors the 130th class of ESPCI ParisTech

With innovation at the core of its strategy, Nexans aims to develop close working relationships with tomorrow's scientific experts and managers in order to maintain its worldwide technology leadership

Paris, September 7, 2011 - Nexans, a worldwide leading expert in the cable industry, today announced that on August 31, 2011 it signed an agreement with the Paris-based ESPCI (Industrial Physics and Chemistry Higher Educational Institution) to sponsor the School's 130th graduating class. The three-year sponsorship agreement is designed to foster a high level of interaction between engineering students and Nexans' R&D experts.

The projects to be carried out by ESPCI ParisTech's students under Nexans' sponsorship will be specified in annual "action plans" drawn up at the start of each academic year. These plans will be defined during meetings between engineering students responsible for the sponsored activities and Nexans' representatives. They will include various types of activities designed to reinforce the mutual understanding and interaction between the School and the company. For example, conferences or roundtables regarding Nexans' strategy and business, as well as site visits, will be arranged during the next three years. In addition, work assignments and training periods will be offered within Nexans' Corporate Technical Department.

"When ESPCI approached us as an industrial company specializing in energy with a view to sponsoring the School's 130th class, we agreed immediately. As a technology leader, we believe it is essential to contribute to the training of future experts and to have a breeding ground for talented peoples who might join our company at the end of their studies," says Jean-Maxime Saugrain, Nexans' Corporate Vice President Technical.

"Corporate sponsorship helps engineering students to become familiar with the business and the culture of a global industrial company; it is therefore essential for training engineers. Nexans' sponsorship will put the cross-disciplinary approaches of their scientific training to work in the fields of energy and electrical engineering, while at the same time reinforcing the School's pillars - scientific excellence and international influence," says Roger Famery, Director of Corporate Relations for ESPCI ParisTech.

Leading French engineering school in ARWU 2010* ranking

Founded by the City of Paris in 1882, ESPCI ParisTech is both a major institution of higher education (a French "Grande École d'ingénieurs") and an internationally renowned research center (with 5 Nobel Prize winners) where education, research and innovation are at the crossroads of knowledge and know-how in physics, chemistry and biology. ESPCI ParisTech is also an "entrepreneur factory" exemplified by Professor and Honorary Scientific Director Jacques Lewiner, who also heads the School's General Electricity Laboratory. Furthermore, the strong interaction between education and research provides ESPCI ParisTech engineers with sound experimental skills as well as acute scientific reasoning and rigour which they bring to bear in the laboratory. In 2011, for the fourth year in a row, the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU*), also known as the "Shanghai ranking", has placed ESPCI ParisTech in the lead among French engineering schools, thus putting the School on an equal footing with the best Universities in the world.

(*) *Academic Ranking of World Universities* (<http://www.arwu.org>)

About Nexans

With energy as the basis of its development, Nexans, worldwide expert 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 40 countries and commercial activities worldwide, Nexans employs 23,700 people and had sales in 2010 of more than 6 billion euros. Nexans is listed on NYSE Euronext Paris, compartment A. For more information, please consult www.nexans.com or www.nexans.mobi

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