



Press Release

Nexans equips Belgacom Towers in Brussels with LANmark Category 6 solution

Paris, January 23, 2003 - Nexans has been awarded the contract for cabling the two "Belgacom U+T Towers" in Brussels with a LANmark Category 6 solution.

Belgacom, which is both a major customer and an approved reseller of the LANmark solution, will install over 40000 LANmark-6 snap-in connectors in the 28 floors of each tower.

Nexans has previously supplied Category 5 cabling into the towers which from now on will be used mainly for telephony applications. The new Category 6 system is intended to upgrade the buildings to prepare them for the needs of the next decade.

One of the requirements of the new system was to provide maximum flexibility to allow simple and cost effective moves, adds, and changes during the infrastructure lifetime. Nexans was able to meet the requirement using a three connector channel including an RJ45 consolidation point. The fully screened solution will also utilize Nexans unique LANmark-6 F2TP dual foil cable. This will not only provide enhanced EMC performance but was also considered a major installation benefit, the easy to install termination delivering substantial labor saving on a project of this scale.

The installation began in September 2002 and will continue in a phased process through to the end of 2004.

Emiel Vandeput, Nexans Product Manager, who was closely involved at the design stage said, *"Nexans was awarded the project against fierce competition. Clearly our reputation for high performance and the quality of our product range helped the decision, but it was our commitment to provide ongoing support throughout the project that finally demonstrated we would provide the best value for money"*.

About Nexans

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