



Press release

Cable supply order for luggage conveying system at Madrid Airport

*Nexans to supply halogen-free cables and wires
for energy supply and control functions*

Paris, September 1, 2003 - For the extension Madrid's international airport, Nexans won an order last year for the supply of cables for the luggage conveying systems of two new terminals. In the tender, Nexans succeeded in an international outbidding for this order. It will be delivered to the final customer, Madrid's airport operator AENA, before the end of the year.

The order comprises the supply of a total volume of 2,100 km control, safety, and special cables to secure power supply and control functions for the luggage conveying system.

Besides safety-related material requirements set by the airport operator (such as halogen-free, toxically safe cables with hardly inflammable outer sheathing and fire retarding properties), additional conditions laid down were a special challenge for Nexans.

These conditions included easy-to-install cables suitable for narrow bending radii. Taken the structural conditions on site, it was decided to use special cables instead of four-conductor safety cables, for the manufacture of which the same materials are used. The special cables of all diameters are invariably made of class 2 multicore conductors, making them more flexible, easier to install and suitable for narrower bending radii.

In addition to the technical requirements regarding the cable properties, strict safety regulations for airports also posed a particular challenge for Nexans logistics. Multilingual product marking, delivery notes and technical documentation, are just some of the additional frame requirements that had to be met.

All cables will be manufactured at Nexans' Mönchengladbach facilities in Germany.

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 28 countries and commercial activities in 65 countries, Nexans employs 17,150 people and had sales in 2002 of euros 4.3 billion. Nexans is listed on the Paris stock exchange. More information on www.nexans.com.

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