



Press release

Nomination of François de Combret as member of Nexans Board of Directors

Paris, May 18, 2006 - The Annual Shareholders' Meeting of Nexans, held on May 15, 2006, and presided by Gérard Hauser, Chairman and CEO, approved the nomination of François de Combret as a new member of the Board of Directors of Nexans.

François de Combret, age 64, is senior advisor to UBS Bank. He is a board member of Renault, Safran and Bouygues Telecom and chairman of the board of Musée Rodin.

After graduating from ENA, François de Combret started his career as auditor at the "Cour des Comptes", the French State Audit Office.

He then worked as advisor for Economic and Industrial affairs to Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, first at the Ministry of Finances (1971-1974) and then at the Elysée Palace (1974-78), when Valéry Giscard d'Estaing was elected President of the State. François de Combret was then named Deputy Head of Staff of the President.

After being hired by Banque Lazard in 1982, François de Combret spent three years in New York before being appointed managing partner of the bank in Paris in 1985, a function that he held for twenty years before joining UBS on January 1st, 2006.

Nexans' Board of Directors is now composed of 11 members:

- **Gérard Hauser**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Nexans
- **Gianpaolo Caccini**, Chairman of Assovetro, Association of Italian Glass Manufacturers
- **Georges Chodron de Courcel**, Chief Operating Officer of BNP Paribas, Member of the BNP Paribas Executive Committee
- **Jacques Garaïalde**, Managing Director of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co Ltd
- **Patrick Puy**, Managing Director of Alvarez & Marsal France
- **Ervin Rosenberg**, Advisor to the President of Compagnie Financière Edmond de Rothschild Banque
- **Jean-Louis Vinciguerra**, Financial Advisor to Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development

- **Jean-Marie Chevalier**, Professor of Economics at the University of Paris IX-Dauphine
- **Colette Lewiner**, Vice President, Global Leader Energy, Utilities & Chemicals and Global Marketing Leader de Cap Gemini
- **Yves Lyon-Caen**, Chief Executive Officer of Béri 21 (holding company of Bénéteau S.A.)
- **François de Combret**, Senior Advisor to the UBS bank

About Nexans

Nexans is the worldwide leader in the cable industry. The Group brings an extensive range of advanced copper and optical fibre 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 throughout the world, Nexans employs 20,000 people and had sales in 2005 of 5.4 billion euros. Nexans is listed on the Paris stock exchange. More information available on: <http://www.nexans.com/>

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