



**Press release**

## **Nexans answers to the ever-demanding growing Handling market**

*The Group wins cabling contract for high-speed traveling gantry crane applications for one of the world's largest port container projects*

**Paris, June 13, 2006** - Nexans, the worldwide leader in the cable industry, has signed a basic agreement with Gottwald Port Technology to equip 4 pilot automated-stacking cranes with RHEYFIRM(RTS) medium voltage cables for the new Deurganck Dock located at P&O's Antwerp Gateway Terminal. The agreement content in case of successful test installation and inspection by the port the supply of further 40 km. The two modules scheduled to be operational by end of 2006.

Manufactured at Nexans' cabling plant in Moenchengladbach (Germany), the specialist data and power transmission cables have been especially modified for this application to withstand extreme tensile forces and mechanical stress. This will enable Gottwald's new fully-automated generation of high-speed Automated Stacking Crane (ASC) to operate at travelling speeds of more than 200 m/min.

Commenting on the contract, Nexans Sales Manager Handling Cables Frank Müller said: *"Gottwald Port Technology required highly-specialised cables that could withstand the continuous high-speed use associated with this particular type of demanding application. The cables' integrated optical fibres also have mono and multimode functionality ensuring future capacity requirements."*

The Antwerp Gateway Terminal is located on the banks of the river Scheldt and will provide deep water draft of 16 meters and will a quay line of 2,500 metres when fully commissioned.

### **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 [www.nexans.com](http://www.nexans.com)

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