



Press release

Nexans starts production of rolling stock special cable in China

*Creation of new production capacity of rolling stock cables
is driven by boom in rail projects in the Chinese market*

Paris, November 5, 2008 – Nexans, the worldwide leader in the cable industry, has started production of special rolling stock cable at its Waigaoqiao manufacturing plant located in Shanghai, China. This local production will enable Nexans to meet the demands of customers operating in China's booming rail industry who require the high levels of service and support offered by a local manufacturing presence.

This creation of new production capacity have required a plant expansion project including the installation of new equipments and the extensions of the workshop and of the specialized fire test, physical and quality control lab. The newly installed production lines will be capable to produce the complete product range of power cables for Rolling Stock, using latest technology compounds to meet the high performance standards in the resistance requirement for fire, temperature, abrasion and covering conductor range from 1.0sqmm up to 500sqmm cables in single and multi-conductor cable configurations.

"This additional production capacity strengthens Nexans' leading position in China's rolling stock cable market" said Dietmar Steinbach, Nexans Global Segment Manager for Rolling Stock. "It provides the ideal basis to improve our service levels, especially in terms of delivery lead-times and flexibility."

The first samples have already been manufactured and tested. Volume production should begin at the end of 2008.

Additional production capacity planned for 2009

Nexans will also start producing control cables for rolling stock at its Nexans Communication plant (Kanghua), also based in Shanghai at the beginning of 2009. This will enable Nexans China to offer a very complete range of rolling stock cables to the local market and will make sure that Nexans has enough capacity to serve the growing cable demand in China.

Nexans in China

Nexans entered the Chinese market in the mid-1980's. It has three wholly-owned plants in the country producing telecom, LAN and special industrial cables, a logistics centre and several sales offices located in Beijing & Hong Kong, Dalian, Xi'an, Chengdu, Guangzhou. Management office is based in Shanghai. Nexans today employs 700 people in China.

About Nexans

With energy as the basis of its development, Nexans, the worldwide leader 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, automotive, electronics, aeronautics, handling and automation.

With an industrial presence in more than 30 countries and commercial activities worldwide, Nexans employs 22,800 people and had sales in 2007 of 7.4 billion euros. Nexans is listed on NYSE Euronext Paris, compartment A. More information on <http://www.nexans.com/>

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