



Press release

Nexans cable connects the UK's largest dedicated biomass power plant

A 5 million Euros contract to provide a medium voltage power cable

Paris, May 3, 2007 - Nexans, the worldwide leader in the cable industry, has completed a contract worth around 5 million Euros for Scottish Power to manufacture and supply the 33kV cable that provides the grid connection for E.ON UK's 44MW biomass power plant, currently under construction at Stevens Croft, near Lockerbie, Scotland.

Nexans has manufactured and supplied XLPE insulated cable with a 500mm² cross-section to create two, three-phase, medium voltage circuits – a total of 153km of cable. The cables provide the link with the nearest available grid connection for the new power plant, the Scottish Power substation around 25km away at the Chapel Cross nuclear power station.

480,000 tonnes of wood burned annually

A consortium of Metso and Siemens is carrying out the turnkey project for the construction of the Euros 132 million wood-fired power station. It will burn 480,000 tonnes of wood fuel annually, making it the UK's largest dedicated biomass power plant, saving up to 140,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions a year. The power station is due to start commissioning in the summer of 2007 and will enter full operation by the end of 2007.

"Renewable and sustainable energy is an important market segment for Nexans, so we are very pleased to have helped create the grid connection for the UK's largest dedicated biomass power plant", says Yvon Raak, Vice President Europe Area of Nexans.

The cable was manufactured in the Nexans plant located in Bourg-en-Bresse (France). The installation has already been completed.

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 and building markets. Nexans addresses a series of market segments from energy, transport and telecom networks to shipbuilding, oil and gas, nuclear, automotive, electronics, aeronautics, handling and automation. With an industrial presence in more than 30 countries and commercial activities worldwide, Nexans employs 21,000 people and had sales in 2006 of 7.5 billion euros. Nexans is listed on the Paris stock exchange, compartment A of the Eurolist of Euronext. More information on <http://www.nexans.com/>

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