



Press release

Nexans Rheycord BS handling cable gets its first US installation at the Port of Oakland

Paris, March 18, 2008 – Nexans, the worldwide leader in the cable industry, has installed its Rheycord Basket Spreader (BS) 44C 12AWG cable in the basket spreader of a ship-to-shore crane at the SSA Terminals at the Port of Oakland. It is the first US installation for the cable, which is manufactured at the Nexans factory in Mönchengladbach, Germany.

A reliable cable solution for ever-demanding equipments

The Rheycord BS cable meets the demanding requirements of ship-to-shore cranes, which need a cable that can continuously wind in and out of the basket on top of the spreader. This repetitive action wears the cable quickly and the cable interior and jacket must be flexible enough to bend as needed, yet durable enough to withstand temperature extremes, weight shifts, and the continuous winding and unwinding. An added difficulty for port applications is that frequent high winds make the basket sway, putting added stress on the cable. Nexans Rheycord BS is equipped with lead beads inside to give the cable more weight, increased flexibility, greater resistance to severe weather and the ability to wind into the basket more easily.

According to Horst Obermeyer, Global Segment Manager (GSM) Handling for Nexans: *"This initial installation of Nexans Rheycord cable in the United States has been beneficial for the customer. Through this technology, the customer received a robust cable specifically designed for this very demanding application. The cable initially installed on this crane experienced issues with corkscrewing within a short time of installation. Downtime is lost money, so keeping the cranes working is paramount"*.

76 meters of Nexans cable within the crane

The 76m of Rheycord cable was installed on a Hitachi crane with a ZPMC basket handler. The 40 long ton container crane, with a total boom span of 240 feet, has a hoist speed with load of 150 feet/minute, and without load of 360 feet/minute.

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 22,000 people and had sales in 2007 of 7.4 billion euros. Nexans is listed on Euronext Paris, compartment A. More information on <http://www.nexans.com/>

About Port of Oakland

The Port of Oakland was established in 1927 as an independent department of the City of Oakland. The Port of Oakland oversees Oakland International Airport, the Oakland seaport and 19 miles of waterfront. The Oakland seaport handled a record 1.9 million TEUs in 2003 and is the 4th busiest container port in the U.S.

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