



Press Release

Freeserve connects using *LANmark*

Paris, April 22, 2003 - Freeserve, the UK's No.1 internet portal and access provider, has recently completed the installation of a Nexans LANmark structured cabling system in its new Technical Headquarters in Leeds. The installation was completed by The Telephone Company(TTC), a Nexans Certified System Installer (CSI).

Freeserve is a wholly owned subsidiary of Wanadoo, a leading European online media and services company with France Telecom as its largest shareholder. It has become the UK's leading access provider and distributes access CD's and PC's preloaded with access software via a chain of over 1100 retail stores owned by the Dixons Group including Dixons, Currys, PC World and The Link.

The new Leeds Technical HQ has brought together several satellite offices which had grown at various locations around Leeds into a single centralised site.

The new premises are housed in an 18th Century listed malthouse formerly owned by Tetley's Brewery. The building has undergone complete refurbishment and the construction and layout presented several problematic issues for the TTC. In addition to the special restrictions imposed by listed status, the physical layout demanded the use of ultra low profile flooring which provided very little space for standard floor box terminations. However, TTC were able to solve the problem using angled snap-in modules from Nexans housed in low profile floor boxes made especially for the project.

Freeserve's Network Manager commented, *"the building construction clearly presented some unusual problems but the installation has been completed in a very professional manner and we are confident that we have an infrastructure with the performance and reliability to meet our needs for the foreseeable future."*

About Nexans

Nexans is the worldwide leader in the cable industry. The Group brings an extensive range of advanced copper and optical fiber 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 28 countries and commercial activities in 65 countries, Nexans employs 17,150 people and had sales in 2002 of euros 4.3 billion. Nexans is listed on the Paris stock exchange. More information on www.nexans.com

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