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## **Nexans wins order to supply almost 1,000km of cabling for extension of Istanbul's commuter rail networks**

*At Innotrans, Nexans will present its latest product innovations and major projects as complete cable solutions for new generation of urban transports.*

**Paris, September 16, 2008** – Nexans, the worldwide leader in the cable industry, has secured an exclusive 8.9 million euro contract from the Istanbul Transportation Authority (IETT) to provide 988km of specialised rail cables for an extension of the city's Metro and Light Rail systems.

Nexans will supply to Gulermak-Dogus JV, the overall project contractor, 726 km of low voltage and 262 km of medium voltage power cables which will be used for power distribution and DC systems for a 5.3km Light Rail Transport (LRT) line and a 15.6km metro line expected to carry 67,000 passengers an hour. Nexans, involved in an earlier expansion of the Istanbul Metro, will also provide lighting cables for use in 20 new stations. All these cables will have a Halogen Free Flame Retardant (HFFR), sheath, meaning that they are preventing the propagation of fire, while providing low toxicity, low corrosivity and low smoke density, thus reinforcing the safety of people and equipment on board.

Some 30 percent of the total quantity of cables should be delivered by the end of 2008 and the remainder in early 2009. The total installation is scheduled for completion by the end of 2009. All the cables will be manufactured by Nexans plants in Germany.

*"Having a local presence in Turkey together with high level of commercial and technical support gave Nexans the edge in securing the project,"* said Jean Fehlbaum, Nexans Global Segment Developer for Railways Infrastructure.

## **A booming market**

The new rail links will run from the main bus terminal to the Ikitelli residential area and Olympic Village and Stadium, in the European side of the city, to help ease congestion.

Besides this Metro project, Turkey also plans to have 2,600km of additional railway line in place by 2020 with several high speed line projects under consideration requiring an estimated investment of 15 billion euros by 2020.

## **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/>

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