



Press release

UK Power Networks upgrades vital high-voltage circuits with Nexans' innovative pipe-type cable

New XLPE pipe-type cable enables existing gas cable circuits to be replaced without the need for digging up roads in surrounding areas

Paris, May 14, 2014 – UK Power Networks is upgrading three vital high-voltage electricity circuits in the south of England with Nexans' innovative pipe-type XLPE cables.

The new XLPE (cross-linked polyethylene) insulated pipe-type cables are replacing 132kV gas cable circuits which are due for renewal. The compact design of the cable means that they can be drawn into existing steel pipes via a series of jointing bays, minimizing road-digging and disruption for local residents.

The new pipe-type cables are ideal for high-voltage, underground systems because they can handle conductor temperatures of up to 90 degrees centigrade, need no fluid-pressure system and require no maintenance.

The first new 132 kV pipe-type cable circuit, running a distance of around 12 km between Steyning and Worthing on the south coast of England, has already been commissioned.

Philip Howell, Sales and Marketing Manager for Transmission, Distributors and Operators Markets at Nexans UK, said, *"This contract builds on the existing relationship between Nexans and UK Power Networks. Our innovative pipe-type cable provides a significant upgrade of the previous circuits, allowing for increased reliability, while ensuring low maintenance costs and minimal disruption."*

The cables are manufactured at the Nexans plant in Hannover, Germany.

UK Power Networks distributes more than a quarter of Britain's electricity through its networks of substations, underground cables and overhead power lines, keeping the lights on across London, the South East and the East of England.

About Nexans

Nexans brings energy to life through an extensive range of cables and cabling solutions that deliver increased performance for our customers worldwide. Nexans' teams are committed to a partnership approach that supports customers in four main business areas: Power transmission and distribution (submarine and land), Energy resources (Oil & Gas, Mining and Renewables), Transportation (Road, Rail, Air, Sea) and Building (Commercial, Residential and Data Centers). Nexans' strategy is founded on continuous innovation in products, solutions and services, employee development, customer training and the introduction of safe, low -environmental- impact industrial processes.

In 2013, Nexans became the first cable player to create a Foundation to introduce sustained initiatives for access to energy for disadvantaged communities worldwide.

We have an industrial presence in 40 countries and commercial activities worldwide, employing close to 26,000 people and generating sales in 2013 of nearly 6.7 billion euros. Nexans is listed on NYSE Euronext Paris, compartment A.

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