



Press release

Global Marine to rely on Nexans' fibre optic cables for major subsea telecommunications projects in Northern Europe

Nexans will supply over 1,000 km of URC-1 unrepeated fibre optic subsea cables for high profile projects in Norway and Scotland

Paris, March 10, 2014 – Global Marine Systems, a world leading marine installer and maintenance provider of submarine fibre optic cables, has ordered Nexans' fibre optic cable for three major telecommunications projects in Northern Europe. This major contract covers the supply of around 1,050 km of Nexans URC-1 unrepeated fibre optic cable – since this type of cable typically comprises between 24 to 48 individual fibres that is enough optical fibres when laid end to end to span the globe.

The Global Marine projects cover a wide range of applications from transmitting scientific data from an arctic observation station, offshore communication between oil platforms and providing broadband access in remote areas of Scotland.

The URC-1 cables, manufactured in Nexans' Norway plant, are an unrepeated design, capable of connecting land stations up to 500 km apart without the need for amplification by subsea repeaters. They feature a strong, robust construction and can be installed at water depths of up to 4000 metres.

Global Marine will deploy two fibre optic cables, each around 250 km in length, to connect the Ny Aalesund observation station on the Arctic island of Svalbard to Longyearbyen, the administrative capital. Since the satellite station at Longyearbyen is already connected to mainland Norway this extension, headed by UNINETT, an organization serving communication solution for universities, research institutes and high schools in Norway, will provide Ny Aalesund with high speed access to the international network.

A second project will provide communications for oil platforms in the North Sea. Global Marine will also install the Nexans fibre optic cables as part of an on-going expansion of broadband services to isolated communities in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, funded by a partnership of Scottish Government, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Broadband Delivery UK and BT.

Ragnar Vogt, Director Special Projects, Hybrid Underwater Cables at Nexans Norway AS, said *"This contract is the result of over a year of careful planning and collaboration between Global Marine and Nexans and it further reinforces our position as a leading supplier of unrepeated subsea fibre optic cables."*

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.

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