

Press release

Nexans wins subsea umbilical contract from Subsea 7 for North Sea Laggan-Tormore gas project

A total length of 143km of electro-hydraulic control umbilicals will be manufactured and supplied to Subsea 7 including a single length of 126 km, which will be one of the longest umbilicals in the world.

Paris, February 8, 2011 – Nexans, worldwide expert in the cable industry, has been awarded a contract by Subsea 7*, for the design, engineering and manufacture of a total length of 143km of static subsea electro-hydraulic control umbilicals for the Laggan-Tormore gas field development, 125km West of the Shetland Islands in the UK.

The umbilical product will integrate steel tubes for fluids, 3 kV power cables and fibre optic cables. The project will be carried out at Nexans' specialised umbilical facility in Halden, Norway, with delivery scheduled for early 2012.

The subsea production system offshore will consist of two production template-manifolds. The system will be controlled by two Nexans static subsea electro-hydraulic umbilicals that will link the Laggan and Tormore fields over a distance of 17km and then a further 126km to the Shetland shore. The 126km umbilical will be one of the longest in the world.

"Subsea 7 is a very important customer for Nexans and we are very pleased to be working with them on this strategic project that will open up the West of Shetland for future development," says Ragnvald Graff, Sales and Marketing Director, Energy Business. "We have the proven capability to deliver sophisticated umbilical systems capable of operating over long distances in similarly demanding conditions, such as in the Snøhvit and Ormen Lange projects on the Norwegian continental shelf."

Editors Notes:

Subsea 7 was awarded a contract for the Laggan Tormore field development in October 2010 by Total E&P UK Limited. Subsea 7's principal scope of work comprises the engineering, fabrication and installation of 141km of 8-inch and 2-inch piggy-backed service pipelines and the engineering, supply and installation of 1 x 126km and 1 x 17km control umbilicals and associated subsea structures and tie-ins.

^(*) Subsea 7 S.A. is a seabed-to-surface engineering, construction and services contractor to the offshore energy industry worldwide.

About Nexans

With energy as the basis of its development, Nexans, worldwide expert 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, automotives, electronics, aeronautics, material handling and automation.

Nexans is a responsible industrial company that regards sustainable development as integral to its global and operational strategy. Continuous innovation in products, solutions and services, employee development and engagement, and the introduction of safe industrial processes with limited environmental impact are among the key initiatives that place Nexans at the core of a sustainable future.

With an industrial presence in 40 countries and commercial activities worldwide, Nexans employs 23,700 people and had sales in 2009 of 5 billion euros. Nexans is listed on NYSE Euronext Paris, compartment A. For more information, please consult www.nexans.com

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