

## Red Eléctrica de España awards Nexans with a turnkey contract worth around 50M Euros to manufacture and install an interconnection cable between Majorca and Menorca

- *The turnkey contract worth around 50 million euros covers engineering, design, supply, installation and testing of the interconnection.*
- *The contract was awarded and approved only 20 days after the Spanish Council of Ministers granted the administrative authorisation for construction to Red Eléctrica and declared it as a public utility project.*
- *In addition, Menorca's Special Maintenance Plan will benefit from a special crane to enable round-the-clock work on the high-voltage grid.*

**Paris La Défense, November 21, 2018** – Red Eléctrica de España has awarded Nexans with a contract worth around 50 million euros to manufacture and install a power cable that will connect the islands of Majorca and Menorca in Spain. The contract was signed only 20 days after the Spanish Council of Ministers granted administrative authorisation and declared it as a public utility project. The interconnection is due to be up and running in 2020.

**Red Eléctrica's General Director of Transport, Eva Pagán** said, *"We have streamlined all the necessary procedures to shorten the deadlines as much as possible and have a new cable functioning in the shortest time span, taking into account the complexity of the tender. In this sense and prior to the approval by the Council of Ministers, we had been working for months to advance in all the previous and essential steps to carry out the tender."*

As a global expert in advanced cabling and connectivity solutions, Nexans has secured a turnkey project covering engineering, design, supply, installation and testing of the interconnection.

*"We are thrilled to bring our expertise to Red Eléctrica, building on Nexans' long track record of successful power interconnector projects, including the recent NordLink project between Norway and Germany or the Monlta project between Montenegro and Italy,"* commented **Ragnhild Katteland, Nexans Vice President Subsea and Land Systems**. *"By delivering a power interconnector between Majorca and Menorca, Nexans will bring security of supply, improving renewable integration and enhancing efficiency for both islands."*

The new underground and submarine 132 kV power cables, which will link up Majorca and Menorca, will be 68 kilometres in length. The submarine cable will be laid on the seabed at a maximum depth of 81 metres. The global interconnection project between Majorca and Menorca, which represents a total investment of 84 million euros, will strengthen the security and quality of supply on both islands and will allow greater integration of renewable energy under safe conditions for the system and a greater efficiency of the interconnected systems.

The subsea cable will be manufactured by Nexans Norway in its Halden facility while the underground cable will be produced by Nexans Benelux in Charleroi, Belgium. The fiber optic element will be delivered by Nexans Norway's specialised unit in Rognan. The installation of the interconnector will be carried out using the specialised cable laying vessel, C/S Nexans Skagerrak.

### **Bolstering of the Special Maintenance Plan**

Furthermore, under a separate, but related contracted Red Eléctrica de España has reinforced, in coordination with the Ministry for the Ecological Transition, the Balearic Government and the insular administration of Menorca, the Special Maintenance Plan for Menorca by incorporating additional technical and human resources. For example, a special crane which is designed to adapt to the terrain and enable 24/7 access to carrying out works on the high-voltage grid.

This will give additional support and further shorten the response times in the case of any future unpredictable and unforeseen events such as that which happened on 28 October, when a waterspout tornado hit the island from north to south.

As the transmission grid on the island is not prepared or designed for the direct installation of emergency generators following incidents like this, Red Eléctrica is continuing to implement measures to ensure the power supply on the island. For example, by replacing materials and repairing the grid infrastructure.

The Special Maintenance Plan was activated in 2018 and has all the necessary manpower and technical resources to strengthen the security of supply and reliability of the transmission grid in Menorca and to reduce power restoration times as and when the need arises.

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As a global leader in advanced cabling and connectivity solutions, Nexans brings energy to life through an extensive range of best-in-class products and innovative services. For over 120 years, innovation has been the company's hallmark, enabling Nexans to drive a safer, smarter and more efficient future together with its customers. Today, the Nexans Group is committed to facilitating energy transition and supporting the exponential growth of data by empowering its customers in four main business areas: Building & Territories (including utilities, smart grids, e-mobility), High Voltage & Projects (covering offshore wind farms, submarine interconnections, land high voltage), Telecom & Data (covering data transmission, telecom networks, hyperscale data centers, LAN), and Industry & Solutions (including renewables, transportation, Oil & Gas, automation, and others).

Corporate Social Responsibility is a guiding principle of Nexans' business activities and internal practices. In 2013 Nexans became the first cable provider to create a Foundation supporting sustainable initiatives bringing access to energy to disadvantaged communities worldwide. The Group's commitment to developing ethical, sustainable and high-quality cables drives its active involvement within several leading industry associations, including Europacable, the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), International Cablemakers Federation (ICF) or CIGRE to mention a few.

Nexans employs more than 26,000 people with industrial footprint in 34 countries and commercial activities worldwide. In 2017, the Group generated 6.4 billion euros in sales. Nexans is listed on Euronext Paris, compartment A.

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