

## Nexans Wins Major HYPRON® Cable Contract for Oman's First Integrated Downstream Petrochemicals Complex

- *Nexans has been awarded a major contract by Rexel to supply lead-free HYPRON® cables for Oman's Liwa Plastics Industries Complex (LPIC) project.*
- *As an alternative for lead-sheath cables, Nexans HYPRON® contributes to cleaner environment by preventing lead exposure and lead emissions into the surroundings.*

**Paris La Défense, July 24, 2018** – Worldwide demand for high and low density polyethylene is increasing, especially within Asia, where it is an important raw material for the manufacture of various plastic products for both domestic and industrial uses. Oman Oil Refineries and Petroleum Industries Company (Orpic) is aiming to meet this demand with its \$4.5 billion Liwa Plastics Industries Complex (LPIC) project that is a vital element in the Sultanate's program to reduce its overall reliance upon the export of natural gas and crude oil by further developing Oman's downstream industry. Nexans is playing a vital role in the LPIC project by providing a variety of instrumentation and fiber optic telecommunication cables that will be supplied via Rexel, the global cable distributor.

### LPIC, Oman's first integrated downstream petrochemicals complex

Orpic's project to build LPIC is an example of the transformation journey undertaken by the company to diversify its business. The cutting-edge complex will include a refinery, aromatics plant, steam cracker and downstream polypropylene and polyethylene plants, making it one of the best integrated refinery and petrochemical facility combinations in the world. Thanks to the new facility, plastics production will be increased by 1 million tonnes, allowing Orpic for a total of 1.4 million tonnes of polyethylene and polypropylene production by 2020. It is anticipated that 150 technicians and 350 operators will be required to manage the new facilities, which are also expected to create more than 1,200 jobs in the local area.

LPIC will be equipped with Nexans' instrumentation, fibre optic telecommunication cables and fieldbus cables, supplied through the Group's established partnership with Rexel. These cables feature Nexans' innovative HYPRON® design developed and tested to provide an alternative to lead-sheath cables for onshore oil & gas installations, especially within refineries and petrochemical installations in moist areas where corrosive aromatic hydrocarbons are present. Nexans HYPRON® cables contribute to cleaner environment by avoiding lead exposure and emissions thanks to three concentric, co-extruded sheaths which provide water tightness as well as resistance to inorganic and organic chemicals (such as chlorine and synthetic oils as well as aromatics, benzene, petrol).

*"It is a big honor for Nexans to contribute to the development of Oman by bringing our global expertise to the Sultanate's large-scale and forward-looking projects, such as the LPIC," said **Orlando Vaquero, Nexans O&G Downstream ISP Global Market Director**. "The scope of Nexans' technical capability, together with the complete 'one stop shop' we offer in cooperation with Rexel, made the difference in persuading Orpic that we can deliver the quality, performance and fast response they require."*

The LPIC project will enter the commissioning phase at the end of 2018 ready for commercial operation from 2020.

The HYPRON® cables for the LPIC project are manufactured and delivered by Nexans Korea's facility in Cheongwon, South Korea.

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## About Nexans

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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