

Nexans wins first contract for the Grand Paris Express to supply traction cables for metro line 15 south

PRESS RELEASE

- **Nexans will provide enhanced fire safety and reliability traction cables for one of the world's largest infrastructure projects.**
- **Over three-years, Nexans will deliver around 240 km of cable for the new metro Line 15 expected to serve more than one million people in the southern suburbs of Paris.**

Paris, June 2, 2021 – Nexans has been awarded its first over three-year traction cable contract for the Grand Paris Express by the installer VINCI-Energies Traction, consortium composed by Cegelec Mobility and SDEL Transport Grands Projets, two companies part of VINCI-Energies. The Consortium is in charge of providing the energy traction supply for the new metro line 15 South section.

Nexans is also the first cable manufacturer to receive an order for this infrastructure project. For more than three years, Nexans will design, manufacture and supply over 240 km of traction cables that will be installed along the rails to provide safer and more reliable traction power for the metro Line 15 South.

In option, logistic services could be provided with the “PRIME Offer” (storage, cutting, delivery, drums management) of the Nanterre Logistics Center, where Nexans has invested €1.5 million in additional capacity. This service option could ensure secured and on-time deliveries that would optimize cables installation for VINCI-Energies Traction.

With an investment in the region of €35.6 billion, the Grand Paris Express is currently one of the world's largest infrastructure project entirely managed by The Société du Grand Paris. It will double the existing Paris Metro network by adding four new lines, 68 stations and 200 km of track. Along its 33 km length, the metropolitan Line 15 South will run from Pont-de-Sèvres to Noisy-Champs, passing through 22 districts to serve more than one million people. Line 15 will be the first in the region to enter service, with a planned opening in 2025.

Michel CARBONELL, Head of Purchasing Projects of Cegelec Mobility said: *“The traction cables will be installed in a long tunnel and in different technical rooms. The proven capability of the Nexans cables to provide a high level of fire safety and its complete offer of K25 product family, sine qua non conditions for the assignment of the project, were the critical factors in VINCI-Energies Traction’s decision to select Nexans. We can also rely on Nexans’s proposal to provide a comprehensive logistics service through their dedicated logistics center at Nanterre in Île-de-France, which we kept as an option that we could decide to implement subsequently, which could be a real asset for the execution phase of the project.”*

The majority of the traction cables for metro Line 15 are from the K25 range developed by Nexans to comply with stringent fire performance railway standards, including anti-fire propagation and non-flame propagation with no droplets and low smoke according to Euroclass B2caS1ad0a1. R2V cables will complete the contract.

Didier Artaud, Nexans sales and Technical Coordinator for the Line 15 project, said: *“We are delighted to be involved in this project to reduce the current pressure on Paris public transportation network as well as to improve access to major regional facilities and reduce travel time. Key to our success is our capability to provide first-class fire-safe traction cables supported by our highly responsive technical and service teams.”*

The traction cables for the Line 15 South will mainly be manufactured by the Nexans plant in Mehun-sur-Yèvre, France. First installation of the cables is scheduled for Q3 2021.

About Nexans

Nexans is a global player in energy transition. Our purpose: electrify the future. For over a century, Nexans has played a crucial role in the electrification of the planet. With around 25,000 people in 38 countries, the Group is leading the charge to the new world of electrification: safer, sustainable, renewable, decarbonized and accessible to everyone. In 2020, Nexans generated 5.7 billion euros in standard sales.

The Group designs solutions and services along the entire value chain in four main business areas: Building & Territories (including utilities and mobility), High Voltage & Projects (covering offshore wind farms, subsea interconnections, land high voltage), Industry & Solutions (including renewables, transportation with automotive, railway and aerospace, automation) and Telecom & Data (including terrestrial and submarine fiber optic networks, Local Area Network systems, data centers and mobile networks).

Corporate Social Responsibility is a guiding principle of Nexans' business activities and internal practices. As a signatory of the Global Compact since 2008, Nexans is committed to contribute to a responsible global economy and strives to promote the ten principles defined by the UN to all its stakeholders.

The Group pledged to contribute to carbon neutrality by 2030 and was the first cable provider to create a Foundation supporting sustainable initiatives bringing access to energy to disadvantaged communities worldwide. Nexans' commitment to developing ethical, sustainable and high-quality cables also drives its active involvement within leading industry associations, including Europacable, the NEMA, ICF and CIGRE.

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