



Press Release

Framework agreement concluded: Nexans DuoTrack® cable solution is the new standard for regional railway cabling

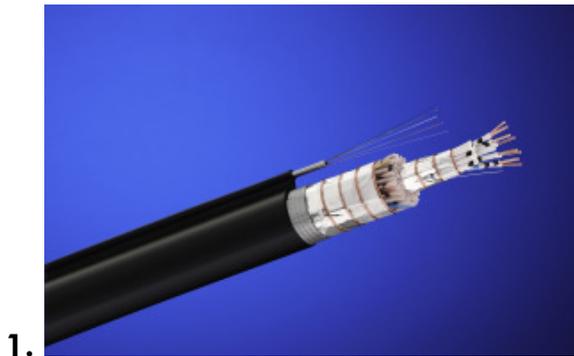
Plans to lay up to 1,500 km over the next three years

Moenchengladbach, March 31, 2009 – Deutsche Bahn AG has signed a framework agreement for the production, delivery and assembly of the DuoTrack® cable solution with the consortium (ARGE) of the same name. The consortium, consisting of railway transportation technology experts Contec GmbH, Ötzingen-Sainerholz, communications specialists telent GmbH, Backnang, and the pioneering Nexans Deutschland GmbH, Moenchengladbach, will equip up to 1,500 kilometres of non-electrified regional railway track with the all-in-one system solution over the next three years. This represents a maximum order volume of 60 million euros.

The DuoTrack® cable was developed for assembly on the rail base and combines a specially designed, multi-wire copper cable with a fibre-optic cable in a joint arrangement. This provides sufficient capacity for all relevant regional railway services. Parallel operation of all necessary control and security technology services using the cable has been tested and approved: Nexans DuoTrack® has received type approval from the German Federal Railway Authority and has been tried and tested in selected regional network projects e.g. in the Odenwald forest, near Gifhorn as well as on the tracks Muenster-Hemfeld and Hagen- Dieringshausen. To begin with, the regional railway routes Neustadt - Bad Schandau (25 km), the Highland Rail (26 km) and tracks in the Harz-Weser-Net are to be equipped with the cable.

The framework agreement makes the DuoTrack® cable the standard solution for cabling nonelectrical regional routes, which do not already have a concrete trough as a cable routing system. Juergen Rueth, Head of Telecommunications Sales and Marketing at Nexans Deutschland, explains why. "Besides the technical advantages of being able to transmit the entire range of services all-in-one using a single cable, further benefits of DuoTrack® include the low installation costs and the short implementation phases. It takes 16 weeks to equip 20 kilometres of railway line with conventional cables inclusive concrete trough. We can do a comparable DuoTrack® solution in four weeks!"

The time benefits and the concomitant cost reduction result from the fact that the cable is attached to the rail – thus eliminating the need to construct troughs – and the coordinated DuoTrack® system. The DuoTrack® attachment clamps, the assembly and testing technology as well as a special cable-laying vehicle with the capacity to lay several kilometres per day were developed by consortium member Contec in conjunction with Nexans. A cable joint system produced by Nexans completes the solution.



DuoTrack® is an innovative all-in-one system solution for quick, cost-effective and long-term railway cabling for non-electrified regional railway lines. Top left: the DuoTrack® cable; bottom left: laying the cable using the special vehicle; bottom right: attaching the cable with special holding clamps produced by Contec; top right: the laid cable.

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