

## Press information

### **PRYSMIAN REACHES 150,000 KM INSTALLED BASE FOR OPGW**

**Milan, 28 January 2010** - Prysmian Cables & Systems, leading worldwide player in the energy and telecom cable industry, has reached a major milestone with its Optical Ground Wire (OPGW) business with the latest delivery of a system which takes its total installed worldwide cable volume past the 150,000km mark.

OPGW cable forms an integral part of an overhead electricity network, performing both the primary function of a conventional earth conductor together with the provision of a state-of-the-art communications link thanks to the optical fibres contained within.

The milestone project is being carried out with one of the main power utilities in Eastern Europe, with the cable manufactured at Prysmian's main facility at Vilanova, near Barcelona together with the production unit in Soracaba, Brazil. The optical fibres within the cable were also produced by Prysmian at the company's facility in Battipaglia, Italy.

Since supply of OPGW began in 1984, Prysmian's aluminium tube technology design has continued to demonstrate its superior performance and long term reliability in a wide range of environments in all five continents around the world and with additional OPGW production facilities in Wuxi, China, Prysmian has maintained its position as world leader in the OPGW market.

"This is an important achievement for us and confirms the commitment shown by our customers in our OPGW system over the last quarter of a century" said Mr Raul Gil, head of Prysmian's global OPGW business. "We have now installed our system in more than 80 countries around the world and we are delighted to reach this significant point in the product's history"

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*A leading player in the industry of high-technology cables and systems for energy and telecommunication, the Prysmian Group is a truly global company with sales exceeding Euro 5 billion in 2008 and a strong position in higher value-added market segments. With its two businesses, Energy Cables & Systems (submarine and underground cables for power transmission and distribution, for industrial applications and for the distribution of electricity to residential and commercial buildings) and Telecom Cables & Systems (optical cables and fibres and copper cables for video, data and voice transmission), Prysmian boasts a global presence with subsidiaries in 38 countries, 53 plants in 21 countries, 7 Research & Development Centres in Europe, USA and South America, and around 12,000 employees. Specialising in the development of products and services designed to meet customers' specific requirements, Prysmian's key strengths include: a focus on Research & Development, the capacity to innovate products and production processes, and the use of advanced proprietary technologies. Prysmian is listed at the Milan Stock Exchange in the Blue Chip index.*

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