

## Press release

### **PRYSMIAN SECURES A SET OF EXTRA HIGH VOLTAGE PROJECTS IN THE NETHERLANDS AND GERMANY WORTH A TOTAL €20.3 MILLION.**

Milan, June 23, 2009. Prysmian, a leading worldwide player in the energy and telecommunications cables markets, has been awarded - through its Dutch subsidiary - three new contracts for the upgrade and development of Extra High Voltage power transmission systems in The Netherlands and Germany. The projects' value amounts to total €20.3 million.

The first contract has been signed with the Dutch state-owned power transmission system operator, TenneT. It consists in the upgrading of an existing 380 kV cable interconnection, which runs across two canals in the outskirts of Rotterdam. The "Nieuwe Waterweg" ("New Waterway") canal, in particular, is vital to the economy of the region, as it is the primary access from the North Sea to the port of Rotterdam. The new project, that follows the one engineered and installed in 2005, requires higher single phase short circuit current and can meet higher power demand. It entails 13.2 kilometres of underground HV cables with separate optical fibres for temperature monitoring. Essential to Prysmian's success has been the ability to deliver a turn-key service that will cover the whole spectrum of needed activities. In fact, the Group will provide project management, supervision and engineering, all civil works, cleaning and checking pipes. Prysmian will also be engaged in excavating, pulling and laying cables, delivering cables and accessories, adapting, revision and change of the existing water circulation system, jointing, testing all systems and maintenance. Completion is scheduled by the end of 2009.

The second project, assigned by the Dutch power company Eneco and the Danish leading energy company DONG Energy, will consist of 36.9 kilometres of a 380 kV cable system for the connection between the Dutch grid and a new gas-fired power plant to be constructed soon in Rotterdam. The project is expected to be completed in May 2010.

The third project will be installed in Germany, and has been entrusted by Dutch energy company NUON. It comprises a connection between the grid and the new gas-fired power plant the client is about to construct outside the city of Frankfurt. The connection will be 8.4 kilometres long and will employ a 380 kV cable system. This project, to be completed by October 2010, requires a special design in order to reduce the Electro Magnetic Field (EMF) values and therefore to improve efficiency and safety of the product.

"The specific knowledge of the local circumstances in combination with the necessary engineering skills made us successful in acquiring these projects" says Gert Hoefman, CEO of Prysmian in The Netherlands. In the strategic sector of High Voltage cable systems, Prysmian can proudly remark its leadership, demonstrated by several contracts secured in last years. For instance, Prysmian has recently been awarded contracts for the construction of a High Voltage power transmission connection in Saint Petersburg (Russia) and for the project KAHRAMAA Phase VIII in Qatar for the expansion of the local power transmission system.

#### **Prysmian**

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 over 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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