



**Press release**

## **Nexans opens its first cable plant in Japan**

**Futtsu (Japan), November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006** – Nexans, the worldwide leader in the cable industry, held an inauguration ceremony on November 1<sup>st</sup>, in presence of Gérard Hauser, Chairman and CEO of the Group, and Teruyoshi Tanabe, President of Viscas, for the official start of production at its new submarine high voltage power cable plant of Tokyo Bay in Japan.

This opening ceremony follows the creation of the production joint venture NVC, owned 66 percent by Nexans and 34 percent by Viscas (JV between Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd. and Fujikura Ltd).

The event was attended by approximately a hundred people: the NVC Board of Directors, Nexans' top management, Viscas' top management and shareholders, local dignitaries and the Mayor of Futtsu, where the cable plant is located, and managers from other companies based around the NVC site. During this ceremony, Gérard Hauser, Teruyoshi Tanabe and Jean-Luc Canivet, the new Managing Director of NVC, underlined the strategic importance of this new manufacturing facility. *"By creating this joint venture and obtaining a new production facility, Nexans confirms its leadership position in the fast-growing submarine high voltage power cables market. The Tokyo Bay plant will actually allow Nexans to increase significantly its cable and service activity in this field."* concluded Gérard Hauser.

### **About Nexans**

Nexans is the worldwide leader in the cable industry. The Group brings an extensive range of advanced copper and optical fiber cable solutions to the infrastructure, industry and building markets. Nexans cables and cabling systems can be found in every area of people's lives, from telecommunications and energy networks, to aerospace, automotive, railways, building, petrochemical, medical applications, etc. With an industrial presence in 29 countries and commercial activities worldwide, Nexans employs 20,000 people and had sales in 2005 5.4 billion euros. Nexans is listed on the Paris stock exchange. More information on [www.nexans.com](http://www.nexans.com).

## **About Viscas**

Viscas Corporation was established on September 26, 2001 as a joint venture of The Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd. and Fujikura Ltd. On that date the Company began operations as a provider of underground power transmission lines. On January 1, 2005, Viscas launched an ambitious program of expansion, extending its operations to include such areas as underground power transmission, overhead transmission lines, distribution cables, and related sales activities in Japan and overseas. As a result of this ongoing effort, Viscas is emerging as a comprehensive provider of power transmission and distribution solutions, boosting operations in all areas of the electric-power sector. The Company has recently completed a far-reaching reorganization, to manage this broad spectrum of business interests in a way that responds nimbly to the needs of its customers.

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