



Press release

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nkt cables celebrates new high-tech cable factory in Cologne with a large ceremony

Today **nkt cables** opens its new cable factory "f2c" - which is an abbreviation of "flow to customer" - in Cologne. The factory has been constructed on the basis of facilitating optimal cable production. Unique and specialized technical innovations have been integrated into the factory to make the production as efficient as possible.

In 2011, when the moving to the new factory is complete, the production capacity will be increased, specially aiming at Submarine and Extra High Voltage Cables.

The factory itself is the embodiment of our customers' requirements, down to the last detail, therefore the new factory is named "f2c".

"We have always had a fine dialogue with our customers", says Dion Metzemaekers, CEO **nkt cables** group and continues: "which is one of the reasons why we decided to build the new factory. It was clear to us in 2006 that we would not be able to help our customers to face their increasing challenges through our old facilities. We had to create a new production site that could create a leading position, enabling us to fulfil the needs of the cable market, and that is exactly what we have done!"

The mix of energy sources will change dramatically in the future, with renewable energies becoming increasingly important. This change of energy mix will lead to a decentralized energy generation. In order to meet the customers' requirements and the continuously changing market demands **nkt cables** has created the most efficient answer to the future challenges.

"We believe that f2c will play a major role in the offshore business going forward", says Dion Metzemaekers and continues: "Our new factory marks a decisive milestone in the history of cable factories. Never before has a project in this scale been executed. No one in the cable production business has ever invested as heavily in the future, as we have done with our new plant. It will become the benchmark for extra high voltage and submarine cable production".

The opening ceremony today was kicked off this morning by a guided tour in the factory. During the day a large number of customers participated and familiarized themselves with the cable production of tomorrow.

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Fact sheet

f2c key facts:

2008: construction of the factory begins in June

2009: first high voltage cables delivered to the customer

2010: first offshore cable was transported to the customer by the special designed barge in June

Dimensions and people:

- Overall area: approx. 84.000 m²
- Factory space: approx. 50.000 m²
- Workforce: more than 600

Outstandingly versatile:

- Medium and high voltage cables (10 kV to 550 kV)
- Infield and export submarine cables
- Our own fibre optic products for cables and OPGW/OPPC (Optical Fibre Ground Wires/Optical Fibre Phase Cables)
- Superconducting cables
- High voltage cable accessories up to 550 kV
- OPGW and OPPC accessories
- Grid Monitoring systems

Environment-friendly:

- Reduction of CO2 emission: 35%
- Reduction of waste

f2c address:

Düsseldorfer Straße 400

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