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AFRY main engineering partner in the expansion of Nexans factory in Norway

Nexans has awarded AFRY the engineering assignment for the expansion of its cable factory in Halden in Norway. The expansion project is part of Nexans strategy to meet the increasing global demand within electrification.

Power cables are key enabler of the European energy transition as they are important component of building interconnections between European countries to mitigate intermittence of energy from renewable sources. Nexans strategic shift to focus on electrification, is largely driven by the massive growth trend in offshore wind and large interconnectors worldwide. The French cable company is gearing up for 250% growth in the offshore wind cable market to 2030.

"This is an important global investment for Nexans, and our factory in Halden will directly contribute to the Nexans group's new strategy «Electrify the Future». The expanded factory will secure industrial jobs for the next generation. This is a complex project, and we are dependent on working with flexible partners who can handle the challenges. The fact that AFRY can deliver interdisciplinary engineering expertise across a variety of fields from zoning plans and applications to detailed engineering is important to us," says Rune Nordal, Project Manager at Nexans.

AFRY is involved from the feasibility studies to the delivery of the completed factory. The expansion is scheduled to be completed in the second half of 2023.

The project scope includes one production tower for DC high voltage export cables, production halls as well as storage, supporting buildings, parking space and infrastructure. The production tower will be Norway's tallest building when it is completed with about 140 meters. The order value for AFRY is not disclosed.

"We are happy to support Nexans on this strategic project. We can deliver all engineering competence within process industry, construction and transport. In addition, Advansia, our sister company, delivers project and construction management which completes the comprehensive delivery," says Jon Julsen, Head of Process Industries in AFRY in Norway.

Nexans Norway AS is a leading supplier of power, telecommunication, installation and heating cables in Norway. Nexans is also among the leading companies in the world within offshore control cables and high-voltage submarine cables.

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