

PRESS RELEASE

**PRYSMIAN, NEW CONTRACT WORTH AROUND € 50 MILLION IN BAHRAIN**

**THE GROUP WILL SUPPLY A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY 65 KM OF EXTRA HIGH VOLTAGE UNDERGROUND CABLES TO BE INSTALLED INSIDE MANAMA CITY**

Milan, 28 December, 2015 – Prysmian Group, world leader in the energy and telecom cable systems industry, has been awarded a new major order worth around € 50 Million for an underground high voltage cable line in Bahrain, to strengthen the power supply to the city of Manama. More specifically, the contract refers to one circuit of the “4665/2013/3100 – 400 kV” project by EWA, the Electricity & Water Authority of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The contract comprises turnkey project, engineering, production, civil works and installation of one circuit of a new HV underground cable transmission line inside Manama city, linking the substation S/S HIDD, S/S Umm Al Hassam and Riffa S/S. The total 65 km of 400 kV XLPE insulated cables will be produced in Gron (France), one of the Group’s excellence centres for Extra High Voltage cables. The project will be completed in the second half of 2017.

As optional services, Prysmian has also offered PRY-CAM, their innovative Partial Discharge (PD) monitoring system. PRY-CAM is an integrated portable and wireless instrument for the automatic acquisition, processing and classification of pulse signals generated by PD phenomena, occurring in insulating materials of medium and high voltage electrical systems and components. PRY-CAM wireless technology allows performing measurements at a distance and without service interruptions, thus resulting in effective prevention of failures and associated costs, and increased reliability of electrical systems as well as enhanced safety for operators.

“This award reflects EWA’S trust in Prysmian’s capacity and capabilities to execute underground cable transmission links inside an urban area”, declared Antonio Chiantore, General Manager for Prysmian Group in the Middle East. “Our presence in Bahrain dates back to 2006 when we supplied and installed for GCCIA a 400 kV submarine link between Saudi and Bahrain” he adds.

In addition to providing further confirmation of the validity of the Group’s know-how and technologies for application in underground power transmission, this new project also underlines Prysmian’s leadership in a strategic region like the Middle East, where the Group can rely on a number of projects completed or currently ongoing including the 400 kV power transmission system for TRANSCO connecting the Bahia and Saadiyat grid stations in Abu Dhabi, the Phase XI underground cable system in Qatar and the MEW 06 Jaber Al Ahmed City and Jamal Abdel Nasser Street projects in Kuwait awarded early this year.

**Prysmian Group**

Prysmian Group is world leader in the energy and telecom cable systems industry. With more than 130 years of experience, sales of nearly €7 billion in 2014, some 19,000 employees across 50 countries and 89 plants, the Group is strongly positioned in high-tech markets and offers the widest possible range of products, services, technologies and know-how. It operates in the businesses of underground and submarine cables and systems for power transmission and distribution, of special cables for applications in many different industries and of medium and low voltage cables for the construction and infrastructure sectors. For the telecommunications industry, the Group manufactures cables and accessories for voice, video and data transmission, offering a comprehensive range of optical fibres, optical and copper cables and connectivity systems. Prysmian is a public company, listed on the Italian Stock Exchange in the FTSE MIB index.

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