

# STATUTORY AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Year ended December 31, 2007)

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This report should be read in conjunction with, and construed in accordance with, French law and professional auditing standards applicable in France.

To the Shareholders,

Following our appointment as Statutory Auditors by your Shareholders' Meeting, we have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Nexans for the year ended December 31, 2007.

These consolidated financial statements have been approved by the Board of Directors. Our role is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

## 1. Opinion on the consolidated financial statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with professional standards applicable in France. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the consolidated group of companies as of December 31, 2007, and of the results of its operations for the year then ended, in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the European Union.

## 2. Justification of our assessments

In accordance with the requirements of article L.823-9 of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*) relating to the justification of our assessments, we bring your attention to the following matters:

*Impairment of assets*

During the last quarter of each year, your Company tests goodwill for impairment and also performs a review to determine if there is any indication of impairment of non-current assets, as described in Section o, “Impairment tests” of Note 1 “Summary of significant accounting policies” to the consolidated financial statements. We have reviewed the methods used to carry out these impairment tests as well as the corresponding cash flow forecasts and assumptions, and have verified that Notes 1.o, 7 and 11 to the consolidated financial statements provide appropriate information.

#### *Deferred tax assets*

Your Company recognizes deferred tax assets in its consolidated balance sheet on the basis of business plans and earnings forecasts, as described in Section w, “Deferred tax,” of Note 1 “Summary of significant accounting policies” and Note 9 “Income tax” to the consolidated financial statements. We assessed the information and assumptions upon which those estimates were based, reviewed the calculations made by the Company and compared the accounting estimates for previous periods with actual figures to ensure that the estimates were consistent with those for the previous period and with those used for impairment testing. As part of our assessment, we ensured that those estimates were reasonable.

The assessments were made in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole and therefore contributed to the opinion we formed which is expressed in the first part of this report.

### **3. Specific verification**

In accordance with professional standards applicable in France, we have also verified the information provided in the Group’s management report.

We have no matters to report as to its fair presentation and its consistency with the consolidated financial statements.

Neuilly-sur-Seine and Paris La Défense, January 31, 2008

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