

Auditors' report_

on the Parent Company financial statements

(Free translation from the original French version)

To the Shareholders of the company Nexans,

In compliance with the assignment entrusted to us by your shareholders' Annual General Meetings, we hereby report to you, for the year ended December 31, 2000, on:

- the audit of the accompanying financial statements of the company Nexans reported in euro *;
- the specific verifications and information required by law.

These 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 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We conducted our audit in accordance with the professional standards applied in France. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 financial statements presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the company's financial position and its assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2000, and of the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in France.

2. SPECIFIC VERIFICATIONS AND INFORMATION

We also performed the specific verifications required by law, in accordance with the professional standards applied in France.

We have no comment as to the fair presentation and the conformity with the financial statements of the information given in the management report of the Board of Directors, and in the documents addressed to the shareholders with respect to the financial position and the financial statements.

In accordance with the law, we verified that the management report contains the appropriate disclosures as to the acquisition of shares and controlling interests.

Neuilly-sur-Seine and Paris, March 15, 2001

The Statutory Auditors

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* See pages 65 to 73 of this annual report.