

More than a century of progress and innovation_

Since the stroke of genius of the Swiss engineer François Borel that rendered electric cables watertight by applying a coating of lead over bituminous paper, a century of progress and innovation has elapsed. From the Société Française des Câbles Électriques to Nexans, passing through CGE and Alcatel, the Company has not ceased to progress, and to develop its know-how in the cable business.

1897: creation of the Société Française des Câbles in Lyon, Berthoud, Borel and Company system.

1912: the Compagnie Générale d'Électricité (CGE) takes a majority holding in the Société des Câbles Électriques.

1917: the company is renamed Compagnie Générale des Câbles de Lyon.

1925: merger with the Compagnie Générale d'Électricité. Câbles de Lyon becomes a division of the Compagnie Générale d'Électricité.

1938: the Compagnie Générale d'Électricité buys out the Société Industrielle des Téléphones. The cables activities of the Société Industrielle des Téléphones (Bezons and Calais plant) are transferred to Câbles de Lyon.

1969: takeover of the Société Alsacienne de Construction Mécanique.

1970: takeover of Câbles Geoffroy et Delore.

1979: takeover of Câbleries de Lens (France).

1980: takeover of Chandris Cables (Greece).

1981: interest holding in Chester Cables (USA).

1982: takeover of Kabelmetal Elektro (Germany). Nationalization of the Compagnie Générale d'Électricité.

1983: takeover of Thomson-Jeumont Câbles (France). Takeover of Gorse.

1986: agreement between CGE and ITT. The Câbles de Lyon are transferred to Alcatel NV. The cable activities of ITT are taken over by Câbles de Lyon which takes the name Alcatel Câble. Takeover of the Tréfilerie et Laminoir de la Méditerranée (TLM). Takeover of Câbleries de Charleroi (Belgium).

1987: privatization of the Compagnie Générale d'Électricité.

1988: takeover of the Société Nouvelle de Câblerie Barelec. Takeover of Manuli Cavi (Italy). Takeover of Thomson Cuivre.

1989: takeover of Câbleries de Dour (Belgium).

1991: takeover of Canada Wire (Canada), Vacha Kabel (Germany), Ehlerskabelwerk (Germany), Lacroix und Kress (Germany), AEG Kabel.

1992: takeover of Berk Tek (USA).

1994: takeover of Cortaillod-Cossonay (Switzerland).

1998: takeover of ODD (USA-Portugal).

2000: takeover of Safi Conel (Italy).

2000: creation of Nexans.

2001: takeover of Daesung (South Korea).

2001: Nexans' IPO on the Paris Stock Exchange.