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**Mersen is awarded a contract with Siemens Energy  
for the North Sea green energies project**

Mersen is announcing the signature of a contract with Siemens Energy in connection with the European project to develop green energy sources in the North Sea. This contract worth around 5 million euros covers the supply of cooling devices designed to protect the converters used for the transmission of the electricity generated by the offshore wind farms in the North Sea via sub-aquatic cables and the connection to onshore power grids. Delivery is scheduled to take place between 2012 and 2013.

Based on HVDC technology for high-voltage power transmission and distribution, the systems developed by Siemens Energy can be used for extremely high power transmission over very long distances and provide a trusted method to connect asynchronous grids or grids of different frequencies, while reducing losses.

Mersen's customized cooling devices were chosen because they satisfy the requirement of flawless reliability for this advanced technology equipment, which is used in highly exacting environments and conditions.

This project provides further evidence of the pertinence of the Group's strategy of being a key player in the renewable energies market and a leading force in power electronics.

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### About Mersen

Global expert in materials and solutions for extreme environments as well as in the safety and reliability of electrical equipment Mersen designs innovative solutions to address its clients' specific needs to enable them to optimize their manufacturing process in sectors such as energy, transportation, electronics, chemical, pharmaceutical and process industries.

***The Group is listed on NYSE Euronext Paris – Compartment B***



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