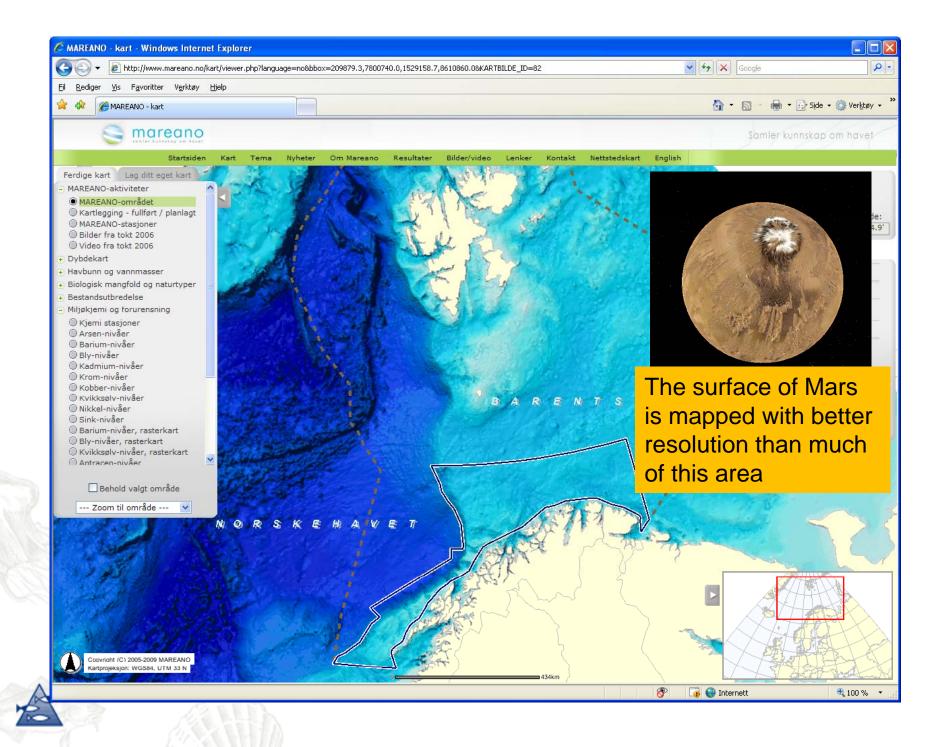
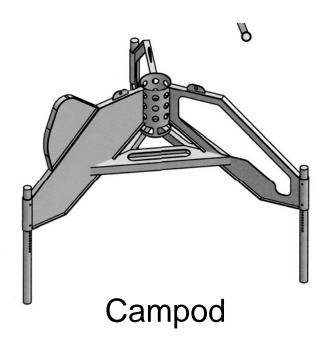


Synthetic cable for deep sea camera

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Mareano project

http://www.mareano.no/

Vendor: Sperre AS, Norway

http://www.sperre-as.com/no





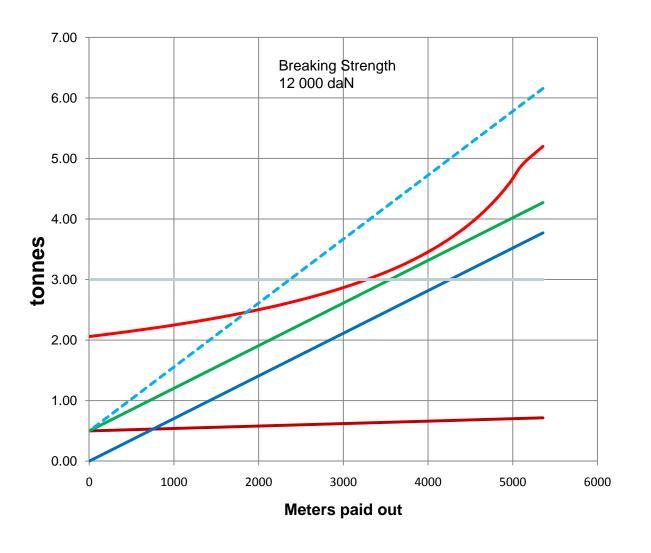


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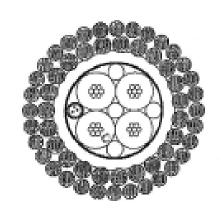




The original steel armoured cable was too heavy for operation on the deepest stations (>3000 m)









	Steel armoured cable	Aramid armoured cable
Diameter	16 mm	18.5 mm
Breaking strength	126 kN	240 kN
Recommended WL max	25 kN	20 kN
Weight in air	887 kg/km	310 kg/km
Weight in seawater	704 kg/km	35 kg/km
Minimum bend diameter	800 mm	800 mm
Electrical conductors	4 x 1 mm ²	2 x 1 mm ²
Optical conductors	3 x Single Mode fiber	3 x Single Mode fiber





Technical Description

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Unit content:

UNIT-P1 Power conductor, 1mm², 4.5kV

UNIT-FO Fibre optic element, 45M.

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2 off

1 off

Material description: Gs(4)+2x1mm2 FMAM Material no.: 10193666

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3. CABLE DESIGN

3.1 Element details

Process/ Material		Nom. thickness (mm)	Nom. outer diameter (mm)
UNIT-FO	Fibre Optic element		
Optical fibre	4SM (9/125µm)		0.25
Tube	Steel tube with filling compound	0.15	1.5
Sheath	Polypropylene, natural		3.2
UNIT-P1	Power conductor, 1mm², 4.5kV		
Conductor	Cu, 1mm²	7x0.43	1.3
Insulation	Semiconducting polypropylene		
	Insulating polypropylene, colour coded		3.2

3.2 Element lay-up

Process/ Mate	rial	Nom. thickness (mm)	Nom. outer diameter (mm)
1"-layer		-	
UNIT-P1	Power conductor, 1mm², 2 off	3.2	7.1
UNIT-FO	Fibre optic element, 1 off	3.2	7.1
Filling	Soft adhesive compound		
Screen	Semicond.insul. 0.35mm ² Cu, 3 off Cu/polyester laminate	1.6	7.3
Inner sheath	Thermoplastic polyester, orange		9.7
Armouring	Aramid, 4 layers		16.2
Outer sheath	Thermoplastic polyester, yellow		18.5





3.3 Characteristics

Physical characteristics	Unit	Nominal value	±	
Cable outer diameter	mm	18.5	1	
Weight in air, approx.	kg/km	310		
Weight in seawater, approx.	kg/km	35		
Minimum dynamic bending diameter	mm	800		
Armouring breaking strength	kN	240		
Safe working load	kN	20		

Electrical / Optical characteristics (target values)	Unit	Nominal value	±
UNIT-FO Fibre Optic element			
SINGLEMODE FIBRE:			
Attenuation @ 1310nm	dB/km	< 0.6	
Attenuation @ 1550nm	dB/km	< 0.4	
UNIT-P1 Power conductor, 1mm ² , 4.5kV			
DC resistance, max	Ω/km	20	
Insulation resistance @ 500 V DC	GΩ-km	>5	
HV test for 5 min.: Conductor - screen	kV DC	16	

3.4 Cable marking

Element	Marking	
UNIT-P1	Conductor #1-#2: Blue and orange	
UNIT-FO	Natural 4SM fibres: Red, green, blue, yellow	
SHEATHS	<pre><pre>color order no.> Nexans Norway High Voltage <year>, <meter></meter></year></pre></pre>	





4. CROSS-SECTIONAL DRAWING

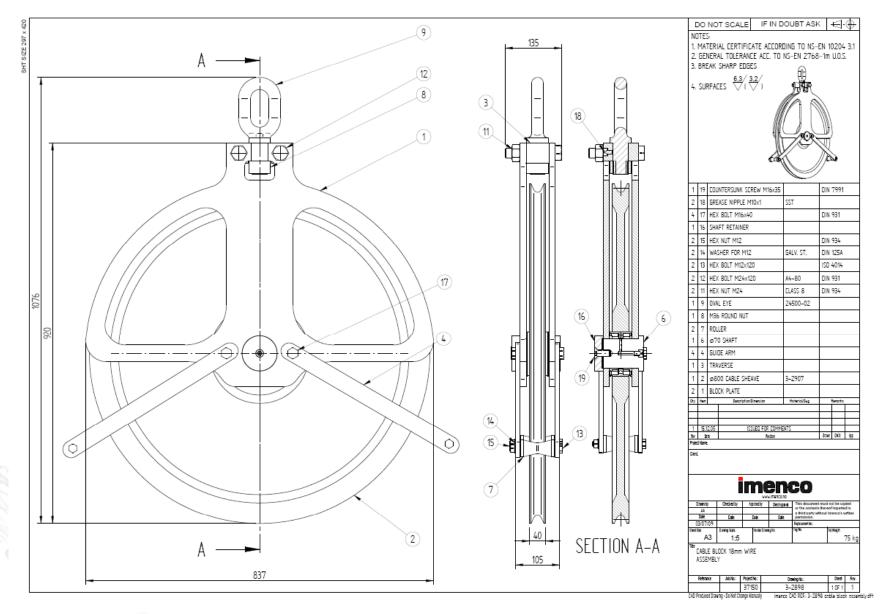


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5. AMENDMENT LIST

lssue no.	Date	Amendments
03E	23.04.09	Document status updated to Approved for Construction. Removed option 2. Updated from 2 to 4 aramid layers.
02T	20.01.09	Replaced UNIT-P2.5 with UNIT-P1.
01T		First edition,









Cable sheave special designed

Strain relief with integrated counterpart for the latch



Makers list

Aramid armoured cable	Nexans Norway AS http://www.nexans.no
Strain relief	Seaproof Solutions AS http://www.seaproof.com/ Imenco AS http://www.imenco.no/
Termination and installation of cable	Seaproof Solutions AS
Cable sheave	Imenco AS





The original cable was replaced by the aramid armoured cable



4300 m spooled on





Originally the factory had spooled the cable to the transport reel with 7 kN tension. By a mistake the cable was spooled to the winch without tension.

At the first station, when a few layers were payed out, problems caused by loose spooling occured.





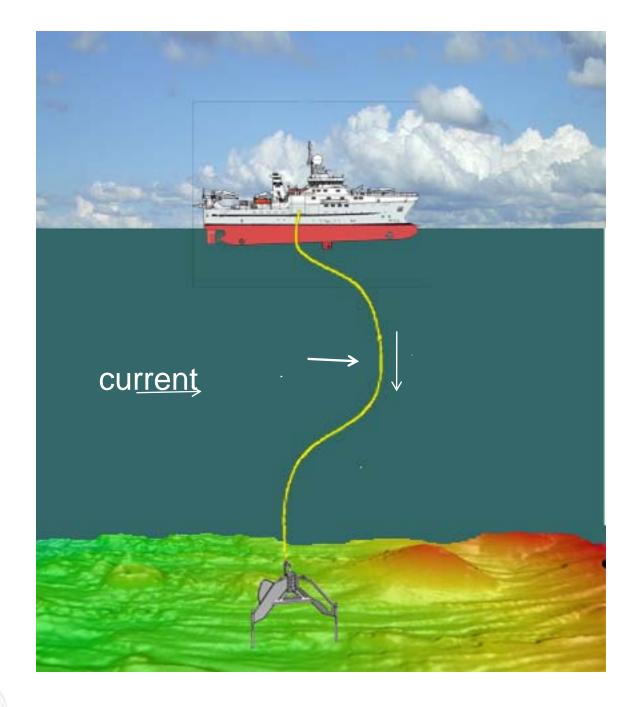
The captain refused to operate the cable in this condition and the survey was halted until Seaproof Solutions cleared out the problem. After an operation with almost all cable payed out with a dummy load on deep water, the problem was solved, and the spooling was reasonable good.



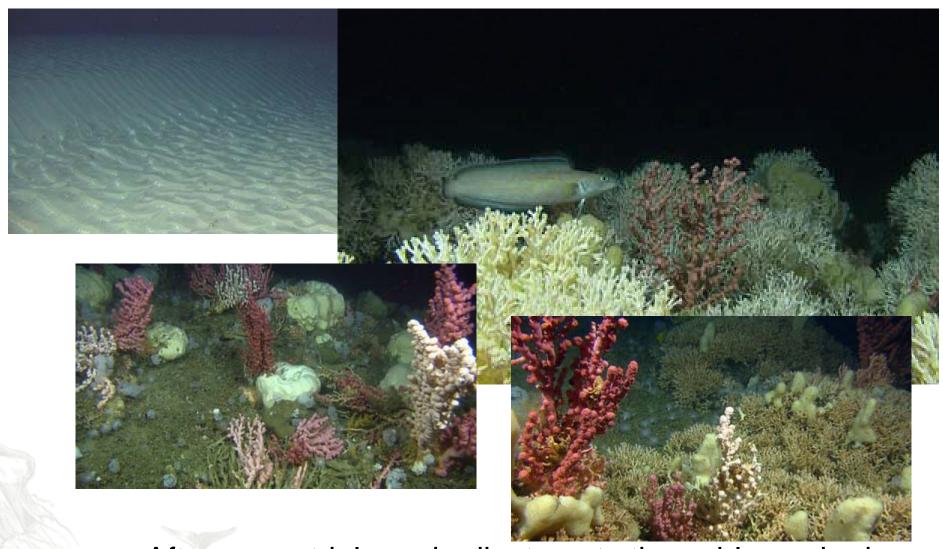


In case of current it is necessary to pay out cable in order to keep the vehicle stable on the seabed

The athwarth forces may be greater than the forces along the cable
This make it unnecessary to hawl in the slack before moving the vihicle







After some trials and adjustments the cable worked perfectly, and sharp and crisp videos and photos of the seabed were recorded.



Thank you for your attention.