

Prysmian History

Year	History
1879	Pirelli Cables and Systems is founded
1886	Installation of a telegraph line on the bed of the Red Sea
1902	Beginning of worldwide expansion and first foreign factory in Spain
1910's	First affiliate outside Europe (Argentina) and first cable factory in the UK
1920's	Submarine telegraph link between Italy and North and South America. New affiliate in Brazil
1930's	Consolidation in France
1950's	Trans-oceanic link between North Africa and Brazil. Start up of cable production in Canada and concentration of submarine cables production in the Arco Felice (Italy) plant
1960's	Installation of the world longest submarine link (Long Island - Connecticut) and new sites in Southern Italy and the UK
1970's	New production units in Southern Italy and worldwide expansion with new sites in Brazil, Australia and USA
1980's	Installation of the first fiber optic telephone line in Italy and first Italian factory for optical fibers (Battipaglia). New plant for submarine cables in the UK and consolidation in France.
1990's	Expansion in Asia (Indonesia and China). Acquisition of the cables operations of Siemens in Europe, Asia and Africa, Metal Manufacturers in Australia and two NKF factories in Holland and Finland
2000	Acquisition of BICC General in Europe, Asia and Africa and creation of Pirelli Labs in Milan, the group's R&D centre
2001/04	Consolidation of the organizational structure of the company
2005	Goldman Sachs Group acquires all cables operations from Pirelli. The Company takes the name of Prysmian