



60 years ago, ABB's predecessor company, ASEA, laid the cable for the world's first commercial HVDC subsea power link, Gotland 1, connecting mainland Sweden to the island of Gotland. This groundbreaking event was the beginning of the modern era of HVDC transmission. Today, ABB remains the market leader in HVDC and is the only company in the world that can supply the complete range of products for an HVDC system.

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