

## Our history in the United Kingdom

From the first patent in England to a global technology powerhouse

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### 1843

Wilhelm (William) Siemens goes to England on behalf of his brother Werner to sell the rights to Werner's patented gold-plating technique

### 1850

A Siemens & Halske sales agency is established under William's direction

### 1853

William takes over the running of the English business, which primarily involves the selling of water meters

### 1858

The Londoner agency is converted into an independent company known as Siemens, Halske & Co. with its own workshops

### 1863

A cable factory is built in Woolwich

### 1865

The company is renamed Siemens Brothers

### 1868–1869

Siemens Brothers lays the Russia to Teheran section of the Indo-European telegraph line

### 1873–1874

The first Atlantic cable is laid by Siemens Brothers with the cable steamer "Faraday", built specially for this purpose

### 1880

Siemens Brothers is converted into a stock company

### 1881

An order is received to supply electric lighting for the Savoy Theater in London

### 1903

The Stafford dynamo plant starts production

### 1906

Siemens Brothers Dynamo Works Ltd., London and Stafford, is founded

### 1908

An incandescent lamp factory is built in Dalston

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### **1914**

The shares of the English Siemens company are confiscated by the British government

### **1929**

Contacts are reestablished; a cooperation agreement is concluded

### **1964**

A Siemens sales company is founded under the name Siemens Ltd.

### **1989**

The Plessey Company is taken over jointly by Siemens and GEC; Siemens takes over the research center Roke Manor Research; a controlling stake in Oxford Magnet Technology is acquired

### **2001**

An order is received for EMU cars for the new train Desiro UK specially developed for the UK ("Desiro UK")

### **2004**

BBC commissions Siemens to operate its company-wide IT infrastructure

### **2005**

In the biggest modernization program in the UK, Siemens wins an order for the periodic delivery of medical systems for both the Barts and Royal London hospitals

### **2008**

In London, Siemens and McKinsey publish a study on sustainable infrastructure

### **2009**

Siemens wins order to provide 175 wind turbines for the world's largest offshore wind farm London Array (inaugurated 2013)

### **2012**

Siemens opens the world's largest exhibition center dedicated to the future of cities, the Crystal in East London

### **2013**

Acquisition of Invensys Rail, a leading global supplier of signaling and control equipment for rail

### **2013**

The Department for Transport awards a contract for 1,140 new Desiro City commuter rail carriages for the Thameslink route making this the biggest order Siemens has ever won in Great Britain