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GENERAL CABLE CORPORATION 2011 ANNUAL REPORT



ABOUT GENERAL CABLE

With 12,000 associates on six continents, General Cable (NYSE: BGC) is a global leader in the development, design, manufacture, marketing and distribution of copper, aluminum and fiber optic wire and cable products for the energy, industrial, specialty and communications markets. We are one of the largest wire and cable manufacturers in the world and hold increasing share in both established and emerging markets. For more information, visit www.generalcable.com.

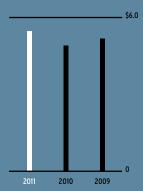
SELECTED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(In millions except per share data)

	2011		2010	Change
Net Sales	\$ 5,866.7	\$ -	4,864.9	21%
Net Sales-Metal-Adjusted*†	\$ 5,866.7	\$	5,241.7	12%
Operating Income	\$ 248.0	\$	222.4	12%
Operating Margin	4.2%		4.6%	(0.4 pts)
Operating Margin-Metal-Adjusted*+	4.2%		4.2%	-
Net Income	\$ 83.8	\$	69.2	21%

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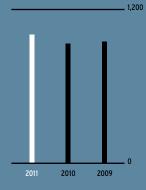
Earnings per Share	2011	2010	
Earnings per Common Share-Basic	\$ 1.61	\$ 1.33	
Earnings per Common Share-Assuming Dilution	\$ 1.57	\$ 1.31	
Weighted Average Common Shares-Basic	51.9	52.1	
Weighted Average Common Shares-Assuming Dilution	53.7	53.1	



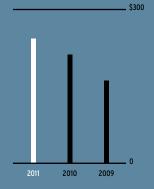
METAL ADJUSTED NET SALES† (in billions)

Prior years' net sales have been adjusted to reflect metals at 2011 prices.





METAL POUNDS SOLD (in millions)



OPERATING INCOME

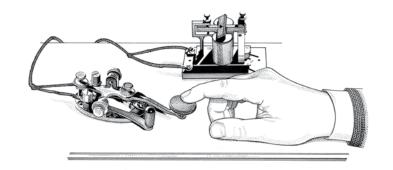
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AN INNOVATOR'S

HERITAGE

General Cable has been an innovator for more than 165 years. With products that are a critical part of the fabric of the world, we have always been dedicated to **connecting and powering people's lives**. This was true then, it is true now, and we're positioning the company to make it true in the next phases of the world's development.

From DOTS & DASHES to DIGITAL & DOTCOMS



1844

Supplied the insulated wire to Samuel Morse for his historic communication between Washington and Baltimore.



2011

Provided advanced fiber and copper 10-Gigabit cables to support the advanced digital learning environment for Northern Kentucky University's new College of Informatics, which has been described as the physical embodiment of a social network.





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POWERING BEACONS of PROSPERITY & OPPORTUNITY



1886 & 1986

Supplied wire to light the Statue of Liberty twice – first in 1886 and again for the Centennial celebration in 1986.



2011

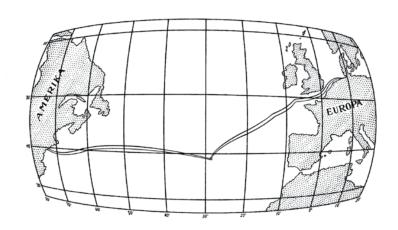
Turnkey supplier of a high-voltage power cable network for Abu Dhabi's visionary Al Reem Island project, a "city within a city" consisting of schools, parks, beaches, marinas, golf courses, shopping centers, restaurants, hotels and hospitals.





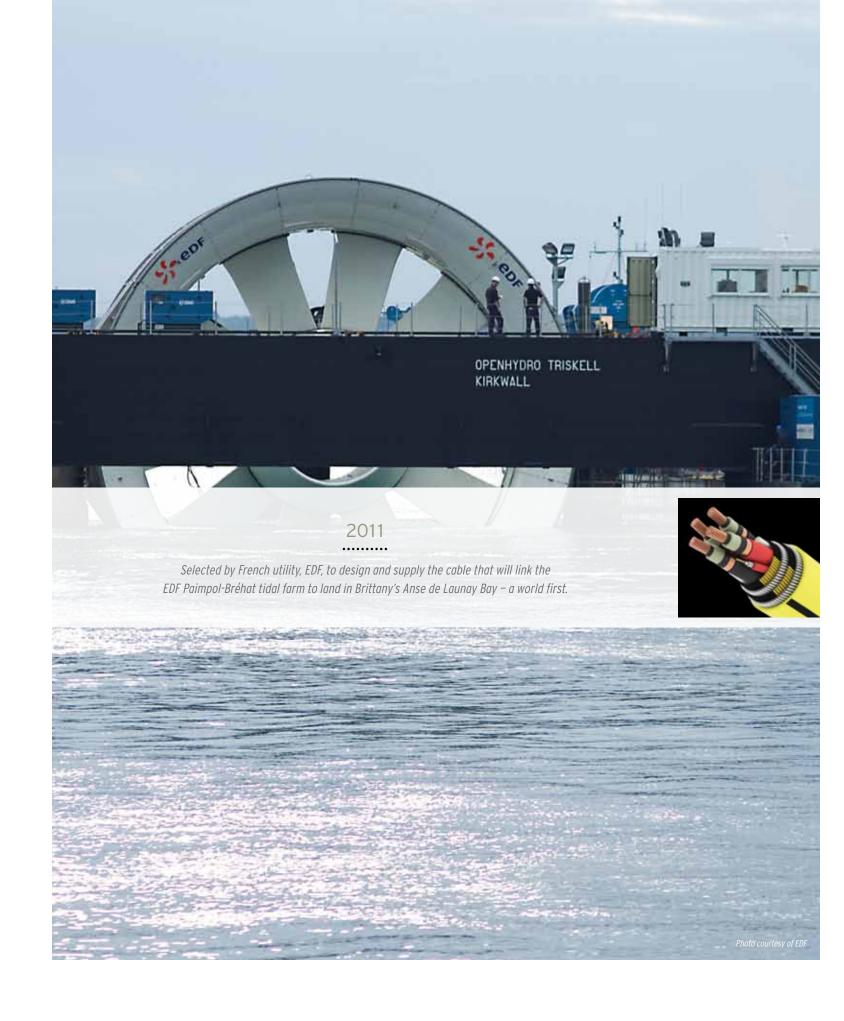
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BUILDING CONNECTIONS under THE SEA



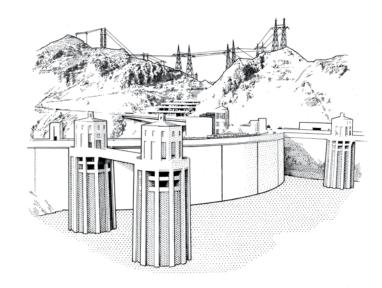
1904

NSW, a General Cable company based in Nordenham, Germany, produced and installed a trans-Atlantic submarine telecommunication cable line connecting Borkum, Germany, via the Azores to New York City, New York – 4,967 conductor miles.



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CREATING, CONNECTING & EXTENDING THE GRID



1935

Supplied 100 percent of the cable for the power transmission lines from the Hoover Dam to Los Angeles – 1,626 conductor miles.



2011

Cable provider for high-voltage lines to transmit power from hydroelectric plants in northwest Brazil across thousands of miles of Amazon jungle to the urban centers on the eastern Atlantic coast.

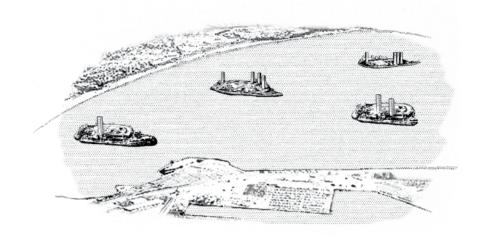
Required some cable to be installed by helicopter on towers extending above the treetops.





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DELIVERING POWER to ENERGY, CONNECTING ENERGY to POWER



1967

Supplied power cable to four THUMS (Texaco, Humble, Union, Mobil and Shell) man-made offshore islands at Long Beach, California, for drilling and pumping fluid from oil-rich wells back to the mainland.



2011

Installing medium-vo<mark>ltage su</mark>bmarine power cables to 80 wind turbines located 100 kilometers northwest of the Isle Borkum in the North Se<mark>a</mark> for the BARD Offshore 1 wind farm.





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Now

DEAR FELLOW

SHAREHOLDERS

We are very proud of our more than 165 years of industry leadership and innovation.

From helping to shape the progress of the world's emerging regions to rebuilding infrastructure in developed nations, General Cable's

vision, commitment and technology

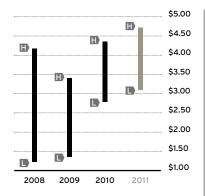
have created the financial and market strength we enjoy today. Even more important, these attributes form a strong base for leadership over the long term. General Cable continued to successfully navigate a volatile and unpredictable global economic environment in 2011. We remain strong and well positioned to benefit from long-term demand growth trends, both in developed and developing countries.

A CONTINUED CHALLENGING OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

The multi-year economic recovery advanced slowly in 2011, as mixed global economic indicators continued to hamper growth. Despite this fact, our strategy and focus on execution have not waivered. General Cable has overcome many difficult challenges in its history, rising to the occasion with a steadfastness that endures in our fabric today. It is this rich heritage that forms the strong foundation for long-term leadership.

General Cable is as strong as ever. Our 12,000 dedicated associates work hard every day across 47 manufacturing facilities and 25 countries, seamlessly sharing best practices and resources through our *One Company* philosophy. Our broad product portfolio provides the means to meet virtually any customer need. Our culture of continuous improvement causes us to get better every day through the use of Lean Six Sigma techniques. These core strengths have enabled us to deliver strong results in 2011's difficult operating environment.

On average, copper and aluminum represent about 60 percent of the cost of our products. The four-year trend of extreme price volatility in these two commodities continued in 2011—copper in particular traded as high as \$4.62 per pound and as low as \$3.06 per pound during the year. In 2011, for the second year in a row, both copper and aluminum established new peak price levels. Although it is improving, global industry capacity utilization has only recently come off historical lows in certain markets. Global growth remains tepid for the most part and construction activity in developed nations has not materially improved. Other major events in 2011 that either directly or indirectly affected our operating environment included political unrest in North Africa and the Middle East, and natural disasters in Thailand and Japan. Collectively these factors, combined with volatile foreign currencies, created a challenging operating environment marked by uneven demand and limited visibility throughout the year.







2011 DAILY COPPER PRICE (COMEX Daily Close)

While uneven, our global demand as measured in metal pounds sold improved approximately eight percent in 2011 versus 2010. Overall, this improvement was principally the result of stabilizing and increasing demand in many of our North American and Rest of World businesses.

In North America, we experienced strong demand for metal-intensive aerial transmission products and specialty cables, particularly for products in industries tied to natural resource extraction such as mining and oil and gas. In Rest of World, demand improved principally as a result of metal-intensive aerial transmission projects in Brazil, electrical infrastructure spending in Brazil and Venezuela, and mining- and construction-related activities in Latin America.

We continued to benefit from a growing submarine energy and terrestrial underground high-voltage project business in Europe. We captured five new meaningful projects in 2011, increasing the backlog to more than \$650 million at the end of the year. However, market conditions in Iberia for traditional construction and industrial

products further weakened near the end of 2011. As a result, we took further action in the fourth quarter to reduce our cost base in the region.

Despite these challenges, our Iberian facilities continue to be important to General Cable. They serve as a global technology hub and remain a key component in our pan-European go-to-market strategy that is resulting in better market coverage, improved logistics and increased plant optimization.

ENCOURAGING PROGRESS IN 2011

We are encouraged by our progress in 2011 in the face of the challenges discussed above. Our ability to create and capture opportunities enabled us to deliver strong financial and operating results.

A summary of financial and operating highlights for 2011 includes:

- Further improved one of the best safety records in the industry, with our global recordable incidents decreasing by 29 percent in 2011 to a new company record low
- Grew reported operating income by 12 percent, or \$26 million, to \$248 million on net sales of \$5.9 billion, a revenue increase of 12 percent on a metal-adjusted basis; increased reported earnings per share by 20 percent, or \$0.26, to \$1.57
- Achieved volume growth measured in metal pounds sold by 18 percent in Rest of World and six percent in North America
- Grew project backlog to \$650 million for submarine energy and terrestrial underground high-voltage project systems business in Europe
- Maintained a strong balance sheet and financial flexibility with more than \$1.1 billion in global liquidity at year-end; refinanced our \$400 million senior secured credit facility at attractive rates and terms, extending its maturity out to 2016
- Repurchased \$62.5 million, or about five percent, of the company's common shares during the fourth quarter under the terms of our share repurchase program

- Received *INDUSTRYWEEK* Best Plant Awards at our manufacturing facilities in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, and Lincoln, Rhode Island
- Earned recognition by FORTUNE magazine as one of the 500 Largest U.S. Corporations
- Added to the S&P MidCap 400 Index

A CLEAR, CONSISTENT GROWTH STRATEGY

Consistency has been an important attribute of our success, and our strategy and conviction remained unchanged in 2011. We continued to focus on long-term growth drivers for our business, including increasing populations and growing middle classes, infrastructure investment in renewable energy, energy security and independence, and communications network development.

Consistent with historical practice, we evaluated many external and internal growth opportunities in 2011. With our continued commitment to balancing long-term growth with risk and return considerations, we decided our best opportunities for growth were internal. As a result, we expanded our operations in Africa, Latin America and South Asia and repurchased \$62.5 million, or five percent, of our common shares in 2011. Our associates' commitment and ability to continuously improve our performance made the decision to invest in ourselves an easy one.

GROWING IN THE RIGHT WAYS

For many years, General Cable has been committed to creating long-term shared value for its associates, shareholders and communities through sustainability, health and safety, citizenship and innovation. In 2011, we began sharing our journey of commitment with our stakeholders through the launch of our new Corporate Social Responsibility website at www.generalcablecsr.com. We encourage you to visit the site, where you will find many examples of our activities in this important area.

A STRONG LEADER NOW; WELL POSITIONED FOR WHAT'S NEXT

As a growing innovator through more than 165 years of economic cycles and global development, wars and natural disasters, General Cable has been an integral partner in powering energy's infrastructure and opening lines of communication. Today, we are partnering in more countries around the world and in more ways than ever before.

We continue to create our own opportunities by aligning with marketplace realities. We are supplying solutions for the renovation of deteriorating infrastructure and the connection of renewable energy sources in developed countries. We are facilitating the efficient extraction of natural resources around the world.

We are enabling the build-out of infrastructure for the very first time in developing nations. Leveraging the knowledge and long-term operating success in emerging markets brought to us by the acquisition of PDIC in 2007, we further enhanced our geographic diversity by investing in important emerging markets in countries such as Peru, Mexico, India, Pakistan, Oman, Zambia, South Africa and Egypt.

We are creating environmentally friendly products such as General Cable's 17 FREE™, a line of data communication, fiber optic and coaxial cables that do not contain halogens. Through the successful commercialization of new technologies such as these and partnerships with leading connectivity providers, we have continued to grow our communications and electronics businesses, quietly achieving global size and scale.

Through it all, the hard work, persistence, vision and dedication of our global workforce have led the way with a focus on serving customers and improving continuously. We are *One Company*, operating with great flexibility and responsiveness. We are delivering results and value through global communication and teamwork. We are responding to an ever-changing set of customer expectations and market conditions by rapidly sharing information, resources, best practices and solutions.

Our Operating Philosophy remains the same: Act with the speed and agility of a small company but the strength and the power of a large company. Our Global Vision—to be the most highly regarded and successful wire and cable company in the world and to operate in every major market—seems closer to realization every year.

We want to thank our associates, shareholders and Board of Directors for their ongoing commitment to General Cable. We would also like to express our great appreciation for the sustaining commitment of our customers, channel partners and suppliers. We made solid progress in 2011 in a challenging operating environment and look forward to reporting on our achievements in 2012.

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Sincerely,

GREGORY B. KENNY

President and Chief Executive Officer

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JOHN E. WELSH, III Nonexecutive Chairman

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A BRIGHT **FUTURE**

General Cable's comprehensive approach to

driving profitable, long-term performance

has placed the company in a strong position to grow

with the needs of the world – responsibly.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

CREATING SHARED VALUE We believe corporate social responsibility (CSR) is about creating a shared value. That means keeping a dual focus in our business decisions: what is good for us as a company and what contributes to the greater good of the communities in which we live and work

Over the years, we have had success in reducing our impact on the environment, making safety a core value throughout our organization, integrating General Cable's strong ethical values into our daily business activities and introducing more environmentally friendly products whenever possible. While we are pleased with our CSR progress thus far, our strong commitment to continuous improvement empowers us to examine our business in an ongoing effort to develop new strategies. We have now embarked upon sharing our journey and commitment with our stakeholders through our new CSR website www.generalcablecsr.com



SUSTAINABILITY

RESPONSIBLE PRACTICES IN DAILY OPERATIONS To reduce or minimize General Cable's impact on the environment, we incorporate responsible practices into our daily business operations around the world. For many years, the company has been committed to meeting or exceeding environmental regulations worldwide. We continually strive to reduce our environmental impact and to respect and protect the environments where we live and work, from our neighborhoods to our planet.

Preserving the environment – whether by reducing our energy consumption, eliminating or substantially decreasing our use of hazardous materials, or increasing recycling – is part of our continuous improvement culture, from how we design our products to how we operate our manufacturing sites. All of our 47 manufacturing plants have facility-specific waste reduction objectives to

address areas such as energy usage, greenhouse gas emissions, water usage and recycling, as well as waste and packaging reduction.

In 2011, we completed our new greenfield plant in Baddi, India. Fully compliant with Indian Green Building Council standards, we designed the facility to be green from the ground up, which delivered immediate results: energy savings of 30-40 percent and water savings of 20-30 percent when compared with other wire and cable operations of the same size that make similar products. The facility is "shared value" in practice. Improved overall environmental impact has also reduced operating costs. The improved work environment, designed to promote good health and safety practices, also contributes to increased productivity.



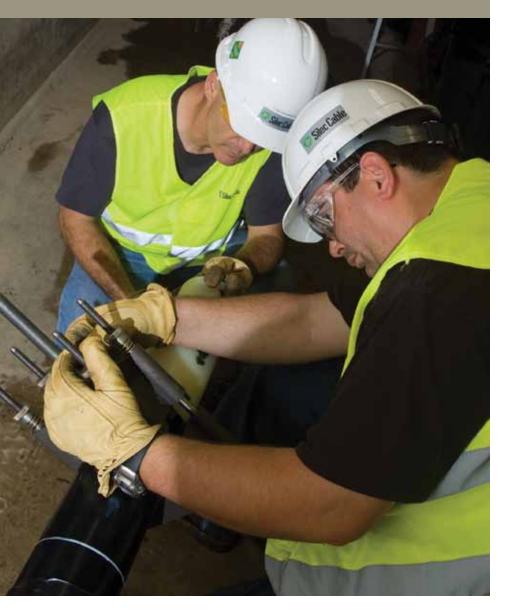
SAFETY

WORKING SAFER BY WORKING TOGETHER Safety is at the very core of our manufacturing excellence, and is an integral part of our industry leadership and performance. At General Cable, we know a safe and healthy environment for associates around the world is critical. The best way to provide it? By working together to eliminate or manage all conditions and behaviors that could lead to personal injury or occupational illness.

In the past, we have focused primarily on preventing injuries by engineering solutions to address inherent risks such as reel handling assist devices, revamped machine guards, sound abatement and eliminating open-blade knife use. While we continue to evaluate engineering solutions to reduce risks, we are also training our associates on "consequence thinking" to further enhance our safety culture and remind associates to reduce unintended consequences by eliminating unsafe behaviors.

We made excellent progress in 2011, achieving a global record OSHA Recordable Incident Rate (ORIR) of 0.91, the culmination of a process of continuous improvement since 2008. As a reference, the ORIR for the private industry sector in 2010 published by OSHA was 4.4 for the manufacturing sector. (*Bureau of Labor Statistics. U.S. Department of Labor. October 2011*)

We continue to encourage all associates to take individual responsibility for their decisions and actions, and to be role models of safety excellence for co-workers, families and communities. We strive for ongoing improvement in safety while complying with all applicable health and safety laws and regulations. We believe this combined approach to safety will allow us to achieve our safety vision of Zero & Beyond – because nothing else is acceptable.





INNOVATION

TECHNOLOGIES THAT POWER AND CONNECT THE WORLD

General Cable provides power and communications products and solutions to people around the world. With the help of distributors, original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), retail and public utility partners, we offer our customers product breadth and leadership coupled with geographic reach, ensuring access to our high-quality cable solutions anywhere and everywhere they need them.

General Cable is committed to its responsibility to reduce or eliminate hazardous substances when we design and manufacture new products. We pursue this commitment to environmentally sustainable products without compromising the high standards of product safety and performance our customers and neighbors expect.

Our support of alternative energy sources and passion for developing innovative products continue to strengthen General Cable as a socially responsible global organization. For example, using General Cable's 17 FREE™ line of data communications cables in 2011 enabled a large North American customer to eliminate 44 tons of industrial chlorine and three tons of bromine from the environment.

In 2011, General Cable launched its new Carol® Brand line of CarolGrene™ UltraFlex® Electric Vehicle (EV) cables to supply charging power to any electric vehicle on the market today. General Cable offers wire and cable products that enable green technologies and is a major supplier of cable to the wind and solar markets with its SunGen® and WindGen® generation, transmission, and distribution solutions that link green power sources to the grid.

CITIZENSHIP

A COMMITMENT TO BEING GOOD CITIZENS Being responsible citizens in our communities is of the utmost importance to us. This includes a commitment to ethical business practices, the fair treatment of our customers, associates, neighbors and competitors, and working as a company and as individuals to improve the communities in which we live and work. Our company leaders and associates strive to make a difference through a host of volunteer activities and financial support

Just one example: General Cable is promoting wellness in Zambia, where more than one in every seven adults in the country is living with HIV and the life expectancy has fallen to just 39 years. We conduct continuous awareness and training campaigns for our 250 associates, their spouses and their children over the age of 12. We also offer voluntary free testing and counseling as well as a free supply of anti-retroviral drugs to HIV-positive associates.





PEOPLE

LEVERAGING OUR KNOWLEDGE WORLDWIDE We built our organizational strategy on the belief that people are the differentiating element in gaining a competitive advantage. We recruit and develop talented people who bring special knowledge in such areas as safety, management, technology, quality, purchasing and sales We leverage that knowledge around the world

People are powerful drivers of General Cable's performance. Across the global enterprise – on the job and on the team, on task and on time – we would not be in our current position of strength without the individual and collective efforts of the 12,000 General Cable associates who come to work every day to make

MANUFACTURING

A NEVER-ENDING JOURNEY OF IMPROVEMENT Lean Manufacturing, combined with Six Sigma quality and process improvement tools, continues to drive major improvements in all of General Cable's manufacturing operations. Lean Thinking is part of our culture of continuous improvement, along with the engagement and contribution of our associates in something we call "OLPC," or Operator-Led Process Control. Our strategy to achieve manufacturing excellence has made us a much stronger company today, despite a tough economy.

General Cable is always striving to deploy manufacturing processes that consume less energy and fewer raw materials while maintaining the highest level of quality to meet our customers' needs and deliver maximum value. Since 2001, General Cable has had 10 plants selected as finalists in the INDUSTRYWEEK'S North America's Best Plants competition.

Nine of those plants have gone on to achieve the title of one of the Top 10 Plants in North America – one of them twice. They are Altoona, Pennsylvania U.S.A, in 2003 and 2009; Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada, in 2005; Tetla, Tlaxcala, Mexico, in 2006; Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.A., in 2007; Manchester, New Hampshire, U.S.A., in 2008; Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico, in 2009; Franklin, Massachusetts, U.S.A, 2010; and now Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, U.S.A., and Lincoln, Rhode Island, U.S.A., in 2011

INDUSTRYWEEK'S recognition spotlights our company's world-class manufacturing capabilities, as well as the mindset of continuous improvement shared by all General Cable associates worldwide. All General Cable plants strive to reach "Stage 4 Manufacturing Excellence" – the level at which manufacturing operations become part of the reason a company wins and retains new business. Reaching that level requires maximum cost competitiveness, perfect quality and superior service, along with agility, flexibility and the relentless pursuit of customer satisfaction.





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GENERAL CABLE SUPPLEMENT

GENERAL CABLE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Statements of Operations - Unaudited (in millions, except per share data)

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		2011		2010		2009
Net Sales	\$	5,866.7	\$	4,864.9	\$	4,385.2
Cost of Sales		5,241.1		4,310.9		3,865.7
Gross Profit		625.6		554.0		519.5
Selling, General and Administrative Expenses		377.6		331.6		339.6
Operating Income		248.0		222.4		179.9
Other Income (Expense)		(31.7)		(28.1)		7.0
Interest Income (Expense):						
Interest Expense		(99.2)		(77.0)		(86.6)
Interest Income		7.7		5.4		3.6
Loss on Extinguishment of Debt		_		-		(7.6)
		(91.5)		(71.6)		(90.6)
Income Before Income Taxes		124.8		122.7		96.3
Income Tax Provision		(42.5)		(47.2)		(32.7)
Equity in Net Earnings of Affiliated Companies		2.9		1.4		0.9
Net Income Including Noncontrolling Interest		85.2		76.9		64.5
Less: Preferred Stock Dividends		0.3		0.3		0.3
Less: Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interest		1.1		7.4		7.9
Net Income Attributable to Company Common Shareholders	\$	83.8	\$	69.2	\$	56.3
EPS						
Earnings Per Common Share-Basic	\$	1.61	\$	1.33	\$	1.08
Weighted Average Common Shares-Basic		51.9		52.1		52.0
Earnings per Common Share-Assuming Dilution	\$	1.57	\$	1.31	\$	1.07
Weighted Average Common Shares-Assuming Dilution		53.7		53.1		52.8
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The unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the audited Consolidated Financial Statements and notes in General Cable's 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 23, 2012.

GENERAL CABLE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Balance Sheets - Unaudited (in millions, except per share data)

	DECEMBER 31,		
	2011	2010	
Assets			
Current Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 434.1	\$ 458.7	
Receivables, Net of Allowances of \$17.2 Million in 2011 and \$21.1 Million in 2010	1,080.9	1,067.0	
Inventories	1,228.7	1,118.9	
Deferred Income Taxes	43.4	39.8	
Prepaid Expenses and Other	100.0	121.3	
Total Current Assets	2,887.1	2,805.7	
Property, Plant and Equipment, Net	1,028.6	1,039.6	
Deferred Income Taxes	18.6	11.3	
Goodwill	164.9	174.9	
Intangible Assets, Net	181.6	199.6	
Unconsolidated Affiliated Companies	18.6	17.3	
Other Non-Current Assets	71.0	79.3	
Total Assets	\$ 4,370.4	\$ 4,327.7	
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 946.5	\$ 922.5	
Accrued Liabilities	420.0	376.7	
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	156.3	121.0	
Total Current Liabilities	1,522.8	1,420.2	
Long-Term Debt	892.6	864.5	
Deferred Income Taxes	200.0	202.4	
Other Liabilities	243.1	235.3	
Total Liabilities	\$ 2,858.5	\$ 2,722.4	
Commitments and Contingencies			
Total Equity:			
Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock, at Redemption Value			
(Liquidation Preference of \$50.00 per Share):			
Shares Outstanding - 76,202 in 2011 and 76,202 in 2010	3.8	3.8	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par Value, Issued and Outstanding Shares:			
2011 - 49,697,763 (Net of 8,758,267 Treasury Shares)			
2010 - 52,116,390 (Net of 6,211,854 Treasury Shares)	0.6	0.6	
Additional Paid-In Capital	666.7	652.8	
Treasury Stock	(136.5)	(74.0	
Retained Earnings	959.1	875.3	
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	(95.1)	23.5	
Total Company Shareholders' Equity	1,398.6	1,482.0	
Noncontrolling Interest	113.3	123.3	
Total Equity	1,511.9	1,605.3	
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 4,370.4	\$ 4,327.7	

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INVESTOR INFORMATION

Copies of the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and other investor information may be obtained from our Web site or by calling the Investor Relations Department, (859) 572-8684.

ANNUAL MEETING

The 2011 annual meeting of shareholders will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at General Cable's offices located at 4 Tesseneer Drive, Highland Heights, KY 41076.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements in this annual report are forward-looking statements that reflect the views and assumptions of management as of the date of this report with respect to future events. Refer to the "Disclosure Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" on page 8 of the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended on December 31, 2011 as filed with the Securities Exchange Commission.

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