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Corning & Meta Break Ground on Cable Manufacturing Expansion in North Carolina to Support AI Build Out

Corning Incorporated, Corning, NY, USA, and Meta Platforms, Inc. recently began construction on a significant expansion of Corning's optical cable manufacturing capacity in Hickory, NC, USA, reinforcing their collaboration to support the build out of advanced AI data centers using technology developed and manufactured in the United States.

The ground breaking marks a milestone in the multiyear, up to US\$6 billion agreement between Corning and Meta to accelerate deployment of the most advanced data centers in the USA and to support Meta's apps, technologies and AI objectives. Under the agreement, announced in January of this year, Corning will supply Meta with its newest innovations in optical fiber, cable and connectivity solutions. Meta will serve as the anchor customer for the Hickory expansion, which will produce optical cable critical to AI infrastructure. Corning's expansion could increase Corning employment levels in the state by 15% to 20% reinforcing North Carolina's role as a manufacturing hub for optical fiber and cable. www.corning.com



Fiber Optics Leaders Collaborate to Define a New Multicore Fiber Design Optimized for AI Data Centers

America Fujikura Ltd., Corning, Sumitomo Electric Industries and Terahop Pte. are collaborating to develop the SDM4 MCF MSA Multi-Source

Agreement that outlines critical four-core multicore fiber design, performance and interoperability requirements for passive optical connections in data center applications. As AI network scale-out creates unprecedented demand for higher density optical infrastructure and traditional single-core fiber solutions approach their limitations, the industry, including hyperscalers, looks to new technologies like multicore fiber to deliver more capacity and connectivity within the same physical infrastructure.

The collaboration will define operating procedures, scope, technical requirements and other terms of the SDM4 MCF MSA to facilitate multicore fiber adoption across diverse environments, such as intra-campus networks and other short-reach interconnect applications operating in the O-band. www.AFLglobal.com • www.corning.com www.sumitomoelectric.com • www.terahop.com

WIRE & CABLE STOCK INDEXES

		% CHANGE since last issue	% CHANGE YTD 2026
OVERVIEW Total	13,258	-3.4	-4.0
OVERVIEW Electrical	11,315	-3.6	-6.6
OVERVIEW Communications	1884	-0.8	+11.1
OVERVIEW Steel	1031	-4.4	+12.5

* All numbers are from opening market prices listed on April 6, 2026.

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SPE Thermoplastic Elastomers Workshop

The Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) will hold an online workshop, "Thermoplastic Elastomers (TPEs): From Fundamental Insights to Contemporary Technologies," September 23 to 25, 2026, from 11 AM to 1 PM ET each day. The three-day event will examine the science and engineering principles influencing TPE performance, from molecular design and material selection to emerging applications. Topics include the structure, properties and applications of different TPE classes and block copolymer architecture, molecular characteristics, self-assembly, thermodynamics, blending and chemical functionalization.



The program will explore relationships between molecular structure and material performance via experimental observations, theoretical models and computer simulations. Other topics will be physical cross-linking, morphology development and use of TPEs in responsive materials, membranes, photovoltaics, antimicrobial systems and other applications.

The workshop will be presented by Dr. Richard J. Spontak, Distinguished Professor at North Carolina State University. Individual and group registrations are available via SPE's Center for Polymer Education. www.4spe.org

Registration Open for WHMA 2027 Leadership Summit

Registration for the WHMA's 2027 Annual Global Leadership Summit, February 3 to 5, 2027, at the Omni Tempe Hotel at ASU, Tempe, AZ, USA, is open. Attendees can join wire harness manufacturing leaders, OEMs, suppliers and industry experts for three days of education, collaboration and connection.



WHMA's Annual Global Leadership Summit gives industry leaders opportunities to build valuable relationships, gain practical insights and discover strategies to move their businesses forward. Find a lineup of keynotes, workshops, best practice roundtables, exhibits and networking opportunities. www.whma.org

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September 21 - 24, 2026
Wire China 2026, Shanghai, China
www.wirechina.net
September 23 - 25, 2026
SPE Online Workshop on TPEs
www.4spe.org

October 20 - 21, 2026
Automotive Wire Harness
Detroit, MI, USA
www.eds-conference.com

November 1 - 4, 2026
IWCS Cable & Connectivity
Industry Forum, Orlando, FL, USA
www.iwcs.org

November 30 - December 2, 2026
Wire India, Mumbai, India
www.wire-india.com

February 3 - 5, 2027
WHMA 2027 Leadership Summit
Tempe, AZ, USA
www.whma.org

February 23 - 25, 2027
Wire & Tube Mexico
Monterrey, NL, Mexico
www.wire-tube-mexico.com

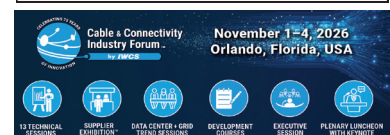
May 3 - 7, 2027
NPE 2027, Orlando, FL, USA
www.npe.org

May 4 - 6, 2027
Interwire 2027, Atlanta, GA, USA
www.interwire.org

September 5 - 9, 2027
Jicable 27, Lyon, France
www.jicable27.com

September 15 - 17, 2027
Wire Southeast Asia 2027
Bangkok, Thailand
www.wire-southeastasia.com

April 3 - 7, 2028
Wire & Tube 2028
Düsseldorf, Germany
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