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AFL Announces Multi-Million Dollar Investment & Expansion to Its USA Fiber Optic Cable Manufacturing Operations

AFL, Duncan, SC, USA, has announced an investment of over US\$50 million to expand its fiber optic cable manufacturing operations in South Carolina. This investment aligns with the **Biden-Harris** administration's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Internet for all initiatives to increase broadband access in the USA. It will create new jobs and support AFL products compliant with the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA).



This announcement builds on AFL's previous investment of more than US\$35 million in expanding domestic cable manufacture to support broadband deployment and power grid modernization. The expansions continue AFL's 40 year long commitment to job creation and USA manufacturing.

Key highlights of the expansion include increased production capacity, creation of new jobs at AFL facilities, development of innovative/sustainable fiber optic cable solutions and a commitment to USA-made materials.

www.aflglobal.com

Inaugural REWIREcable IT Forum 2024: Pioneering Global Event Series for Wire & Cable Industry Professionals

REWIREcable Forum 2024, the first instance of a ground-breaking annual event series designed for IT professionals and decision makers in the wire and cable industry, will take place for registered attendees only on April 17, 2024, from 10 AM to 1 PM, co-located with *wire 2024* at **Messe Düsseldorf**, Hall 10.

As the wire and cable industry increasingly pivots towards digitalization, the REWIREcable Forum emerges as a vital platform for professionals seeking to navigate the evolving landscape. With digital transformation at the forefront, the Forum aims to facilitate collaboration, exchange of best practices and exploration of cutting-edge software technology trends tailored specifically for the wire and cable sector. An impressive lineup of industry experts and thought leaders will grace the stage, including **Dennis Kolberg**, Professor, **TH Lübeck**, Germany; **Mr. Croci**, CEO, **Ramcro Special Cables**; **Manuel Möser**, Managing Director, **Cegeka/Microsoft**; **Sebastian Bersch**, Director Manufacturing Cloud, **Siemens/Mendix**; and **Albert Groot-hedde**, CEO of organizer, **InnoVites**.

This event marks the beginning of an annual tradition. For the preregistration details, the agenda and more information on the REWIREcable Forum 2024, please visit: www.rewirecable.com

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OVERVIEW Total	7234	+4.0	+18.3
OVERVIEW Electrical	6347	+4.5	+20.9
OVERVIEW Communications	1058	+2.8	+10.9
OVERVIEW Steel	447	+0.3	-0.4

• All numbers are from prices listed on the market on April 3, 2024.

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Prysmian's Sirocco Cables Could Last 50+ Years

Prysmian announces results of new and rigorous long-term ageing testing on SiroccoHD and SiroccoEXTREME micro-duct cables and the fibers contained therein, proving expected lifetime of over 50 years, allowing operators to calculate the life cycle analysis of their networks over an extended period. The data shows that after lifetime simulation, optical fiber attenuation as well as cable performance and material properties remain unchanged and can meet industry specifications set for newly manufactured cables.

www.prysmian.com

Omni Cable Hires Shaire McGrath as Senior Director

Omni Cable LLC, a leading distributor selling wire, cable, fiber and other communications and electrical products to distributors, has appointed **Shaire McGrath** as Senior Director—Category Management. She is responsible for overseeing/optimizing the Omni's product categories to drive growth, profitability and customer satisfaction. Shaire has over 24 years of leadership experience in sales and project management.

www.omnicable.com



Radix Wire & Cable Launches Two High-Temp SuperLinx™ Wire Products

Radix Wire & Cable, Glenwillow, OH, USA, announces two new cross-linked wire products to fill a gap in the specialized wire industry. While cross-linked wire isn't new, Radix is filling a need in the market by offering small runs with custom colors and printing. The new products are the SuperLinx™ 125 and SuperLinx™ 150, both of which utilize a cross-linked polyethylene system, providing excellent chemical and abrasion resistance for applications including induction motors, generators and the automotive industry. The SuperLinx 125 is rated for temperatures up to 125°C and SuperLinx 150 for temperatures up to 150°C. Both provide exceptional high-temperature resistance in the cross-linked wire segment. The wire is available in gauges from 24 AWG to 4/0 AWG. The

SuperLinx range is available in runs as short as 1000', and customers can order SuperLinx in custom color combinations. Every run is moisture cured, allowing for fast turnaround times and exceptional customer service.

Radix also offers a smudge resistant printing process for the SuperLinx range, using UV curing to create a high-quality result that does not easily smudge, even under harsh conditions. www.radix-wire.com



LEONI CEO, COO & CFO contracts extended; Executive Board streamlined to three

The Supervisory Board is focusing on continuity at the top of the LEONI Group. The control body of the global provider of energy and data management solutions in the automotive sector will extend the contract of CEO



Klaus Rinnerberger

Klaus Rinnerberger until the end of 2027.

The Supervisory Board has also decided to extend the Executive Board mandate of Ingo Spengler as COO. His contract will now also run until the end of 2027. Dr. Harald Nippel will continue his role as a member of the Executive Board and CFO until April 2026 and will therefore oversee and be responsible for the preparation of the financial results

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Dignitaries Help Radcliff Wire Celebrate 65 Years

Radcliff Wire, Bristol, CT, USA, celebrated its 65th anniversary with a small ceremony at its facility in Bristol on March 8, 2024. Bristol Mayor, **Jeff Caggiano**; City Councilor, **Susan Tyler**; City of Bristol Economic & Community Development Executive Director, **Justin Malley**; and City of Bristol Marketing & Public Relations Specialist, **Dawn Nielsen** attended the event, along with Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce Membership Development Director, **Andrew LaForge**.

Radcliff Wire President, **Charlie Radcliff** and his sister, **Jeanne Radcliff**, Radcliff Wire CEO, shared an overview of the company and its history and provided a tour of the facility.

Don Radcliff started Radcliff Wire in 1959 to help spring manufacturers obtain special-shaped wire that



Mayor Jeff Caggiano presents Radcliff with a commemorative certificate.

wasn't available anywhere else. The company still offers wire that's difficult to find elsewhere such as the crescent-shaped mandrel wires the company currently manufactures for the medical industry, worldwide.

The group toured the factory's annealing, drawing, shaping and rolling departments. www.radcliffwire.com

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Superior Essex to Acquire Remaining Ownership in Essex Furukawa Global JV

Superior Essex, majority owner of the **Essex Furukawa Magnet**

Wire joint venture with **Furukawa Electric**, will take over the remaining minority interest held by Furukawa Electric in Essex Furukawa. Superior Essex will become the sole owner of the brand, assets and operations currently run by the global Essex Furukawa JV. Superior Essex will relaunch its magnet wire business under a new name in 2024, operating all Essex Furukawa JV sites around the world.

www.superioressex.com

Key Appointments Made at Omni Cable Business Unit

Omni Cable, LLC, an industry-leading re-distributor of **OMNICABLE** wire, cable, fiber and other products, has made key appointments within its newly-formed Communications Business Unit Enterprise market segment. Key Account Manager appointments are: **Nick Burbridge** (MI, IN, IL, WI, MN, IA, MO, NE, ND, SD), **Bruce Paige** (PA, MA, NY, CT, NC, SC, GA, FL), **Terry Folkerts** (TX, OK, LA, MS, AR) and **Jordan Weeks** (AK, HI, WA, OR, CA, NV, UT, ID, MT).

www.omnicable.com

for fiscal 2025. In addition, the Supervisory Board has decided to reduce the Executive Board from four to three members as part of the company streamlining. Accordingly, the contract with Dr. Ursula Biernert as CHRO and Labor Director will not be extended by mutual agreement. She will be leaving the company over the summer to take on new professional challenges.

www.leoni.com

ASTM International welcomes Andrew G. Kireta Jr. as new President

ASTM International, in W. Conshohocken, PA, USA, announces the appointment of Andrew G. Kireta Jr. as the organization's new President, effective May 1, 2024. Kireta's background in standards development and familiarity with the organization uniquely positions him to lead ASTM International into future growth and



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IWMA Sending 10 Awardees to wire Düsseldorf 2024

The IWMA presented its *wire Düsseldorf 2024* Education Awardees to ten people who will “make significant strides in the wire and cable industry through



their exceptional talents and dedication

to learning and growth.” The program, an evolved version of the *John C. Hogg Travel Award Scheme*, promises enhanced learning experiences and benefits for all participants.

The chosen awardees will kick off their immersive journey on April 15, 2024, with a Meet & Greet Event at the **Novotel Düsseldorf City West**, where they will be accommodated for four nights. The program will include free access to *wire 2024* and a three-day itinerary featuring the *IWMA Training Fundamentals Program*, intricately woven into an exclusive tour of the show.

The 2024 awardees are:

- Jonathan Reeves, AESA SA
- Aaron Heath, Bridon-Bekaert
- Ebony Maher, Bridon-Bekaert
- Handre Linstrom, Cape Gate
- Dominik Ippisch, DLB Oberviechtach
- Hardik Patel, InnoVites B.V.
- Syed Ammar Zaidi, Pakistan Cables
- Joshua Burley, RichardsApex
- Sharon Lu, Shanghai KECHEN Wire & Cable Machinery
- Sushant Surajkar, Snehama Taping Solutions

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innovation. He will succeed Katharine Morgan, who served in the role since 2017 and will retire after a 40-year career with ASTM.

Kireta is President/CEO of the Copper Development Association and has been with the not-for-profit trade association since 1992, serving the past 20 years in an executive management capacity. He has been an ASTM member since 1998, and joined the Board of Directors in 2014, serving as Chair of the audit and finance committee in 2017, Vice Chair in 2018 and 2019 and Chair of the Board in 2020. Kireta also served as Vice Chair/Chair of the Board of ASTM affiliate SEI International.

www.astm.org

First production of power cores by TKF in Eemshaven

The TKF Eemshaven team has achieved a major milestone with

regard to the commissioning of its new cable factory. TKF has successfully produced the three



power cores for its type test cable, provided with

TKF’s unique welded aluminum screen and PE outer sheath.

TKF’s new facility allows it to increase its production capacity and represents an ongoing commitment to quality and innovation in the wind and cable industry. The investment in the new factory in Eemshaven is part of the strategic investment plan aimed at supporting the electrification.

www.tkf.nl

TE Connectivity to change place of incorporation from Switzerland to Ireland

The Board of Directors of TE Connectivity Ltd. has unanimously approved a proposed



change of the company’s place of incorporation from Switzerland to Ireland. Shareholders will be asked to vote in favor of the proposal at a Special General Meeting of Shareholders in Zurich, Switzerland. If approved, TE expects to implement the change in 2024.

TE Connectivity does not anticipate any material change in its opera-



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NKT & Hydro form Strategic Partnership to Further Decarbonize the Power Cable Supply Chain

NKT and Hydro have entered into a strategic partnership that will accelerate the shift towards low-carbon aluminum and increase its role in reducing the carbon footprint of power cables. The collaboration will aid both companies' journey towards net zero by aligning common decarbonization targets for both primary and recycled aluminum. For NKT, the partnership will support it in reaching the corporate target of reducing scope 3 emissions with 27.5% by 2030 compared to 2019. The partnership is based on over 50 years of collaboration, which now forms the foundation for a strategic partner-



ship to drive both firm's sustainability strategies forward, together. The partners will also collaborate on minimizing emissions associated with warehousing, logistics and transportation as well as opportunities for efficient closed-loop supply chains. Towards 2030, Hydro and NKT will collaborate on R&D and product development to find aluminum wire rod applications that allow for even lower carbon footprint. Also, NKT has delivered the first order for its new Adaptive Rigid Sea Joint to the Danish transmission system operator (TSO), **Energinet**. www.nkt.com

tions or financial results from this change. The firm will continue to be registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and will be subject to the same SEC reporting requirements. Common shares will continue to trade on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol TEL.

www.te.com

R&M USA Expands Sales Channel

R&M USA Inc. expands distribution of LAN, wireless and FTTH products.

"With the company's expanded sales strategy and cooperation with well-known distributors, R&M USA Inc. is bringing the R&M brand and its technologically leading connectivity portfolio closer to users throughout North America," says Paulo Campos, President at R&M USA Inc. in Fremont, CA, USA.

The R&M portfolio for distribution partners consists of high-quality connectivity solutions for copper and fiber optic cabling. R&M products are suitable for smart factory

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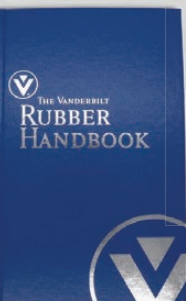
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ATPC Expands Custom Cable Assembly Center

Amphenol TPC Wire & Cable (ATPC) expanded its Custom Cable Assembly and Solution Center with new climate-controlled and environmentally rated space. The shop upgraded its automated



testing with equipment including an SLA printer by **Formlabs**, a **Schleuniger** Cut & Strip machine, crimping tools and over-molding technology. And a **Kaban** scheduling system for lean manufacturing will boost workflow efficiency/production capacity, and decrease lead times.

www.tpcwire.com

New HELUKABEL Subsidiary in Columbia

The **HELUKABEL Group** has expanded further into South America with a new subsidiary in Bogotá, Colombia. **HELUKABEL** is now present in Latin America's third-largest economy after Brazil and Mexico. With warehouse capacities in a free trade area, receiving international imports is now simplified. **HELUKABEL Colombia** will initially be supported by **HELUKABEL Mexico**.

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Prysmian's Build America, Buy America-Compliant Products Ready to Ship

Prysmian's suite of fiber optic cable products meets Build America, Buy America (BABA) requirements and is ready to ship, supporting the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program created in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, administered by the US DOC. With three USA facilities in Claremont, NC; Lexington, SC; and Jackson, TN; Prysmian is positioned to offer ready-to-ship BABA-compliant fiber solutions that support the broadband market and the growing needs of its North American customers.

www.prysmian.com

Belden's Hiran Bhadra Promoted to Senior VP

Belden Inc., St. Louis, MO, USA, has announced the promotion of **Hiran Bhadra** to the role of Sr. Vice President, Strategy & Technology, reporting to CEO, **Ashish Chand**. In his expanded role as the CTO of the company, he will continue to shape Belden's technology strategy while expanding his focus to reinforce the company's commitment to technology and innovation.

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Sr. Vice President, Strategy & Technology, reporting to CEO, **Ashish Chand**. In his expanded role as the CTO of the company, he will continue to shape Belden's technology strategy while expanding his focus to reinforce the company's commitment to technology and innovation.

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Perfection Industrial Sales Hosting Live Auction of a Custom Electronics Wire & Cable Manufacturer

Perfection Industrial Sales, of Elk Grove Village, IL, USA, in association with **Martin Commission Brokers, Inc.**, Cranston, RI, USA, announces a "Live Auction Via Webcast" of assets from a Custom Electronic Wire and Cable Manufacturer in Rochester, NY, USA. Equipment featured includes **KALMARK** 12+18 400 mm Planetary Cabler, new 2020; Extrusion Lines; Spiral Strippers; Respooling; 36" S.T. Rotating Cablers; 16" Quadders; **WARDWELL** 16-C, 24-C Braiders; **PLUS: DRI-AIR** APD-11 Desiccant Dryer w/RH-600 Hopper; 5T Chiller; **NORDSON** Talc Applicator; Reels and Spools; surplus bare and insulated wire, and much more. All equipment is offered As-Is, Where-Is, subject to prior sale. The Auction is tentatively scheduled for late April, date to be finalized. Visit www.perfectionmachinery.com for all Auction details. Or contact Martin Kenner at Commission Brokers Inc., at +1-401-943-3777; email: marty137@aol.com or email mkenner.commissionbrokers@cox.net for complete information.

applications. Other areas of application include LAN, IoT, smart buildings, DAS, cellular and wireless.

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Michaune D. Tillman joins Corning as General Counsel

Corning Incorporated, Corning, NY, USA, the world's leading innovator in glass and ceramic technologies, has announced that Michaune D. Tillman has joined the company as its Senior Vice President and General Counsel.

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Prismian introduces Draka Green Connect, a revolutionary data communication product line that delivers outstanding performance and also makes a significant contribution to environmental sustainability.



Green Connect showcases Prismian's commitment to the planet through the use of 100% recycled copper and other recycled materials, embracing an eco-friendly approach to data communication solutions. The product design prioritizes responsible material usage without compromising performance, emphasizing a circular economy. Prismian's streamlined and

developed eco-efficient production processes contribute towards its dedication to environmental responsibility.

Green Connect, a complementary addition to the existing Draka UC range, introduces environmentally friendly alternatives of both standard copper and fiber data communication cables.

For instance, the Cat. 6A U/FTP Outdoor cable from the UC 500 Copper range achieves a 70% reduction in carbon footprint on metal. And the overall copper cable manufacturing process sees a 55% reduction in carbon footprint. www.draka-cable.com

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WireCo® Launches Made in the USA High-Performance Crane Rope Production

WireCo®, manufacturer of mission-critical wire rope, synthetic rope and netting, and electro-mechanical cable, launches



the new production of Made in the USA High-Performance crane ropes. Customers can now buy Casar and Oliveira brand ropes made in America. This culminates WireCo's investment of US\$30 million in a commitment to deliver the same quality ropes that have been acquired from sites in Germany and Portugal, but now also made in Sedalia, MO, USA. www.wireco.com

Jack Ritter to Service Wire Inside Sales Representative

Jack Ritter has joined the Service Wire team as an Inside Sales Representative in the



Houston, TX, USA, sales office, serving utility markets in the Midwest. Ritter worked for Service Wire while he completed he earned his degree in Industrial Distribution from Texas A&M University. Since joining the company full-time, Ritter has been extensively trained and certified on the company's products, capabilities and quality systems.

www.servicewire.com

Sales & Net Income Table

Company	Sales	%Δ	Net Income (Net Loss)	%Δ
Nortech Systems Incorporated	36	1.2	4	NA

Latest quarterly Sales/Net Income data in US\$ millions. % Δ relative to 2023 data.

ing Law Department, Tillman will serve as a key advisor to both the company's Senior Leadership Team and its Board of Directors, providing expert counsel on a wide range of legal matters regarding Corning's operations and strategic initiatives. "Michaune's appointment underscores Corning's commitment to maintaining the highest standards

of legal excellence," said Lewis A. Steverson, Corning's Executive Vice President and Chief Legal and Administrative Officer.

www.corning.com

Conference Calls & Webcasts...

- **Lear Corp.**, Southfield, MI, USA, will hold a conference call to review Q1 2024 financial results and related matters, Apr. 30, 2024, at 8:30 AM ET. www.lear.com

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Southwire is Again Official Wire & Cable Provider for Formula E World Championship

In support of its commitment to sustainability and innovation, **Southwire** returns as the Official Wire and Cable Provider for Season 10 of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship, which began with Round 1 in Mexico City on Saturday, January 13, 2024.



As the first sport in the world to be certified net zero carbon since its inception, Formula E has been driving the advancement of e-mobility for nine seasons supported by the world's largest car manufacturers and global brands. Southwire joined Formula E in 2023 as the Official Wire and Cable Provider to the all-electric racing series for Season 9 and served as Title Sponsor of the 2023 Southwire Portland E-Prix on June 24, 2023.

According to Southwire, partnering with Formula E positions the company for success in customer engagement, sustainability, brand recognition and technology.

www.southwire.com

Prysmian Wins FTTH Innovation Award for the Passive Infrastructure Category

Prysmian has won the FTTH Innovation Award for the Passive Infrastructure category, with its groundbreaking optical fiber, BendBright 180µm. The award, which is presented by the **FTTH Council Europe**, recognizes innovative FTTH technology products that support the FTTH Council Europe's objectives such as accelerating the fiber roll-out, reducing cost, making the fiber roll-out more efficient and promoting sustainable technologies.

Prysmian's BendBright 180µm fiber was selected for its demonstration of unparalleled excellence and ingenuity in advancing optical fiber technology.

www.prysmian.com

Cable & Wire Fair 2025

The *Cable & Wire Fair 2025* is scheduled to take place from November 4 to 6, 2025, at the **Pra-gati Maidan** located in New Delhi, India. Interested parties can find additional information at the *Cable & Wire Fair* website.

www.cablewirefair.com

EVENTS

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Düsseldorf, Germany
www.wcisaonline.org

April 15 – 19, 2024

wire 2024, Düsseldorf, Germany
www.wire-tradefair.com
www.mdna.com

May 14 – 16, 2024

Electrical Wire Processing Technology Expo (EWPTe), Milwaukee, WI, USA
www.electricalwireshow.com

June 3, 2024

WCMA Golf Outing and Fundraiser
Wethersfield, CT, USA
www.wcmainc.org

June 11 – 12, 2024

WAI Operations Summit & Wire Expo 2024, Uncasville, CT, USA
www.wireexpo24.com

June 11 – 12, 2024

Polymers in Cables 2024
Philadelphia, PA, USA
www.ami-events.com

June 24 – 26, 2024

CRU Wire & Cable 2024 Conference
Amsterdam, Netherlands
events.crugroup.com/wireandcable

September 25 – 28, 2024

wire China 2024, Shanghai, China
www.wirechina.net
www.mdna.com

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