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Cerrowire Breaks Ground on New Metal Clad Cable Plant

Hartselle, AL, USA-based **Cerrowire**, a leading USA manufacturer of copper building wire, broke new ground on May 4, 2022, when leadership lifted the first shovelful of Hartselle soil to begin work on the new 270,000 ft² Metal Clad cable facility at Morgan Center Business Park at 2100 Byrd Road.

"It's always great to see a company like Cerrowire launch plans to expand their operations in Alabama," Governor **Kay Ivey** said. "Cerrowire is a top-class manufacturer, and its growth project in Hartselle will bring high-quality jobs and expand the operation's capabilities. Those are positive developments for the community and the state."



Secretary of the Alabama Department of Commerce, **Greg Canfield**, said, "Cerrowire's significant investment in this new Alabama facility will position it for future growth while also providing a meaningful financial boost to the Hartselle area through the creation of new jobs and opportunities."

To be completed in January 2023, the plant will employ over 80 Cerrowire team members at start-up, increasing the number to over 120 in three years. The US\$100 million investment in a state-of-the-art facility with advanced equipment, will help Cerrowire further its commitment to high quality/cost control while creating more job opportunities. www.cerrowire.com

Prysmian Makes Investment to Add USA Optical Cable Capabilities

Prysmian Group announces a US\$30 million investment in its Jackson, TN, USA, plant to meet increasing demand for optical fiber broadband connectivity driven by Federal and State stimulus packages. Prysmian's total optical cable investment in North America is now US\$115 million, with the addition of the this latest Jackson project. The investment increases Prysmian's optical fiber capacity in its North American plants and expands its telecom footprint. As the market shifts from legacy copper to fiber, Prysmian facilities are adapt to mirror this shift in technology. www.prysmiangroup.com



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OVERVIEW Communications	962	+4.2	-8.4
OVERVIEW Steel	392	-1.9	-4.0

• All numbers are from prices listed on the market on June 1, 2022.

June 6, 2022

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HRADIL's New Hybrid Power Transmission Cable

HRADIL Spezialkabel, Stuttgart, Germany, presents a drum-reeling hybrid cable for power transmission, which also includes Cat 7 Ethernet, fiber optic cable, CAN Bus, pneumatic and hydraulic hoses. It is designed for demanding tasks in the chemical industry as well as potential applications in construction, civil engineering and tunneling work for heavy construction machinery and tunnel boring machines. With the hoses at the central core serving pneumatic and hydraulic supply applications, the cable includes Can bus cables, a 75 Ohm coax cable, Cat 7 Ethernet and fiber-optic cables.



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LEONI AG Sells Automotive Standard and Special Cable Business (BG AM)

LEONI AG has taken another major step on its path towards sustainable financial stabilization, as it sells its automotive standard and special cables business, bundled as Business Group Automotive Cable Solutions (BG AM), to **STARK Corporation Public Company Limited**.

"With this decision, we strengthen our balance sheet, support ongoing talks regarding our refinancing and drive forward our well-known strategic focusing on the wiring systems business," said **Aldo Kamper**, LEONI CEO.

BG AM is very well and profitably positioned globally. It has a broad and innovative product portfolio and is one of the market leaders in automotive



standard, special and charging cables. As a long-standing supplier to the international automotive industry, the Business Group has a worldwide production network with 10 locations in 7 countries and around 3300 employees. STARK Corporation is one of South-east Asia's leading wire and cable suppliers across industries, with roots dating back to 1968. www.leoni.com

Aptiv names Jessica Kourakos VP of Investor Relations

Aptiv PLC, Dublin, Ireland, has appointed Jessica Kourakos as VP of Investor Relations and ESG. Koura-



kos has led the Investor Relations function at leading global companies, most recently at Rockwell Automation, for over 10 years, and brings to Aptiv extensive experience in finance, sustainability, marketing and strategy. In her new role at Aptiv, she will report to CFO and Senior VP of Business Operations, Joseph Massaro, and will lead Aptiv's Investor Relations and ESG initiatives, representing the company to the investment community and also communicating Aptiv's strategic vision, portfolio evolution and shareholder value creation framework. Essential to her role will be responsibility for

coordination of all ESG and related activities, which includes increasing workforce diversity and achieving carbon neutrality by 2040.

ir.aptiv.com

Superior Essex Companies Partner with Waybridge on Agile Digitization

Superior Essex, Atlanta, GA, USA, the parent brand of Essex Furukawa Magnet Wire, Superior Essex Communications and Essex Brownell, has expanded its partnership with Waybridge, to continue the Vision 2030 efforts for Essex Furukawa Magnet Wire through agile digitization of its manufacturing plants in Europe, North America, and Malaysia. Superior Essex is one of the early adopters of Waybridge's platform, using the technology at



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EWPTE Draws Over 2500 Attendees to Milwaukee

The recent *Electrical Wire Processing Technology Expo (EWPTe)*, provided expanded networking and increased access to industry solutions that helped 2574 attendees address business challenges and prepare for the future. The 2022 event was produced for the first time by the **Wiring Harness Manufacturer's Association (WHMA)**, **IPC** and the **Wisconsin Center**.



to see machines, suppliers and tools in person to get a better understanding of the changing technology in wire processing. It allows me as a spectator to see new technology and machines in action that you can't see on a website or in a brochure. The variety of exhibitors and their products and services inspired me to think about other areas of my production and how I can improve them," said **Luke Morrill**, Manufacturing Engineer, **Peterson Engineering**.

The *EWPTe 2022* experience was also positive for the 156 exhibitors who showcased their products and services on 37,100 ft² of show floor. Total leads generated for exhibitors in 2022 were 8929 according to lead count data.

"The overall show experience met and, in some cases, exceeded our expectations," said **Greg Wasko**, EVP-Partner, **Mecal by Starn**. "We more than doubled our leads from any show previously."

EWPTe returns to the Wisconsin Center, May 16 to 18, 2023. www.electricalwireshow.com

"We were thrilled to reconvene and reconnect after a two-year hiatus," said **Joe DeMan** WHMA Board Chair. "We were back and better than ever! Our goal was for attendees and exhibitors to leave 'wired and inspired' and take their ideas and innovations developed on-site and turn them into real-world solutions and business opportunities." In workshops, seminars and technical conferences, attendees had access to new research on troubleshooting techniques, reliability, design, testing and harness automation. From survey responses, attendees clearly achieved their business objectives at the event. "EWPTe provides a great opportunity

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Prysmian Group to Build Fiber Network in Australia

Prysmian Group announces it will work with **Telstra** to build a new state-of-the-art intercapital fiber network in Australia.

The national fiber network project is a multi-year project that will see Telstra build a new "state-of-the-art inter-city dual fiber path" that adds up to 20,000 km of new fiber optic terrestrial cable, boosting inter-capital capacity, and capacity for regional areas.



Prysmian Group is Telstra's cable partner for this project. Prysmian and **Telstra InfraCo** undertook the development of a leading-edge optical cable system, leveraging on Prysmian's local R&D Lab. The Group invested to develop the next generation of high-strength, low-loss optical cable, featuring a highly ruggedized design, made for direct ploughing enabling long distance deployment in harsh local conditions. The cable design is combined with Prysmian's BendBright® G.657.A2 Low Loss fiber technology combining high performance with robustness.

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two of its North American magnet wire manufacturing plants in the USA and Mexico since August 2021. The expansion will incorporate Waybridge into nine new plants in Canada, Germany, Italy, Serbia, and the USA.

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Southwire's Burt Fealing receives Corporate Counsel Award

Burt Fealing, Southwire Executive Vice President and General Counsel, has recently received a



2022 Corporate Counsel Award in the General Counsel—Small Legal Department category from the Atlanta Business Chronicle.

"I am excited and thankful to be honored by the Atlanta Business Chronicle and members of the Georgia legal community with this award," said Fealing. "This is an example of how an organization, regardless of size, can serve as a strategic business partner to pursue success at all levels."

The Atlanta Business Chronicle, in partnership with the Association of Corporate Counsel, hosted the ninth

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Cerrowire's Stewart Smallwood to HACC Chair
Cerrowire®, Hartselle, AL, USA, President, **Stewart Smallwood**, has been named as **Hartselle Area Chamber of Commerce (HACC)** Chairman of the Board for the 2022-23 year during HACC's 45th Annual Meeting and Awards on May 6, 2022. He joined the HACC Board in 2020.



Smallwood brings 18 years of experience in managing and motivating his teams to work towards shared goals and results.
www.cerrowire.com

Clearfield to Acquire Nestor Cables Oy

Specialist in fiber management and connectivity platforms, **Clearfield, Inc.**, Minneapolis, MN, USA, has entered a definitive agreement to acquire Finnish company, **Nestor Cables Oy**, a leading developer and manufacturer of fiber optic cable solutions. The pending acquisition follows a long-standing, relationship between the companies, which have worked together for over a decade.
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New "WHMA Hall of Builders Award"

The **Wiring Harness Manufacturers Association (WHMA)**, Bannockburn, IL, USA, introduced a new industry award, the WHMA Hall of Builders Award, at the recent *Electrical Wire Processing Technology Expo (EWPTEx)* in Milwaukee, WI, USA.

The Hall of Builders Award was created to honor individuals from WHMA-member companies who have made significant contributions toward advancing the cable and wire harness industry. Hall of Builders inductees are industry veterans, leaders and mentors retiring from active employment, but whose legacies live on in the wire and cable industry, today.

Tom Andrasek, Sales Manager at **Pressmaster U.S.**, the first recipient of the WHMA Hall of Builders Award, epitomizes service and contribution to

the cable and wire harness industry. Andrasek was personally involved in the development and introduction of more than 500 discrete hand tool crimp solutions for the North American market, promoting quality crimp solutions for 37 years.

"Tom is known by colleagues as the godfather of connector crimping and educated connector manufacturers on how to achieve a 'quality crimp' while continuing to build the North American Market," said **Joe DeMan**, WHMA Board Chair. "We're thrilled to present him with the first Hall of Builders Award, and to thank him for his outstanding contributions to the cable and wire harness industry."

To nominate candidates for future WHMA Hall of Builders award, visit: whma.org/recognition/



annual Corporate Counsel Awards in celebration and recognition of the outstanding work done by in-house counsel throughout the city of Atlanta. The awards also emphasize the value that honorees add to their respective organizations.
www.southwire.com

Strongest Q1 for Prysmian

The Board of Directors of Prysmian SpA approved the Group's consoli-

dated results for the first quarter of 2022, and called the results the strongest Q1 for the company.

"This excellent start to the year was marked by re-**Prysmian Group** cord-high sales and profitability," said CEO Valerio Battista. "Our well-balanced business portfolio, diversified geographical footprint and efficient supply chain management continued to be strong drivers of resilience and

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HELUKABEL Group Makes Two Acquisitions

HELUKABEL, West Dundee, IL, USA, a leading international manufacturer and supplier of cables, wires and cable accessories, recently announced two acquisitions to further grow its core competency in the field of industrial automation. The two latest companies to join the **HELUKABEL Group** are **ekd gelenkrohr GmbH**, a drag chain manufacturer, and **Sangel Systemtechnik**, an industrial cable assembly manufacturer.

For the group, the acquisitions are important steps toward becoming an electrical system and solution provider. As of now, HELUKABEL is the only company in the world that manufactures both cables and wires as well as energy drag chains.

“Our goal is to supply customers not only with individual components, but with complete, pre-assembled and ready-to-use system assemblies,” says HELUKABEL CEO, **Marc Luksch**. “This means that the end-users have less work to do and can turn to one contact partner for all their questions related to connection technology.”

These new additions, combined with



HELUKABEL’s existing strengths in cable manufacturing and robotic protection systems engineering via its **Robotec Systems** subsidiary, enable it to broaden its international activities in automation cable system technology. www.helukabel.com



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Marmon Aerospace & Defense Breaks Ground on New Plant

Marmon Aerospace & Defense, located in Manchester, NH, USA, and a **Marmon/Berkshire Hathaway** company, has broken

ground on a new 80,000 ft² manufacturing facility in Hooksett, NH, USA.

Upon completion, by the fall of 2023, the plant is expected to bring an additional 20 production jobs to the area. The company will invest US\$30 million in the new facility, which will house a state-of-the-art manufacturing operation producing large shipboard power cables to support the **U.S. Navy** and its ship-building network. The new operation will complement the company’s current product line at its plants in nearby Manchester and in Naples, FL, USA.

“This new facility will broaden Marmon’s military shipboard cable product offerings, which already include power, data, instrumentation, control and communications cables,” said **Robert Canny**, Marmon Aerospace & Defense Group President. “We are pleased to make this investment in service to our customers, our team and our community.”

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growth. The Energy and Telecom business segments recorded particularly solid performance. The Projects segment, which secured over €1.4 billion in new contracts in

1Q, is expected to accelerate in the second half. We are confident we can achieve our announced 2022 full-year targets—the upper range of the adjusted EBITDA.”

Prysmian Group Sales amounted to €3,677 million, with a 11.4% organic growth. Adjusted EBITDA set an all-time record at €288 million in 1Q 2022 (€213 million in 2021). EBITDA was €285 million (€199 million in 2021). And Prysmian’s net Profit increased by 65.8% to €126 million (€76 million in 2021).

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Belden Names Distributor Value Award Winners

Belden is proud to announce the recipients of its 2021 Distributor Value Awards, which recognize Partner Alliance Distributors that live out at least one of Belden's six core values every day. These values emphasize results/continuous improvement and encourage employees and distribution partners to deliver great customer experiences. Each year, Belden sales teams nominate partners based on performance and activities from the prior year and winners are selected by the Belden Partner Alliance Committee. The awards are then presented to outstanding partners in each region. The past year's challenges, make these accomplishments even more impressive.

Americas Award Winners:

Accu-Tech, INS, Barnum, Graybar, IEWC, Digi-Key, Wesco, Noramco and OmniCable.



Asia Pacific Award Winners:

APS, ControlLogic, HITE, Ningbo Jetron, LHS and UL Group.

Europe, Middle East and Africa Award Winners:

Sanval Electronic, AL MAZ-ROUEI, RS Components, AJA Networking, PRODUS and ETN.

www.belden.com

New Board Member at Nortech Systems

Nortech Systems Inc., Minneapolis, MN, USA, report that David Graff was elected to Nortech's Board of Directors. Graff brings broad experience in financial leadership and global business strategy from companies in a variety of industries. ir.nortechsys.com



the HVDC power cable systems for the projects. These three local subcontractors are Hegmann Transit GmbH & Co., Bohlen & Doyen Bau GmbH and ea.R Energieanlagen Ramonat GmbH.

www.nkt.com

Dr. Jaymin Amin to CTO & Senior VP at Corning

Corning Inc., Corning, NY, USA, has announced the appointment of Dr. Jaymin Amin to Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer (CTO). Dr. Amin will report to Wendell Weeks, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and he will succeed retiring CTO, Dr. David Morse, whose contributions collectively have had a significant impact on Corning as well as the larger scientific community.

www.corning.com

NKT selects subcontractors for German corridor projects

NKT selects local subcontractors for the installation and logistics of the German corridor projects. In 2020, NKT was awarded a major part of the SuedLink and SuedOst-Link projects, which will enable the transport of renewable energy from the Northern part of Germany to the South. NKT now announces three local subcontractors supporting the logistics and cable installation of

Changes to LEONI Supervisory Board

In keeping with the stipulated cycle for new appointments, the Supervisory Board of LEONI AG has elected Klaus Rinnerberger as Chairman of the Supervisory Board during its constituent meeting. The Board appointed Franz Spiess as Deputy



LEONI AG Supervisory Board for 2022.

Chairman. Rinnerberger, Management Board Member of Pierer Industrie based in Wels, Austria, replaces departing Chairman of LEONI AG's Supervisory Board, Dr. Klaus Probst.

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UL Opens Its First Laboratory in Mexico

UL, a global safety science leader, has opened a new laboratory in Querétaro, Mexico, 221 km (137 miles) northwest of Mexico City. It is one of the first multi-national testing laboratories to open in Mexico. It tests for product safety and performance for the Mexico market, and for export to the USA, Canada and countries throughout Latin America.

"Today marks an exciting new day in our three-decade relationship with Mexico as we open UL's newest state-of-the-art lab in Querétaro," said **Jennifer Scanlon**, UL President/CEO. "Given our mission of working for a safer world, UL is dedicated to using its testing/certification expertise to help manufacturers in Mexico grow and prosper by helping to bring their innovations to market quickly and safely."

Located in the **Kaizen Industrial Park** complex and near the **Querétaro International Airport**, the new lab sits within one of Mexico's top

manufacturing hubs. The laboratory houses testing facilities for engineered materials, wire and cable, appliances, lighting, refrigeration and consumer technologies. With Mexico ranked as one of the world's top exporters in the automotive industry, UL's experts will utilize state-of-the-art customized equipment to provide automotive materials testing.

The lab offers local testing for the UL Mark for the USA and Canada. Upon accreditation approval, it will also offer the Normas Oficiales Mexicanas (NOM) mark in Mexico and Latin American testing services. latam.ul.com



Sales & Net Income Table

Company	Sales	%Δ	Net Income (Net Loss)	%Δ
Aptic PLC	4178	3.9	90	-70.0
Lear Corporation	5208	-2.7	49	-75.7
Nortech Systems Incorporatyed	31	39.1	0.14	108.9
Shawcor Ltd.*	268	-4.1	(7)	54.8

Latest Quarterly Sales/Net Income data in US\$ millions. % Δ relative to 2021 quarterly data. *Millions of Canadian Dollars

Quarterly Dividends Report...

- **Aptiv PLC**, Dublin, Ireland, declared a quarterly cash dividend of US\$1.375/share on 5.50% Series A Mandatory Convertible Preferred Shares, payable June 15, 2022, to holders of record on June 1, 2022.. ir.apativ.com
- **Encore Wire Corp.**, McKinney, TX, USA, declared a cash dividend of US\$0.02/share, payable July 15, 2022, to holders of record on July 1, 2022. www.encorewire.com
- **Lear Corp.**, Southfield, MI, USA, declared a quarterly cash dividend of US\$0.77/share, payable June 29, 2022 to holders of record on June 10, 2022. www.lear.com

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Remeo Wire & Cable's New Renewable Energy Cables for Solar and Wind Farms

Remeo Wire & Cable, located in Florida, NY, USA, is a leading maker of electronic wire and cables. Remeo Wire & Cable has now introduced its newly expanded line of Renewable Energy Cables, branded as Renewables™ by Remeo.

Renewables by Remeo have been specifically designed for power collection and distribution in solar and wind power generation systems. Remeo's experience in manufacturing rugged cables for use in many types of harsh outdoor environments provides assurance of signal integrity and continued performance.

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