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Prysmian Group Awarded \$900 Million HVDC Cable Systems Contract for USA's National Energy Grid

SOO Green HVDC Link has announced the selection of **Prysmian Group** as its preferred supplier of high-voltage direct current (HVDC) cable systems for this first-of-its-kind transmission project to be installed underground along existing railroad rights of way. The 2100-megawatt interregional project, considered the first link in a national clean energy grid, will connect two of the largest energy markets in the USA. By linking the Midwest



Independent System Operator (MISO) serving the central USA, to the eastern PJM Interconnection, SOO Green will deliver abundant, low-cost renewable energy to population centers from Chicago, IL, USA, to the mid-Atlantic region.

With a value of US\$900 million, Prysmian Group will provide state-of-the-art ±525 kV class HVDC cable to reliably and efficiently transmit enough renewable energy to power more than 1.2 million homes. The contract was finalized on June 25, 2021, and Prysmian will be responsible for the full turnkey project. Cable production for the project is expected to start in 2023, in Prysmian's Abbeville, SC, USA, www.prysmiangroup.com

Nexans Opens Cable Production Facility in China

Nexans, Paris, France, strengthens its global wind network and increases its production capacities to meet growing demand for clean energy and electricity. Nine months after Nexans opened a similar facility in Poland, it extends its presence in China and unveils a new cable harness production facility in the city of Tianjin. Marked by an official ceremony on June 30, 2021, the 3000 m² facility will increase Nexans' global production capacity to be able to produce more than one million harnessed cables every year. www.nexans.com



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Comtran Expands VITALink® Portfolio

Comtran, a member company of **Marmon Electrical**, and a leading provider of specialty cable and system solutions, has now expanded its industry-leading *UL 2196*-listed VITALink® product portfolio with the addition of coaxial cables. The cables are designed to support Emergency Responder Radio Communications Systems (ERRCS), ensuring the safety of emergency personnel as well as building occupants during a fire.



The first VITALink Coax product is a CCW armored cable. Available in 6 AWG, single conductor construction, it is rated to 50 Ohms and listed to *UL 2196*. Installation of VITALink Coax cables follows *UL FHIT/FHIT7* Systems 40C.

www.comtrancorp.com

TKH's TKF Wins Wind Farm Cable Contract

TKH announces a contract by **Vattenfall** to TKH subsidiary, **TKF**, for supply of 150 km 66 kV inter-array cables for the Hollandse Kust Zuid wind farm 1-2 in the North Sea. The contracted includes manufacture and delivery of 150 km of 66 kV aluminum core cables and accessories.

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AFL Presents Academic Scholarship Awards

Maker of fiber optic cable, accessories and equipment, **AFL**, Spartanburg, SC, USA, has presented three Naruse Academic Scholarship awards. Scholarships were awarded to **Megan Keller**, daughter of **Greg Keller**, AFL Customer Service Operations Manager at AFL; **Stephen Yang**, son of **Carine Yang**, Supervisor for AFL's Customer Support Center; and **Ben Shinoski**, son of **Jarrett Shinoski**, Production Development Engineer in AFL's Research and Development Division.

Each year, AFL awards a four-year scholarship to the son or daughter of a North American-based AFL associ-

ate entering a college or university. This award recognizes students that have stellar academics, achievements and community service, and provides US\$2000 per year for four years toward the cost of tuition, room/board, books and more. www.aflglobal.com



New NIEHOFF Magazine

Maschinenfabrik Niefhoff, manufacturer of machinery for the wire and cable industry, has released the latest issue of its customer magazine, *NIEHOFF Magazine*, with a feature article focusing on



megatrends and their effects on the wire and cable industry. Niefhoff also introduces two of its customers in the Russian-speaking markets in the current issue. These are the cable makers, SpetsKabel and Energokomplekt. Artem Andreevich Kosilov, a senior engineer-technologist at SpetsKabel, talks in an interview about the success strategy of SpetsKabel, while Energokomplekt, one of the five largest cable producers in the CIS countries,

is introduced in a company portrait.

And in this issue Niefhoff reveals some important facts about its rod breakdown machine type MSM 86 combined with the new continuous resistance annealer type R 562.

With the *NIEHOFF Magazine* two times a year, Niefhoff offers regular updates on company news, developments, trade fairs and other news. The magazine is available at the website below, and is published in English and German including articles in Chinese and Russian.

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IWCS Introduces Updated Look & Enhanced Experience

IWCS, Burke, VA, USA, develops a new brand image for its annual *Cable & Connectivity Industry Forum*, a premier technology event for the exchange of information and development of industry professionals/scholars. The new brand image pays homage to the industry leadership IWCS has established over the past 70 years. Modern imagery featuring connected cables is used to represent key aspects of the *Cable & Connectivity Industry Forum*: networking global industry leaders while exploring cutting-edge topics. This year marks the 70th annual IWCS event. Its long-standing history is a testament to the value that IWCS brings to the industry. The cornerstone of the *Cable & Connectivity Industry Forum* is the Technical Symposium, which features peer-reviewed pa-



pers and presentations highlighting technologies and trends in cable and connectivity. Additional components of the Forum are: Professional Development Courses, Executive Sessions, New Product Presentations, a Supplier Exhibition, and a Plenary Session featuring an influential Keynote Speaker. IWCS' updated look and enhanced experience include a revamped, mobile-friendly website, home to information regarding the 2021 *Virtual Cable & Connectivity Industry Forum*. Be sure to check out papers from the Technical Symposium archives and watch previously-recorded Webinars on-demand. www.iwcs.org



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Chroma Color Acquires Color Resource, LLC

Chroma Color Corporation of McHenry, IL, USA, has acquired **Color Resource LLC**, a manufacturer of color concentrates for the telecommunications, fiber, building, electronics and specialty wire markets. Color Resource's manufacturing plant is located in Leominster, MA, USA. The acquisition expands Chroma Color Corporation's current product offerings in the wire and cable marketplace and other key market segments.



www.chromacolors.com

R&M Debuts Single Pair Ethernet System

R&M, the global developer and provider of cabling systems for network infrastructures, based in Wetzikon, Switzerland, has launched the first complete SPE system on the market.



It comprises connectors and connection modules, installation cables and patch cords for building automation networks.

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as Regional Sales Manager in the Houston sales office. He will serve commercial and industrial distributors, contractors and engineers while working with manufacturers' reps in areas of Texas such as Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Beaumont, Victoria, Corpus and McAllen.



Also, Erika Hernandez has joined Service Wire as a Sales Representative, where she will be responsible for working with the pump and irrigation distributors and manufacturers' representatives in the USA states of Kentucky, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Washington,

Montana, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, California and Arizona.

www.servicewire.com

Belden announces strategic technology alliance

Belden, St. Louis, MO, USA, a leading global supplier of specialty networking solutions, has announced a new partnership with Dynics, a provider of factory automation, hardware and software solutions. This strategic technology alliance agreement will bring a robust cybersecurity solution to market with best-in-class technology to protect industrial networks.



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Radix Wire Adds Multiconductor Cable

Radix Wire & Cable announces the addition of SRS-SUPER J Multiconductor Cable to the SUPER J product line. SRS-Super J Cable is the line's first multiple conductor power and control cable, leveraging the benefits of SUPER J for many new applications. Reportedly, the toughest silicone rubber compound on the market, SUPER J products offer abrasion resistance up to seven-times better than the competition.



Introducing the SRS-Super J High Temperature Cable

SUPER J also features optimum cut-through properties, high flexibility, moisture/chemical resistance and a thin-wall 200°C wire design at much lower price. Radix Distribution Manager **Peter Thurstone** says, "SUPER J the safest, strongest and most cost-effective silicone wiring solution for high-temperature applications, and it's making drastic improvements for our customers' manufacturing processes. The addition of the SRS-SUPER J Cable will be of significance in the market."

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Kalas Honors Over 1000 Years of Service

This past year of social distancing and safety meant putting a pause on any in-person gatherings. Before 2020, **Kalas**, Lancaster, PA, USA, would celebrate several times a year its associates who'd reached milestone anniversaries of working at Kalas. It had been over a year since Kalas could gather all associates who reached a service anniversary of five years or more.

With the return of safely being together, the Kalas HR team coordinated a big two-day celebration for all of its associates who reached a memorable anniversary during 2020 and this first half of 2021. The service time of all Kalas associates honored at the event totaled more than 1000 years. Under a big tent, the company invited all honor-

ees and their supervisors for a time of celebration to honor and recognize their presence as a part of the Kalas family. Each honoree was specially thanked and was given space to share memories or comments from their time with Kalas. It was heard repeatedly how many of the company's long-tenured associates truly considered Kalas a family. There were also special memories shared of how much change had been seen over some 30 to 40+ years with Kalas. Kalas says it is humbly grateful for each individual that it gets to call family and wants to thank those who surpassed a meaningful anniversary over this past year and a half. Kalas says thank you to these honorees and is so grateful to call them family. www.kalawire.com



the journey to digitally transform their industrial networks, the need for resilient and reliable cybersecurity solutions continues to increase.

The Belden/Dynics partnership will offer protection against such attacks, joining proven technologies that deliver a secure firewall management solution for discrete manufacturing sub-verticals such as automotive and consumer-packaged goods manufacturing.

www.belden.com

HUBER+SUHNER expects increase in sales and profits

The business development of HUBER+SUHNER was reportedly

very positive in the first months of the current year. For the first half of 2021, the company expects sales to increase by more than 10% compared to the same period last year. HUBER+SUHNER expects to achieve an EBIT margin of around 12% for the first half of 2021, which

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NKT Wins Contract & Completes Projects

NKT has entered a Preferred Supplier Agreement (PSA) as the main contractor for delivery and installation of high-voltage DC on and offshore export cable systems to the third phase of the world's largest offshore wind farm, Dogger Bank C. NKT secured the contract award with project owners **Equinor** (50%) and **SSE Renewables** (50%).

NKT has also completed high-voltage power cable replacement for a Swedish hydropower plant. A new 400 kV high-voltage power cable from NKT is now bringing renewable energy from the Letsi hydropower plant to the Swedish power grid after a successful replacement operation.



NKT has also finalized the repair operation of the Kontiskan-1 interconnector between Denmark and Sweden.

Power grid interconnection is central to the exchange of renewable energy across Europe, and for Denmark and Sweden the Kontiskan-1 power cable system is part of the infrastructure connecting their power grids. When a fault was detected on the 285 kV HVDC power cable system, Swedish grid operator, **Svenska Kraftnät**, reached to NKT, which found the fault and repaired it at the end of March 2021. www.nkt.com

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JDR Wins Subsea Cable Contract in Germany

JDR, Hartlepool, UK, the global subsea umbilical supplier and servicer, owned by the **TFKable Group**, has won a contract by **Parkwind** to supply,



test and terminate 33 kV sub-sea cables for the Arcadis Ost 1 offshore wind farm in Germany. JDR will supply 45 km of 33 kV array cable to connect the 27 wind turbines. It will also provide technicians, tooling and test equipment for the testing and termination of the array cable. JDR won the contract through a competitive tender due to strong technical capabilities and breadth of offshore experience.

Wojtek Skoczylas, Chief Sales Officer at JDR, said, "The German Baltic sea is a central hub for the offshore wind industry, and we can see it going from strength to strength. Just last year, German North Sea wind farms produced more electricity in one year than ever before. So, we're not only delighted to be a part of this growth, but we're also proud to mark our first contract with Parkwind, providing the innovative solutions and technical expertise of our team to help deliver success for their first international offshore wind project."

www.jdr cables.com

represents a strong increase compared to the previous year's figure of 6.7%. The forceful development of demand is broadly based by market segments.

The overall outlook for the full year remains positive, although uncertainties persist. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is not yet over in some regions and the increase in demand in many industries is reflected in higher raw material prices and potential bottlenecks in supply chains. Provided the situation on the sourcing side and on the currency front remains stable, HUBER+SUHNER is forecasting double-digit sales growth now also for the full year, with an operating margin slightly above the medium-term EBIT target range of 8% to 10%.

HUBER+SUHNER will present the detailed first half-year results at the media and analysts' conference on August 17, 2021.

www.hubersuhner.com

David Graf to VP & Group President of Carpenter's SAO Business Segment

Carpenter Technology Corp., Philadelphia, PA, USA, has recently announced that Dr. David Graf has been appointed to lead Carpenter Technology's Specialty Alloys Operations (SAO) business segment as Vice President and Group President—SAO, effective July 1, 2021.



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Technology's Specialty Alloys Operations (SAO) business segment as Vice President and Group President—SAO, effective July 1, 2021.

Since joining Carpenter Technology in 2018 as Chief Technology Officer (CTO), Dr. Graf has been instrumental in driving improvements in multiple disciplines. As CTO, Dr. Graf increased the focus of the research and development organization on strategic alignment with commercial targets, resulting in higher value and customer-driven research and development investments as well as accelerated innovation.

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Nexans to Supply Power Cable for Viking Wind Farm

Nexans of Paris, France, has been awarded a multi-million euro contract by **SSE Renewables** to supply 800 km of underground cables that will make the vital power connections for the Viking Wind Farm. The wind farm on Shetland in the North Atlantic, 170 km from the coast of Scotland, is scheduled to go online in 2024. With a peak output of 443 MW, it will provide enough renewable energy for almost half a million homes and play a crucial role in helping Scotland achieve its net-zero targets.



The Viking Wind Farm will have 103 wind turbines set around the central mainland of Shetland. The 33 kV underground cables from Nexans will link the wind turbine arrays together and then export the power to the main substation for feeding into the interconnector that will transfer it to the UK grid. The 650 km of underground cables to be supplied by Nexans are a single core design with cross-linked polyethylene (XLPE) insulation.

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AEI Cables Wins Contract for Hong Kong Airport

Industry leader, UK-based **AEI Cables** has been awarded a multi-million dollar contract to supply low-voltage power and fire performance cables to the prestigious Sky City project at **Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA)**.



The supply of the cables for power, control and fire performance for the commercial and retail sector of the site starts in September 2021 and will continue until early next year. AEI Cables will work in partnership with its long-term Hong Kong distributor, **Fordex Electric Company Limited**, for the project located at Chek Lap Kok No. 3. A major integrated commercial development, Sky City forms a core part of the strategy to expand and transform HKIA into a major aviation hub. The complex will feature retail units, enter-

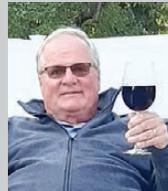
tainment facilities, dining space, hotels and office towers at the north of the airport island. Using the very latest in technology and science, AEI Cables' Firetec Total Fire Solutions range offers enhanced fire performance cabling, accessories and technical support from its distribution facility at Washington, Tyne and Wear. Learn more by visiting the AEI Cables website. www.aeicables.co.uk



Obituary: Ronald Reed

The **Wire & Cable Manufacturers Alliance, Inc. (WCMA)** sadly announces that **Ronald Reed**, 65, passed away on June 24, 2021, after a brief bout with cancer. He leaves a 40-year legacy including career and leadership positions at industry trade associations.

Reed began his career as Controller for **Helix Wire**, Leominster, MA, USA, holding that position between 1982 and 1989, and also through 1991 after Helix was acquired by **NEK Cable**. He served briefly as CFO for **Pace Wire and Cable** until 1993 when he was asked to start a wire and cable facility for **Horizon Music**, called **Horizon Wire**. Reed served as General Manager at Horizon until 2011, at which time he took



the opportunity to become an Owner/Partner and President of **Lloyd & Bouvier**, Clinton, MA, USA, his most recent position. For **Wire Association International (WAI)**, Reed served on various committees, the Board of Directors and was a Charter member of the New England Chapter. Reed served on WAI's Executive Committee, then was elected President in 2008. He received WAI's Donnellan Memorial Award in 2012. Reed received the WCMA's Distinguished Career Award in 2010. He was elected and served as a WCMA Board Member from 2016 to 2020. Reed asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the **Breshnahan Center** in Ashburnham, MA, USA, and/or the **Ashburnham Lions Club**. www.wcmainc.org



Nexans to release half-year 2021 earnings on July 28, 2021

Paris, France-based Nexans will publish its half-year 2021 earnings on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at

7 AM CET. The press release and presentation will be available on the Nexans website listed below. Christopher Guérin, CEO and Jean-Christophe Juillard, CFO, will host a conference call in English starting



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at 9 AM CET also on July 28, 2021. Please find the access details:

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A conference replay will be available on the Nexans website.

www.nexans.com

Prysmian Group expanding its Ontario, Canada facility

Prysmian Group has announced a US\$7 million expansion to its Prescott, Ontario, Canada facility.

The expansion will add a world-class distribution center to the manufacturing facility to provide efficiencies, simplify logistics and deliver the continued exceptional service that customers require and expect for all of their wire and cable needs. The facility produces a wide range of medium and low-voltage energy cables and is ideally located to serve both the Canadian and the northeast USA market.

This represents a significant investment in the company's Canadian operations and will strengthen service to customers, while adding 15 or more jobs to the area.

www.prysmiangroup.com

Lear wins GM supplier awards

Lear Corporation, Southfield,

MI, USA,, a global automotive technology leader in Seating and E-Systems, has been recognized as a GM Supplier of the Year during General Motors' 29th annual Supplier of the Year ceremony. This is the 20th time Lear has received the Supplier of the Year award.



Lear was also honored with the Overdrive award for developing innovative second-row seating functionality in GM's full-size trucks and creating the Lear Safe Work Playbook and sharing it with the industry. Lear was one of only 26 companies to be selected in 2020 as an Overdrive winner—a distinction reserved for suppliers who display outstanding achievement within GM's Global Purchasing and Supply Chain organization.

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Conference Calls & Webcasts...

- **Insteel Industries Inc.**, Mount Airy, NC, USA, announced that a Q3 2021 earnings conference call will be webcast live on July 22, 2021, at 10 AM ET. The conference call can be accessed on the company's website at: insteelgcs.gcs-web.com

Quarterly Dividends Report...

- **Corning Incorporated**, Corning, NY, USA, declared a quarterly dividend of US\$0.24/common stock share, payable Sept. 29, 2021, to shareholders of record on Aug. 31, 2021. www.corning.com
- **Freeport-McMoran Inc.**, Phoenix, AZ, USA, declared a cash dividend of US\$0.075/common stock share, payable Aug. 2, 2021, to stockholders of record on Jul. 15, 2021. investors.fx.com

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Prysmian Awarded Major Contract for Submarine Power Cable Links

Prysmian Group was awarded a major contract by the Turkish utility, **TEIAS**, for design, supply, installation and commissioning of two high-voltage submarine power cable links, one between Europe and Asia, the other across the Izmit Gulf in Asia. The contract was signed in June 2021, and completion of both projects is expected by 2023.



The first project, Dardanelles III, includes design, supply, installation and commissioning of the third HV submarine power cable link between Europe and Asia across the Dardanelles strait in Turkey. The cable link is a double circuit, rated 1000 MW for each circuit and extends over 4.2 km. The second project, Izmit Gulf Crossing, includes design, supply, installation and commissioning of a HV submarine power cable link to be installed nearby the Osman Gazi Bridge, in the Izmit Gulf, Turkey. The link is a double circuit, rated 1000 MW for each circuit extending 14 km.

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Wire & Cable Guangzhou 2021 to Be Postponed

In response to a recent wave of COVID-19 cases in Guangzhou, China, *Wire and Cable Guangzhou*, originally scheduled to be held from July 21 to 23, 2021, at the **China Import and Export Fair Complex**, will be postponed.

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The People's Government of Guangzhou Municipality released a set of guidelines about prevention and control measures including suspension of all large-scale events. Following the government's guidance, the show's organizers have decided to postpone the fair. The new dates will be announced. www.wire-cable-china.com

Interwire: Support, Registration & Industry 4.0 Pavilion

Wire Association International (WAI) announces participation of 20 company sponsors that support *Interwire 2021* and WAI's 91st Annual Convention, being held October 26 to 27, 2021, at the **Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC)**, Atlanta, GA, USA. Guests will be able to explore the technologies associated with Industry 4.0—the theme for the event—by visiting the Industry 4.0 pavilion, various exhibits, presentations and briefings on the topic.



Interwire 2021 registration is now open at the website below. Since all activities will be held on the exhibit floor, registration includes

the Industry 4.0 sessions, exhibits, keynote, production solutions and welcome reception. Advance registration pricing is WAI member: US\$75; New WAI member: US\$140; and Nonmember: US\$175.

Registration for the hybrid Fundamentals of Wire Manufacturing course is separate with advance rates: WAI member: US\$295; New WAI member: US\$395; and Nonmember: US\$445.

WAI also announces the "Industry 4.0 Pavilion", which will show how machine learning, automation, AI, big data, analytics, IoT, predictive maintenance and other factory/machine enhancements can positively affect how wire is made and how well manufacturers compete. www.interwire21.com

AMI Launches In-Person Cables 2021 Program

AMI has released the program for its leading European *Cables 2021* conference, in-person in Cologne, Germany, September 14 to 16, 2021.



This live conference follows a number of virtual events, and will be the 21st edition of one of AMI's longest running events. *Cables 21* will offer discussion on the latest market information, growing end-use applications, innovations in materials, testing procedures and cable manufacturing processes. Industry-leading speakers will be featured along with a variety of networking opportunities.

www.ami.ltd/event-cables

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August 31, 2021 – September 2, 2021

WireShow 2021, Shanghai, China
www.wire-cable-china.com

September 14 – 16, 2021

Cables 2021, Cologne, Germany
www.ami.ltd/event-cables

October 4 – 8, 2021

IWCS Virtual Cable & Connectivity Industry Forum, www.iwcs.org

October 5 – 7, 2021

wire South America 2021
Sao Paulo, Brazil
www.wire-south-america.com

October 26 – 27, 2021

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November 8 – 10, 2021

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