nkt cable Closes Divestment to Wilms & ABB Acquisition; Sets New World-Record on 640 kV DC Cable System

In Autumn 2016, nkt cables, Cologne, Germany, entered into an agreement to divest its automotive cable activities to a subsidiary of the Germany-based Wilms Group. The necessary regulatory approvals of the transaction have been received and the Wilms Group took ownership on April 30, 2017. The transaction comprises a plant in Vrchlabí, Czech Republic, with around 400 employees, where automotive, flexible and special cables are manufactured.

nkt cables also announced the closing of the acquired ABB HV cables activities on March 1, 2017, which allows the company to now provide an updated 2017 financial outlook including the impact from the acquired ABB activities.

Also, a new world-record 640 kV extruded DC Direct Current cable system has been successfully tested and qualified by nkt cables. The commercialization of the first 640 kV extruded DC underground system with advanced material technology will increase the maximum power transmission of cable systems by 20% and allow better integration of distant renewable energy sources into global energy systems. www.nktcables.com

LS Cable & System Secures Power Cable Manufacturing Base in the USA & Announces Spending and Sales Plans

LS Cable & System, Seoul, Korea, has announced that it will take over a power cable plant in North Carolina from its USA-based subsidiary, Superior Essex Inc. The company plans to spend US$24.6 million in total to establish LS Cable & System U.S.A in Taboro, NC, USA.

Superior Essex is the world’s number one winding wire maker and North America’s number one communication cable maker. The company has 17 factories in seven countries such as the USA, Germany and Italy and is headquartered in Atlanta, GA, USA. It posted US$1.74 billion in sales last year.

After entering the power cable market in 2012, Superior Essex completed its power cable plant near the existing communication cable plant in Taboro. It produces medium-voltage (MV) and low-voltage (LV) cables, which are generally used in apartments, houses and factories. It reported sales of US$52 million last year, which accounts for about 1% of the MV and LV cable market in the USA.

LS Cable & System aims to quadruple its USA manufacturing sales by 2021. To do this, the firm plans to maximize the use of its sales connection with USA power authorities and expand beyond its east presence towards the west.

LS Cable & System CEO, Myung Roe-hyun, said, “As LS Cable & System has secured its power cable manufacturing base in the USA, the company can now brace for the USA’s protectionist policies and expect benefits from infrastructure investment expansion at the same time.” www.lscns.com
New NEMA Cable Standards
The National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), Rosslyn, VA, USA, has published a new Cable Standards Set. For power/utility products and telecommunication products, the set contains all nine NEMA, ANSI, and ICEA wire/cable standards and is available for US$999 in hard copy or is downloadable. NEMA also revised its NEMA RV 2-2016 standard on how to properly install nonmetallic-sheathed cable (NM-B) and underground feeder and branch circuit (UF-B) cables/systems. It offers guidance to installers and code enforcement personnel.

www.NEMA.org

ABB Electric Car Chargers Installed in Scotland
ABB electric vehicle charging technology has been installed in Edinburgh, Scotland, at two strategic points on Scotland’s road network. Two ABB Terra 53 CJG multi-standard rapid chargers rated at 50 kW and a 22 kW AC charge point supplied by ICU have been installed at South Queensferry and Ingliston as an extension of the ChargePlace Scotland network of electric vehicle charge points.

www.abb.com

IPC membership in Europe now over 600 company sites
IPC (Association Connecting Electronics Industries) membership in Europe has grown to more than 600 member sites in 34 European countries. Last March, IPC opened an office in Brussels, which delivers the full suite of IPC products and services including member support, standards development activities, educational opportunities, public policy advocacy and more to all members in Europe. And with new initiatives in standards development, IPC is working with design and assembly task groups and the European automotive industry on developing a press-fit standard.

IPC is also committed to better serving its European members by delivering added value in education and advocacy. In June, IPC will host its fourth annual IPC Reliability Forum in Düsseldorf, Germany. And with the Wire Harness Manufacturer’s Association (WHMA), IPC will launch the IPC/WHMA European Wire Harness Manufacturing Conference in October 2017 in Paris, France. And in November 2017, IPC will hold its second “IMPACT” advocacy event in Brussels.

www.ipc.org

New products & project developments at TEKTAPES™
Anish Metrani, CEO of TEKTAPES™, Sneham International Group, reports new products developed by TEKTAPES include Butyl Rubber Semi-Conductive Tape, Poly Fiber Glass Flame- Retardant Binder Tape, Adhesive Seawater Grade Water-Blocking Tape, Woven Glass Water-Blocking Tape and Poly Fiber Glass Binder Tape.

Metrani said, “In addition to expanding our product lines, we are...”
Currently engaged in a strategic partnership with TDK Japan, AT&S, Amphenol and Andrew Telecommunications to deliver our masking and wire harness technology products. We are working closely with Goodrich Aerospace and Gardner Aerospace to cater to safety products and powder coating processes. Later this year, we plan to launch our metal tapes division focused on aluminum and then copper tapes for wire and cable applications.”

www.tektapes.com

EIS acquires Empire Wire and Supply

EIS, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Genuine Parts Company (GPC), has acquired Empire Wire and Supply, of Rochester Hills, MI, USA. Empire distributes network, electrical, automation and safety products as well as provides custom cable assemblies. Empire also has service locations in Grand Rapids, MI, USA; Cincinnati, OH, USA; and Ontario, Canada.

Larry Griffin, EIS President/CEO said, “This acquisition will strengthen our penetration of the cable and custom assembly business and is an important business building opportunity for the Genuine Cable Group and EIS as we expand into industrial robotics and automation.”

www.eis-inc.com

C&M adds American reps

C&M Corporation, Dayville, CT, USA, has announced that it recently added seven new sales representative firms to further extend the geographic reach of its sales force. Leveraging each organization’s deep industry relationships will allow C&M to improve coverage and provide enhanced customer support in key regions and core markets. The newest sales representative firms include Power-Rep, JAG Electrical Sales, Brandel Stephens, AESI, Northland Power Sales, Sunbelt Components, and English Technical Sales Southwest.

www.cmccorporation.com

Union Wire Rope celebrates 100 years

Union Wire Rope, Prairie Village, KS, USA, a WireCo WorldGroup Brand, announces its 100th year as an industry leader in the design and manufacture of wire ropes and assemblies. Union products deliver high service and unmatched support worldwide. Along with oil and gas applications, Union’s products are used in construction, logging, industrial and surface mining.

Union has a rich history dating back to just before the USA entered World War I. Commodity prices were steadily increasing and headlines such as “Oil Prices Bound to Soar” were typical. Industries were experiencing shortages of supplies and rising prices. The lack of wire rope had become so acute that drilling and production of petroleum products were threatened.

Legend has it that a group of men were playing poker at the Tulsa Club, in the basement of the Tulsa Club, in the basement of the Tulsa May 5, 2017

New Partnership Between Carris Reels and REELEX

REELEX Packaging Solutions, Patterson, NY, USA, has reached an agreement to partner with Carris Reels, Proctor, VT, USA, to make, sell and distribute the plastic REELEX payout tubes used in every REELEX® Package. For over 30 years, REELEX has been the sole distributor of payout tubes across the globe, and has sold the injection-molded parts through its Patterson facility. Starting in May 2017, REELEX has begun transitioning licensees to purchase and receive its payout tubes through Carris. By mid-year, REELEX will not sell or distribute REELEX packaging materials.

REEXE’s lineup of injection-molded parts used in packaging REELEX coils.

Timothy Copp, REELEX VP, said, “As a leader in wire and cable packaging consumables, Carris Reels shares the same mutual customers as REELEX, which means that from the customer’s perspective, the switch is simple.” Initially, Carris will produce and distribute from its Vermont site, but later in 2017 will begin stocking high-volume inventory at its facilities closer to customers.

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JDR to Supply EA1 Wind Farm

JDR has won a contract by VBMS (UK) Ltd. to supply intra-array cables for ScottishPower Renewables’ East Anglia One (EA1) offshore wind farm. The contract, the industry’s first commercial 66 kV array cable project to date, will see JDR design/produce 155 km of array cables including end terminations. JDR will provide a cable management system at each offshore wind turbine generator for a 66 kV topside connection to the switchgear cables. www.jdr cables.com

General Cable Wins Energy Innovation Award

The Edison Awards™, celebrating 30 years of honoring the best in innovation and excellence in the development of new products and services, announced that General Cable, Highland Heights, KY, USA, was voted a Gold Winner for Innovation in the Energy and Sustainability Category at the April 20, 2017, awards event at The Capitale in New York City, NY, USA. General Cable President/CEO, Mike McDonnell, joined senior executives from some of the world’s most recognized companies to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of all of the 2017 Edison Awards winners.

“Innovation has been at the core of our company culture for over 170 years,” said McDonnell. “Being named as an Edison Awards Gold Winner further validates General Cable as a leader and innovator of solutions to our customers’ needs for safer, more efficient and more effective transport of power and data. We are excited to be the first wire and cable company to receive this prestigious award in the 30-year history of the Edison Awards.”

Sri Sriripurapu, VP, Technology, General Cable, said, “This award is a culmination of the cross functional E3X® product development team’s perseverance and unwavering support from our utility customers who have successfully deployed this technology.”

“Our judges recognized General Cable and its TransPowr® Overhead Conductors with E3X Technology as a true innovator out of the many products in its category,” said Frank Bonafilia, Executive Director of the Edison Awards. www.generalcable.com

Karl Kirschenhofer to COO at Radio Frequency Systems

Radio Frequency Systems (RFS), Nozay, France, a global designer and manufacturer of cable, an-
R&M invests in & strengthens its position in Brazil

The Swiss cabling specialist, R&M, has acquired the fiber optic activities of Brazilian group, Pelletier Comércio e Indústria LTDA (PETCOM), in Santa Rita do Sapucaí, Minas Gerais.

A leading supplier of advanced fiber optic solutions, PETCOM will remain in the regional market offering turnkey system solutions for CCTV and optical fiber communication applications.

R&M reinforces its market position in the area of structured cabling systems for data centers in Brazil and also gets access to the growing public networks market. With its combined solution portfolio, R&M can ideally cover the data center, LAN and public network segments. www.rdm.com

Prysmian: UK Expansion, Training Center & Contract

Prysmian Group, Milan, Italy, reports its Wrexham, UK facility has expanded its product offering to now include 33 kV and 66 kV submarine cable cores for inter-array cable connections in offshore wind farms. Prysmian also inaugurated its Training Center at the new Milan headquarters. The classrooms will host courses of Prysmian Group Academy, the group’s corporate university begun in 2012. Prysmian also signed a contract for the annual supply of standard and special optical fibers to Tratos, which will use the fiber in its cables for the development of ultra-broadband and FTTH networks in Italy and abroad. www.prysmiangroup.com

Hanson to Lead Southwire Canada

As Axel Schlumberger moves into new responsibilities in the Power Systems & Solutions group, Kelly Hanson has become Senior VP and President of Southwire Canada. In this role, she will manage sales, marketing and support operations, all of which are based in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. Hanson most recently served as VP of Marketing for Southwire’s Power Systems & Solutions group. www.southwire.com

NEMA EBCI: current & future indexes down, but still strong

For the second month, the current and future conditions of NEMA’s Electroindustry Business Conditions Index (EBCI), matched exactly, as both edged down from 76.5 in March 2017 to April’s reading of 73.5. Despite identical top line values, the underlying response patterns diverged. For current conditions, 53% of respondents reported better conditions this month, down from 59% in March. And the share of panelists noting unchanged conditions increased 6 percentage points to 41% in April, while those seeing worse conditions held steady at 6%.

The EBCI’s measure of intensity of business condition change showed improvement, and a wider range of responses from last month, as the mean score moved up by a tenth of a point to +0.8 in April while the median value remained at +1. In March, reported intensity values ranged from -1 to +2, but widened to include a minimum value of -2 and a top end of +3 this month.

As federal policy makers settle into a “new normal”, the current...
New Platform for PVC Cables Value Chain

PVC4cables was recently launched in Brighton, UK, at the PVC 2017 Conference. PVC4cables is the new ECVM’s platform dedicated to the PVC cables value chain. It brings together the producers of PVC resins, stabilizers and plasticizers, and it is open for participation by PVC compounders and PVC cable producers. PVC4cables intends to act as a driver for environmentally responsible innovations in the PVC cables sector and as a focal point for dialogue with all stakeholders including compounders and cable producers, regulators, specifiers, installers, electricians, media and the general public. The objective of the initiative is to proactively engage in the promotion of PVC cables, highlighting their contribution to sustainable development as well as their technical and functional benefits for final users and consumers. “The PVC cables value chain is engaged in the research and development of new formulations to ensure maximum safety and protection of the environment and the health of users and consumers. Thanks to the European PVC industry’s sustainability programs, the PVC cables value chain is well positioned to steadily move towards a true model of circular economy,” said Carlo Ciotto, who is President of the Italian PVC Forum and PVC4cables Spokesperson. www.pvc4cables.com

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USA DOC investigates wire rod imports from multiple nations

On April 18, 2017, the Department of Commerce (DOC) announced the initiation of antidumping duty (AD) investigations of imports of carbon and alloy steel wire rod from Belarus, Italy, Korea, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom, and companion countervailing duty (CVD) investigations of imports of carbon and alloy steel wire rod from Italy and Turkey.

The AD and CVD laws provide USA businesses and workers with an internationally accepted mechanism to seek relief from the market-distorting effects caused by injurious dumping and unfair subsidization of imports into the USA, establishing an opportunity to compete on a level playing field.

The petitioners for the investigation are Gerdau Ameristeel US Inc. (FL), Nucor Corporation (NC), Keystone Consolidated Industries (TX) and Charter Steel (WI). The merchandise covered includes certain hot-rolled products of carbon steel and alloy steel in coils of approximately round cross section, less than 19.00 mm in actual solid cross-sectional diameter. Specifically excluded are steel products technically excluded are steel products less than 19.00 mm in actual solid round cross section, less than 19.00 mm in actual solid round cross section.

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POURTIER & SETIC of America Joins WCISA®

The newest member of WCISA® (Wire & Cable Industry Suppliers Association®), Akron, OH, USA, is POURTIER & SETIC of America (Gauder Group, Inc.), Greensboro, NC, USA. Contact Roger L. Brown, North American Sales Manager at POURTIER & SETIC of America by telephone at +1 336 856 8176 or by emailing rlb@gaudergroup.com.

POURTIER & SETIC of America (Gauder Group, Inc.) is a member of the European-based Gauder Group, which owns a full portfolio of brands that meet wire and cable industry needs. The Gauder Group now promotes sales of its POURTIER and SETIC product range under the name, POURTIER & SETIC of America, to cover the USA and Canadian markets for all group products, especially its rotating machines and services. This product line includes POURTIER’s rigid stranders and drum twisters for producing low, medium and high-voltage cable and conductor as well as SETIC’s large and small double twist bunchers and line of machines for producing LAN and special cable.

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CommScope joins Smart Cities Council as a Lead Partner

“The United Nations estimates that 70% of the world population will be urban by 2050, which means cities will need to have infrastructure in place to support ‘supercity’ growth and densification,” said Morgan Kurk, CTO at CommScope, Hickory, NC, USA.

Today there are over 250 smart cities projects in progress globally, according to Navigant Research, and that number is expected to increase significantly over the next several years.

CommScope has become a Lead Partner of the Smart Cities Council to help transform cities and support growth of digital technology and intelligent solutions.

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www.commscope.com

Quarterly Dividends Report...

- Carlisle Companies Incorporated, Scottsdale, AZ, USA, has declared a quarterly dividend of US$0.35 per share, payable June 1, 2017 to shareholders of record at close of business on May 12, 2017. www.carlisle.com

- Corning Inc., Corning, NY, USA, has declared a quarterly dividend of US$0.155 per common share, payable June 30, 2017, to shareholders of record on May 31, 2017. www.corning.com

- Delphi Automotive, Gillingham, England, has declared a quarterly dividend of US$0.29 per share, payable May 24, 2017, to shareholders of record at close of business on May 10, 2017. www.delphi.com

- HUBER+SUHNER AG of Switzerland, issued a dividend of CHF 1.25 per share, paid April 11, 2017. www.hubersuhner.com

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 bearing steel or concrete reinforcing bars and rods. Also excluded are free-cutting steel products. The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) will make its preliminary injury determinations by May 12, 2017.

If the ITC determines that these imports materially injure or threaten material injury to the domestic industry in the USA, the investigations will continue, and the DOC will announce preliminary CVD determinations in June 2017 and preliminary AD determinations in September 2017.

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Wire & Cable Guangzhou & Concurrent Energy Events

Wire & Cable Guangzhou 2017, June 9 to 11, 2017, at the China Import and Export Complex in Guangzhou, China, will be held in conjunction with Electric Power and Smart Grid Expo Asia and Asia New Energy Vehicles Charging Piles Fair. Collectively, the fairs will showcase new wire, cable, optical fiber cables and machines, and EV, power grid and telecommunications products.

Wire & Cable Asia Forum 2017 on the first two days of Wire & Cable Guangzhou, will share industry insights and innovations.

www.wire-cable-china.com

CRU’s Conference in Germany

CRU’s 11th Wire & Cable Conference, July 17 to 19, 2017, will open with shared plenary sessions and then split into streams on the separate energy cable and communication cable issues. Sessions will cover the future of renewable energy, connected living, automotive electronics and subsea wire/cable. Also, presentations by:

- Rich Stinson of Southwire
- Roberto Candela of Prysmian
- Arnd Kulaczewski of Niehoff
- Oliver Schlodder of nkt Cable
- Hasegawa Takashi of Sumitomo
- Max Yates of Credit Suisse

Allied Wire & Cable Wins Award

Allied Wire & Cable, Collegeville, PA, USA, won the 2017 National Small Business Exporter’s Summit Award as an Outstanding Exporter. The National Small Business Exporter’s Summit meets each year on World Trade Day. Allied was nominated and awarded as an Outstanding Exporter for 2017. The summit recognizes top small and medium-sized business exporters in the USA.

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ZTT Helps in Constructing Bare Electric Conductor Standard

ZTT Group, Zhengzhou, China, attended the "National Bare Electric Conductor Standardization Technical Committee" organized by Shanghai Electric Cable Research Institute.

As the draft writing enterprise, ZTT participated in examination/reexamination of multiple national and industrial standardization projects. ZTT has directed or set some 186 industrial, national and international standards.

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