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(Mark One)

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008

OR

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from _____ to _____.

**Commission file number: 1-12983
GENERAL CABLE CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

Delaware
*(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)*

06-1398235
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4 Tesseneer Drive
Highland Heights, KY
(Address of principal executive offices)

41076-9753
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (859) 572-8000
Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value

New York Stock Exchange

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.
Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the
Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was
required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation of S-K (§229.405 of this
chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy
or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form
10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated
filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes
 No

The aggregate market value of the registrant's Common Stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$3,089.7 million at June 30, 2008 (based upon non-affiliate holdings of 51,892,443 shares and a market price of \$59.54 per share).

As of February 20, 2009, there were 51,942,438 shares of the registrant's Common Stock outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:

Portions of the definitive Proxy Statement for the registrant's Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after December 31, 2008 have been incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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General Cable Corporation (the Company) is a global leader in developing, designing, manufacturing, marketing, distributing and installing copper, aluminum and fiber optic wire and cable products. The Company is a Delaware corporation and was incorporated in April 1994. The Company and its predecessors have served various wire and cable markets for over 150 years. The Company's immediate predecessor was a unit of American Premier Underwriters, Inc. (American Premier), previously known as The Penn Central Corporation. American Premier acquired the Company's existing wire and cable business in 1981 and significantly expanded the business between 1988 and 1991 by acquiring Carol Cable Company, Inc. and other wire and cable businesses and facilities. In June 1994, a subsidiary of Wassall PLC acquired the predecessor by purchase of General Cable's outstanding subordinated promissory note, the General Cable common stock held by American Premier and a tender offer for the publicly-held General Cable common stock. Between May and August 1997, Wassall consummated public offerings for the sale of all of its interest in General Cable's common stock. The Company has operated as an independent public company since completion of the offerings.

On October 31, 2007, the Company purchased the worldwide wire and cable business of Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold, Inc., which operated as Phelps Dodge International Corporation (PDIC). The acquisition was completed as part of the Company's strategy to expand globally into energy and electrical infrastructure markets. With more than 50 years of experience in the wire and cable industry, PDIC manufactures a full range of electric utility, electrical infrastructure, construction and communication products. PDIC serves developing countries and customers in sectors that offer better growth opportunity over time than the developed world. In addition to its manufacturing capabilities, PDIC provides a global network of management, development, design, distribution, marketing assistance, technical support and engineering and purchasing services to contractors, distributors, and public and private utilities. The transaction created the need to manage operations on a geographic basis and therefore, effective November 1, 2007 the Company realigned its management structure along geographic lines.

Consistent with the management structure of the Company, external reportable segments are aligned into three segments: (1) North America, (2) Europe and North Africa, and (3) Rest of World (ROW), which consists of operations in Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle East and Asia Pacific. These segments are discussed below and additional financial information regarding the segments appears in Note 16 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. Items 1, 1A, 2, 7, and 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K give effect to the change in reportable segments and impact on historically reported results.

The Company has a strong market position in each of the segments in which it competes due to product, geographic, and customer diversity and the Company's ability to operate as a low cost provider. The Company sells a wide variety of copper, aluminum and fiber optic wire and cable products, which it believes represents one of the most diversified product lines in the industry. As a result, the Company is able to offer its customers a single source for most of their wire and cable requirements. As of December 31, 2008, the Company manufactures its product lines in 46 facilities including 2 facilities owned by companies in which the Company has an equity investment and sells its products worldwide through its global operations. Technical expertise and implementation of Lean Six Sigma (Lean) strategies have contributed to the Company's ability to maintain its position as a low cost provider.

Business Segments

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 131, *Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information* (SFAS 131), establishes standards for reporting information regarding operating segments in annual financial statements and requires selected information of those segments to be presented in interim financial statements. Operating segments are identified as components of an enterprise for which separate discrete financial information is available for evaluation by the chief operating decision-maker in making decisions on how to allocate resources and assess performance and should be consistent with the management structure. Under the criteria of SFAS 131, the Company has three operating and reportable segments based on geographic regions: (1) North America, which primarily consists of operations in the United States and Canada, (2) Europe and North Africa, and (3) Rest of World (ROW), which consists of operations in Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle East and Asia Pacific. Additionally, see Note 16 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for revenue by country, long-lived assets by

country and other required disclosures.

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The North America segment engages in the development, design, manufacturing, marketing and distribution of copper, aluminum, and fiber optic wires and cables principally in the United States and Canada primarily to domestic customers for use in the electric utility, electrical infrastructure and communications industries. The North America segment contributed approximately 35%, 49%, and 56% of the Company's consolidated revenues for 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Growth in the electric utility market served by the Company will be largely dependent on the investment policies of electric utilities and infrastructure improvement. The Company believes that the increase in electricity consumption in North America has outpaced the rate of utility investment in North America's energy grid. As a result, the Company believes the average age of power transmission cables has increased, the current electric transmission infrastructure needs to be upgraded and the transmission grid is near capacity. Investment in the energy grid stemming from historical power outages in the U.S. and Canada and published studies by the North American Electric Reliability Council emphasizing the need to upgrade the power transmission infrastructure used by electric utilities should over time result in an increase in demand for the Company's electric utility products. Further, the passage of energy legislation in the United States in 2005 that was aimed at improving the transmission grid infrastructure and the reliability of power availability is expected to contribute to an increase in demand for the Company's transmission and distribution cables with some variability over time. Tax legislation was passed in the United States in 2004, which included the renewal of tax credits for producing power from wind. This has caused an increase in demand for the Company's products, as the Company is a significant manufacturer of wire and cable used in wind farms. Additionally, in 2009, the Company believes the economic stimulus package recently passed by Congress contains legislation that should enhance investments in the electric transmission infrastructure, high-speed broadband infrastructure and alternative energy sources which over time may lead to an increase in demand for the Company's products. While the overall long-term trend in demand for electric utility products remains positive, the Company has experienced demand volatility due to the economic slowdown experienced in the United States beginning in 2007 and continuing through 2008, especially related to low-voltage and small gauge medium voltage cable demand within the United States. Demand for these low-voltage utility products is more closely related to new home construction, a depressed market for part of 2007 and all of 2008. The Company expects that over time growth rates for electric utility products in North America will be highly variable depending on related product business cycles and the approval and funding cycle times for large utility projects.

The Company has strategic alliances in the United States and Canada with a number of major utility customers and is strengthening its market position through these agreements. The Company utilizes a network of direct sales and authorized distributors to supply low- and medium-voltage and high-voltage bare overhead cable products. Approximately, 3,500 utility companies represent this market. A majority of the Company's electric utility customers have entered into written agreements with the Company for the purchase of wire and cable products. These agreements typically have one to four year terms and provide adjustments to selling prices to reflect fluctuations in the cost of raw materials. These agreements do not guarantee a minimum level of sales. Historically, approximately 70% of the Company's electric utility business revenues in North America are under contract prior to the start of each year. The market for electrical infrastructure cable products in North America has many niches. Sales in North America are heavily influenced by the level of industrial construction spending as well as the level of capital equipment investment and maintenance, factory automation and mining activity. The Company experienced strong demand throughout 2006 and 2007 as a direct result of a positive turnaround in industrial construction spending in North America and recent demand, in 2008, has been influenced by industrial sector maintenance spending and high demand for products used in the mining, oil, gas, and petrochemical markets. The Company expects demand to soften for these products in 2009 partly as a result of the significant decline in oil prices, which influence drilling, coal mining activity and investment in alternative energy sources. The pricing environment may also become more difficult due to excess capacity in the industry combined with weaker demand.

Sales of aftermarket automotive products are heavily influenced by the general overall health of the economy, ignition set complexity and ignition set design trends. Sales are often stronger during slower economic times since aftermarket ignition wire sets are used to maintain and lengthen the life of automobiles.

Over the last several years, demand for outside plant telecommunications cables has experienced a significant decline from historical levels. Overall demand for telecommunications products from the Company's traditional Regional Bell Operating Company (RBOC) customers in North America has declined over the last several years. Recent RBOC merger activity, allocation of capital to fiber-to-the-home initiatives, and budgetary constraints caused partially by higher copper costs has reduced both RBOC and distributor purchasing volume in this segment. During the fourth quarter 2007, the Company rationalized outside plant telecommunication products manufacturing capacity due to continued declines in telecommunications cable demand. The Company closed a portion of its telecommunications capacity and recorded a pre-tax charge to write-off certain production equipment of \$6.6 million.

The Company anticipates, based on recent public announcements, further deployment of fiber optic products into the telephone network. Increased spending by the telephone companies on fiber optic deployment negatively impacts their purchases of the Company's copper based telecommunications cable products. The Company believes the negative impact on the purchase of copper based products has been somewhat mitigated in that some of its customers have upgraded a portion of their copper network to support further investment in fiber broadband networks. Growth in the overall communications market will be largely dependent upon housing starts and the level of information technology spending on network infrastructure.

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The Europe and North Africa segment designs, manufactures, markets and distributes copper, aluminum and fiber optic cables originating in Spain, Portugal, France, Germany and Algeria and services markets throughout Europe and North Africa. This segment produces electric utility, electrical infrastructure, construction, and communications products. Additionally, the Europe and North Africa segment provides installation services for high-voltage and extra high-voltage electric utility projects around the world. The Europe and North Africa segment contributed approximately 35%, 42% and 40% of the Company's consolidated revenues for 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively. This segment has expanded in recent years due to several key acquisitions. These acquisitions have broadened the Company's customer base and the product offering to increase its presence in the European and North African markets. These acquisitions include the purchase of a majority ownership of Enica Biskra in May 2008, Norddeutsche Seekabelwerke GmbH & Co. (NSW) in April 2007, E.C.N. Cable Group S.L. (ECN) in August 2006 and Silec Cables, S.A.S. (Silec) in December 2005. Enica Biskra is a joint venture formed with an Algerian state-owned manufacturer of low and medium voltage power and construction cables. NSW is a global supplier of offshore communications, power and control cables as well as aerial cables for power utility communication and control networks. ECN global sales consist mostly of sales of aluminum aerial high-voltage cables, low- and medium-voltage insulated power cables and bi-metallic products used in electric transmission and communications. The Silec acquisition has helped to position the Company as a global leader in cabling systems for the energy transmission and distribution markets. These acquisitions demonstrate the Company's strategic initiative to expand its global geographic and product diversity.

Growth in the Europe and North Africa segment will be largely dependent on the investment policies of electric utilities, infrastructure improvement and the growing needs of emerging economies. The Company believes that the increase in electricity consumption in Europe has outpaced the rate of utility investment in Europe's energy grid. As a result, the Company believes the average age of power transmission cables has increased, the current electric transmission infrastructure needs to be upgraded and the transmission grid is near capacity. Capacity issues combined with periodic power outages in Europe emphasized the need to upgrade the power transmission infrastructure used by electric utilities, which has caused an increase in demand for the Company's products. Demand for medium- and high-voltage cable has increased due to the continuing rebuild of the electric utility distribution infrastructure and increasing investments throughout Europe in wind farm electricity generation, including offshore wind farms. In addition, extra-high-voltage underground cable systems continue to experience high demand with lead times often extending beyond one year.

The market for electrical infrastructure cable products has many niches. The level of residential, non-residential and industrial construction spending heavily influences sales in Europe and North Africa. The Company experienced high demand throughout 2005 and 2006 as a result of continuing strength in residential and non-residential construction spending in the region, particularly in Spain. However, demand for residential low-voltage cables and building wire has decreased during 2007 into and throughout 2008 in the Spanish domestic market and may decrease further into the foreseeable future. The slowdown in construction spending in Spain was being partially offset by a strong construction market in the broader European Union. However, in general, all European markets softened near the end of 2008 and are expected to remain weak in 2009.

Rest of World (ROW)

The ROW segment consists of sales and manufacturing facilities in Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle East and Asia Pacific that resulted from the PDIC acquisition and is managed in conjunction with the Company's historical operations in the Pacific Islands, New Zealand, Australia, India and China. The principal ROW segment develops, designs, manufactures, markets, and distributes wire and cable products for use in the electric utility, electrical infrastructure, construction and communications markets as well as rod mill products, specifically copper and aluminum rod. This segment contributed approximately 30%, 9% and 4% of the Company's consolidated net sales in 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively. It should be noted historical results only include PDIC results since the acquisition date of October 31, 2007. The ROW segment operations are located in Australia, Brazil, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Honduras, India, Mexico, New Zealand, Panama, Philippines, South Africa, Thailand, Venezuela and Zambia. Additionally, as part of the rationalization of outside plant telecommunication products

manufacturing capacity as discussed above in the North America segment, the Company has realigned assets at its Tetla, Mexico facility in order for approximately 100,000 square feet of manufacturing space to manufacture energy, industrial and construction cable products for the Central and South American markets as well as the local Mexican market.

This segment is expected to grow prospectively as a result of the leading market positions in Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia Pacific. This expectation is based on the fact that markets in these countries generally offer better growth opportunities over time than the developed markets of North America and Western Europe due to growing population and wealth driving demand for consumer goods, housing and electricity. Additionally, throughout the region, the Company anticipates an expanded product offering will provide greater accessibility to customers as it relates to recent announcements of planned investment in electrical infrastructure, construction and electric utility throughout Central and South America although investment is expected to be volatile as a result of the global economic slowdown.

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In Brazil, political stability has contributed to several key initiatives as it relates to investment in electric utility, construction and electrical infrastructure products such as the Lights for All project, which is a program intended to expand the availability of electricity to consumers throughout the country. Political stability has also contributed to the substantial growth in the housing and various other industrial segments. In Venezuela, the centralized political structure has led to several positive implications as it relates to the Company's business such as fewer competitors, a growing construction segment and a higher level of government investment. In sub-Saharan Africa, countries such as South Africa and Zambia are expected to experience investment in construction and housing markets in preparation for the 2010 World Cup to be held in South Africa and in Zambia where the National Housing Authority has authorized a significant housing appropriations agreement. The region has also experienced electricity shortages over the past few years in times of peak demand as a result of historical under investment in the regional energy infrastructure. This may cause an increase in future demand for the Company's products over time.

In Asia Pacific, specifically in Thailand there continues to be instability and uncertainty in the political environment which may delay government spending on infrastructure projects into the foreseeable future. In 2008, the Company acquired and consolidated Phelps Dodge Philippines (PDP) through an increase in its equity investment from 40% to 60%. PDP operates one of the largest wire and cable manufacturing facilities in the Philippines. This investment complements the Company's strategy in the region by providing a platform for further penetration into Southeast Asia markets as well as supporting ongoing operations in Australia, the Middle East and South Africa.

Products

The various wire and cable product lines are sold and manufactured by all geographic segments except for rod mill products which are only manufactured and sold by the ROW segment and construction products which are only sold in the Europe and North Africa and ROW segments. Additionally, revenue by product line is included in Note 16 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. Products sold by the Company's three segments include the following:

Electric Utility products The primary products in this grouping include low- and medium-voltage distribution cable; high- and extra-high voltage power transmission cable products and installation; and bare overhead conductor. These products are sold to electric utility and power companies and contractors. The Company is a leader in the supply of electric utility cables in North America, Latin America, Western Europe, Oceania and Southeast Asia.

The Company manufactures low- and medium-voltage aluminum and copper distribution cable, bare overhead aluminum conductor and high-voltage transmission cable. Bare transmission cables are utilized by utilities in the transmission grid to provide electric power from the power generating stations to the distribution sub-stations. Medium-voltage cables are utilized in the primary distribution infrastructure to bring power from the distribution sub-stations to the transformers. Low-voltage cables are utilized in the secondary distribution infrastructure to take the power from the transformers to the end-user.

The Company provides installation services for high-voltage and extra-high-voltage transmission cables used in certain overhead and underground applications. The underground power cables are highly engineered cables and the installation of such requires specific expertise. Through these services, the Company has strengthened its materials science, power connectivity and systems integration expertise.

Electrical Infrastructure products This product group includes electrical infrastructure, portable cord products and transportation products and industrial harnesses. These products consist of wire and cable that are used for many applications: maintenance and repair; temporary power on construction sites; conduction of electrical current and signals for industrial original equipment manufacturers and commercial power, residential power, and control applications; and jacketed wire and cable products and harnesses for automotive and industrial applications.

These products include low- and medium-voltage industrial cables, rail and mass transit cables, shipboard cables, oil and gas cables and other industrial cables. Applications for these products include power generating stations, marine, mining, oil and gas, transit/locomotive, original equipment manufacturers,

machine builders and shipboard markets. The Company's Polyra[®] XT marine wire and cable products also provide superior properties and performance levels that are necessary for heavy-duty industrial applications to both onshore and offshore platforms, ships and oil rigs. Many wire and cable applications require cables with exterior armor and/or jacketing materials that can endure exposure to chemicals, extreme temperatures and outside elements. The Company offers products that are specifically designed for these applications.

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The portable cord products in this product group consist of a wide variety of rubber and plastic insulated cord products for power and control applications serving industrial, mining, entertainment, original equipment manufacturers, and other markets. These products are used for the distribution of electrical power but are designed and constructed to be used in dynamic and severe environmental conditions where a flexible but durable power supply is required including both standard commercial cord and cord products designed to meet customer specifications. Portable rubber-jacketed power cord, the Company's highest volume selling cord product line, is typically manufactured without a connection device at either end and is sold in standard and customer-specified lengths. The cords are also sold to original equipment manufacturers for use as power cords on their products and in other applications, in which case the cord is made to the original equipment manufacturers specifications. The Company also manufactures portable cord for use with moveable heavy equipment and machinery. The Company's portable cord products are sold primarily through electrical distributors and electrical retailers to industrial customers, original equipment manufacturers, contractors and consumers.

The transportation products consist primarily of ignition wire sets for sale to the automotive aftermarket. These products are sold primarily to automotive parts retailers and distributors. The Company's automotive products are also sold on a private label basis to retailers and other automotive parts manufacturers. Other products include cable harnesses (assemblies) for use in industrial control applications as well as medical applications. These assemblies are used in such products as industrial machinery, diagnostic imaging and transportation equipment. These products are sold primarily to original equipment manufacturers and industrial equipment manufacturers.

Construction products This product group includes wire and cable products for construction markets. These products consist of construction cables, building wire and flexible cords. This grouping includes construction cables that meet low-smoke, zero-halogen requirements and flame retardant cables. The cables are used in the construction markets served by electrical distributors, contractors and retail home centers. The principal end users are electricians, distributors, installation and engineering contractors and do-it-yourself consumers.

Communication products The communication products include wire and cable products that transmit low-voltage signals for voice and data applications and electronic wire and cables.

One principal product category is data communication products that include high-bandwidth twisted copper and fiber optic cables and multi-conductor cables for customer premises, local area networks and telephone company central offices. Customer premise communication products are used for wiring at subscriber premises, and include computer, riser rated and plenum rated wire and cable. Riser cable runs between floors and plenum cable runs in air spaces, primarily above ceilings in non-residential structures. Local area network cables run between computers along horizontal raceways and in backbones between servers. Central office products interconnect components within central office switching systems and public branch exchanges. The Company sells data communications products primarily through a direct sales force.

Another principal product category includes outside plant telecommunications exchange cable, which is short haul trunk, feeder or distribution cable from a telephone company's central office to the subscriber premises. The product consists of multiple paired conductors (ranging from two to 4,200 pairs) and various types of sheathing, water-proofing, foil wraps and metal jacketing. Service wire is used to connect telephone subscriber premises to curbside distribution cable. The Company sells telecommunications products primarily to telecommunications system operators through its direct sales force under supply contracts of varying lengths and to telecommunications distributors. The contracts do not guarantee a minimum level of sales.

The Company's electronics products include multi-conductor, multi-pair, coaxial, hook-up, audio and microphone cables, speaker and television lead wire and high temperature and shielded electronic wire. Primary uses for these products are various applications within commercial, industrial instrumentation and control and residential markets. These markets require a broad range of multi-conductor products for applications involving programmable controllers, robotics, process control and computer integrated manufacturing, sensors and test equipment, as well as cable for fire alarm, smoke detection, sprinkler control, entertainment and security systems.

The Company produces and sells fiber-optic submarine communication cable systems and special cables for the offshore industry and other underwater and terrestrial applications. Products include fiber-optic submarine cables and hardware, low detection profile cables, turnkey submarine networks, and offshore systems integration.

Rod Mill products Rod Mill products include continuous cast copper and aluminum rod, which is sold to other wire and cable manufacturers. These products are only produced and sold by PDIC operations in our ROW segment. Copper and aluminum rod are the key material used in the manufacturing of wire and cable products. Customers in this segment rely on the Company to provide just-in-time delivery of this important component.

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The wire and cable industry is competitive, mature and cost driven. For many product offerings, there is little differentiation among industry participants from a manufacturing or technology standpoint. During recent years and continuing through 2007, the Company's end markets have continued to demonstrate recovery from the low points of demand experienced in 2003. However, beginning in the fourth quarter of 2007 and continuing throughout 2008, an economic slowdown in the United States and slowing growth in certain European markets resulted in lower demand as compared to 2007. In the past several years, there has been significant merger and acquisition activity which, the Company believes, has led to a reduction in inefficient, high cost capacity in the industry. Wire and cable products are relatively low value added, higher weight (and therefore relatively expensive to transport) and often subject to regional or country specifications. The wire and cable industry is raw materials intensive with copper and aluminum comprising the major cost components for cable products. Changes in the cost of copper and aluminum are generally passed through to the customer, although there can be timing delays of varying lengths depending on the volatility in metal prices, the type of product, competitive conditions and particular customer arrangements.

Raw Materials Sources and Availability

The principal raw materials used by General Cable in the manufacture of its wire and cable products are copper and aluminum. The price of copper and aluminum as traded on the London Metal Exchange (LME) and COMEX has historically been subject to considerable volatility and, during the past few years, global copper prices have established new average record highs.

Average daily selling price:

(\$ per pound)	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Year to Date
Copper Cathode					
2008	3.53	3.80	3.45	1.75	3.13
2007	2.70	3.46	3.48	3.25	3.22
2006	2.25	3.37	3.54	3.19	3.09
Aluminum					
2008	1.28	1.38	1.31	0.87	1.21
2007	1.30	1.28	1.19	1.14	1.23
2006	1.15	1.26	1.18	1.28	1.22

The Company purchases copper and aluminum from various global sources, generally through annual supply and derivative contracts. Copper and aluminum are available from many sources, however, unanticipated problems with the Company's copper or aluminum rod suppliers could negatively affect the Company's business. In North America, the Company has centralized the purchasing of its copper, aluminum and other significant raw materials to capitalize on economies of scale and to facilitate the negotiation of favorable purchase terms from suppliers. In 2008, the Company's largest supplier of copper rod accounted for approximately 91% of its North American copper purchases while the largest supplier of aluminum rod accounted for approximately 84% of its North American aluminum purchases. The Company's European operations purchases copper and aluminum rod from many suppliers or brokers with each generally providing a small percentage of the total copper and aluminum rod purchased. The Company's ROW segment internally produces the majority of its copper and aluminum rod production needs and obtains cathode and ingots from various suppliers with each supplier generally providing a small percentage.

Other raw materials utilized by the Company include nylon, polyethylene resin and compounds and plasticizers, fluoropolymer compounds, optical fiber and a variety of filling, binding and sheathing materials. The Company believes that all of these materials are available in sufficient quantities through purchases in the open market.

Patents and Trademarks

The Company believes that the success of its business depends more on the technical competence, creativity and marketing abilities of its employees than on any individual patent, trademark or copyright. Nevertheless, the Company has a policy of seeking patents when appropriate on inventions concerning new products and product improvements as part of its ongoing research, development and manufacturing activities.

The Company owns a number of U.S. and foreign patents and has patent applications pending in the U.S. and abroad. Through the recent acquisition of PDIC, the Company acquired patents in Brazil, Canada, China, India, Mexico,

Taiwan, Thailand and in the United States. Although in the aggregate these patents are of considerable importance to the manufacturing and marketing of many of the Company's products, the Company does not consider any single patent or group of patents to be material to its business as a whole. While the Company occasionally obtains patent licenses from third parties, none are deemed to be material.

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The Company also owns a number of U.S. and foreign registered trademarks and has many applications for new registrations pending. The Company acquired registered trademarks and trade names related to Phelps Dodge International Corporation and PDIC global marks and symbols. Although in the aggregate these trademarks are of considerable importance to the manufacturing and marketing of many of the Company's products, the Company does not consider any single trademark or group of trademarks to be material to its business as a whole with the exception of the recently acquired PDIC related trademarks and trade names. Trademarks which are considered to be generally important are General Cable®, Anaconda®, BICC®, Carol®, GenSpeed®, Helix/HiTemp®, NextGen®, and Silec®, Polyrad® Phelps Dodge International Corporation® and Phelps Dodge International Corporation global symbol and the Company's triad symbol. The Company believes that its products bearing these trademarks have achieved significant brand recognition within the industry.

The Company also relies on trade secret protection for its confidential and proprietary information. The Company routinely enters into confidentiality agreements with its employees. There can be no assurance, however, that others will not independently obtain similar information and techniques or otherwise gain access to the Company's trade secrets or that the Company will be able to effectively protect its trade secrets.

Seasonality

General Cable generally has experienced and expects to continue to experience certain seasonal trends in construction related product sales and customer demand. Demand for construction related products during winter months in certain geographies is usually lower than demand during spring and summer months. Therefore, generally, larger amounts of cash are required during winter months in order to build inventories in anticipation of higher demand during the spring and summer months, when construction activity increases. In turn, receivables related to higher sales activity during the spring and summer months are generally collected during the fourth quarter of the year. Additionally, the Company has historically experienced changes in demand resulting from poor or unusual weather.

Competition

The markets for all of the Company's products are highly competitive and most markets include several competitors. The Company believes that it has developed strong customer relations as a result of its ability to supply customer needs across a broad range of products, its commitment to quality control and continuous improvement, its continuing investment in information technology, its emphasis on customer service and its substantial product and distribution resources.

Although the primary competitive factors for the Company's products vary somewhat across the different product categories, the principal factors influencing competition are generally price, quality, breadth of product line, inventory, delivery and customer service. Many of the Company's products are made to industry specifications, and are therefore functionally interchangeable with those of competitors. However, the Company believes that significant opportunities exist to differentiate all of its products on the basis of quality, consistent availability, conformance to manufacturer's specifications and customer service. Within some markets such as local area networking cables, conformance to manufacturer's specifications and technological superiority are also important competitive factors.

Advertising Expense

Advertising expense consists of expenses relating to promoting the Company's products, including trade shows, catalogs, and e-commerce promotions, and is charged to expense when incurred. Advertising expense was \$11.1 million, \$9.5 million and \$8.2 million in 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Environmental Matters

The Company is subject to a variety of federal, state, local and foreign laws and regulations covering the storage, handling, emission and discharge of materials into the environment, including CERCLA, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act (including the 1990 amendments) and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. While it is difficult to estimate future environmental liabilities accurately, the Company does not currently anticipate any material adverse effect on its consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows as a result of compliance with federal, state, local or foreign environmental laws or regulations or remediation costs of the sites as fully discussed below in Item 3 Legal Proceeding and Note 17 Commitments and Contingencies to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Employees

At December 31, 2008, General Cable employed approximately 13,000 persons, and collective bargaining agreements covered approximately 7,000 employees, or 54% of total employees, at various locations around the world. During the five calendar years ended December 31, 2008, the Company experienced two strikes in North America both of which were settled on satisfactory terms. There were no other major strikes at any of the Company's facilities during the five years ended December 31, 2008. In the United States, Canada, Chile, Thailand, Venezuela and Zambia union contracts will expire at seven facilities in 2009 and seven facilities in 2010 representing approximately 9.6% and 14.6%, respectively, of total employees as of December 31, 2008. The Company believes it will successfully renegotiate these contracts as they come due. For countries not specifically discussed above, labor agreements, if applicable, are generally negotiated on an annual or bi-annual basis.

Disclosure Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements in the 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K including, without limitation, statements regarding future financial results and performance, plans and objectives, capital expenditures and our or management's beliefs, expectations or opinions, are forward-looking statements, and as such, we desire to take advantage of the safe harbor which is afforded such statements under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are those that predict or describe future events or trends and that do not relate solely to historical matters. You can generally identify forward-looking statements as statements containing the words believe, expect, may, anticipate, intend, estimate, project, plan, assume, seek to or other similar expressions, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words.

Actual results may differ materially from those discussed in forward-looking statements as a result of factors, risks and uncertainties over many of which we have no control. These factors include, without limitation, the following: economic and political consequences resulting from terrorist attacks, war and political and social unrest; economic consequences arising from natural disasters and other similar catastrophes, such as floods, earthquakes, hurricanes and tsunamis; domestic and local country price competition, particularly in certain segments of the power cable market and other competitive pressures; general economic conditions, particularly those in the construction, energy and information technology sectors; changes in customer or distributor purchasing patterns in our business segments; our ability to increase manufacturing capacity and productivity; the financial impact of any future plant closures; our ability to successfully complete and integrate acquisitions and divestitures; our ability to negotiate extensions of labor agreements on acceptable terms and to successfully deal with any labor disputes; our ability to service, and meet all requirements under, our debt, and to maintain adequate domestic and international credit facilities and credit lines; our ability to pay dividends on our preferred stock; our ability to make payments of interest and principal under our existing and future indebtedness and to have sufficient available funds to effect conversions and repurchases from time to time; lowering of one or more debt ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations, and the adverse impact such action may have on our ability to raise capital and on our liquidity and financial conditions; the impact of unexpected future judgments or settlements of claims and litigation; our ability to achieve target returns on investments in our defined benefit plans; our ability to avoid limitations on utilization of net losses for income tax purposes; the cost and availability of raw materials, including copper, aluminum and petrochemicals; our ability to increase our selling prices during periods of increasing raw material costs; the impact of foreign currency fluctuations, devaluations and changes in interest rates; the impact of technological changes; and other material factors. See Item 1A, Risk Factors, for a more detailed discussion on some of these risks. We do not undertake and specifically decline any obligation to update or correct any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of such statements or to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events.

Available Information

The Company's principal executive offices are located at 4 Tesseneer Drive, Highland Heights, Kentucky 41076-9753 and its telephone number is (859) 572-8000. The Company's internet address is www.generalcable.com. General Cable's annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, are made available free of charge at www.generalcable.com as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). In addition, the Company will provide,

at no cost, paper or electronic copies of our reports and other filings made with the SEC. Requests should be directed to: Investor Relations, General Cable Corporation, 4 Tesseneer Drive, Highland Heights, KY 41076-9753. The information on the website listed above is not and should not be considered part of this annual report on Form 10-K and is not incorporated by reference in this document. This website address is and is only intended to be an inactive textual reference.

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The following table sets forth certain information concerning the executive officers of General Cable on December 31, 2008.

Name	Age	Position
Gregory B. Kenny	56	President, Chief Executive Officer and Class II Director
Brian J. Robinson	40	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
Robert J. Siverd	60	Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
J. Michael Andrews	44	Executive Vice President
Domingo Goenaga	67	Executive Vice President, President and Chief Executive Officer, General Cable Europe and North Africa
Gregory J. Lampert	41	Executive Vice President, President and Chief Executive Officer, General Cable North America
Roddy Macdonald	60	Executive Vice President, Global Sales and Business Development
Mathias Sandoval	48	Executive Vice President, General Cable Rest of World, President and Chief Executive Officer, Phelps Dodge International Corporation

Mr. Kenny has been one of General Cable's directors since 1997 and has been President and Chief Executive Officer since August 2001. He served as President and Chief Operating Officer from May 1999 to August 2001. He served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of General Cable from March 1997 to May 1999. From June 1994 to March 1997, he was Executive Vice President of General Cable's immediate predecessor. He is also a director of Corn Products International, Inc. (NYSE: CPO) and Cardinal Health, Inc (NYSE: CAH). He is member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (Cincinnati Branch).

Mr. Robinson has served as Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer since January 1, 2008. He served as Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer from January 2007 to December 2007. He served as Senior Vice President, Controller and Treasurer from March 2006 to December 2006. He served as General Cable Controller from 2000 to February 2006 and Assistant Controller from 1999 to 2000. From 1997 until 1999, he served as an Audit Manager focused on accounting services for global companies for Deloitte & Touche LLP, and from 1991 to 1997, he served in roles of increasing responsibility with the Deloitte & Touche LLP office in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Siverd has served as Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of General Cable since March 1997. From July 1994 until March 1997, he was Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of the predecessor company.

Mr. Andrews last day of employment was December 31, 2008 under a Separation Agreement and Addendum, Departure of Principal Officer incorporated by reference (exhibit 10.50).

Mr. Goenaga has served as Executive Vice President, President and Chief Executive Officer, Europe and North Africa since October 2007. He was President and Chief Executive Officer of General Cable Europe since 2001. Mr. Goenaga joined General Cable in 1963. Throughout his service with General Cable, Mr. Goenaga has held numerous leadership roles in both finance and general management, including Managing Director of General Cable Iberia.

Mr. Lampert has served as Executive Vice President, President and Chief Executive Officer for General Cable North America since August 1, 2008. Prior to that, Mr. Lampert was Executive Vice President and Group President, North America Electrical and Communications Infrastructure since October 2007. He served as Senior Vice President and General Manager Data Communications and Carol Brand Products from August 2005 until September 2007. He served as Vice President and General Manager Carol Brand Products from January 2004 until July 2005. He served as Vice President of Sales Electrical and Industrial Distribution from July 2000 until December 2003. He served as Product Manager Building Wire from April 1998 until June 2000. Prior to joining General Cable, Mr. Lampert spent eight years with The Dow Chemical Company in sales and marketing roles of increasing responsibility.

Mr. Macdonald has served as Executive Vice President of Global Sales and Business Development since October 2007. He was Senior Vice President, Sales and Business Development for General Cable since

September 2001. He joined the Company as Senior Vice President and General Manager, Electrical Cables in December 1999. From the period 1994 – 1999, Mr. Macdonald served as Vice President, Human Resources, Information Technology and Corporate Secretary for Commonwealth Aluminum Corporation. In 1995, Mr. Macdonald was appointed to the position of Executive Vice President, Corporate Systems for Commonwealth, and in 1997, he assumed the role of President of Alflex Corporation, a subsidiary of Commonwealth that manufactures armored cable products. He served for 25 years as an officer in the British Armed Services. In 1983 he was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire for services leading commando forces in combat in the Falkland Islands and ended his distinguished military career in 1993 as a Brigadier General.

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Mr. Sandoval has served as Executive Vice President of General Cable Rest of World and President and Chief Executive Officer of Phelps Dodge International Corporation (PDIC) since October 2007. He began his 24-year career with PDIC as a process engineer in Costa Rica and has held positions in engineering, operations and management, including General Manager of PDIC 's Honduras-based business, President of their Venezuelan operations, Vice President of their Global Aluminum Business Segment and Vice President of PDIC 's Global Energy Segment. He became President of PDIC in 2001. He has served on Boards of Directors for joint ventures between United States companies and private- and government-owned enterprises in China, Thailand, the Philippines, Zambia, South Africa, Mexico, Honduras, Costa Rica, Panama, Venezuela, Ecuador, Brazil and Chile.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Unless the context indicates otherwise, all references to we , us , our in this Item 1A, Risk Factors, refer to Company. We are subject to a number of risks listed below, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and value of our securities.

Certain statements in the 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K including, without limitation, statements regarding future financial results and performance, plans and objectives, capital expenditures and our or management 's beliefs, expectations or opinions, are forward-looking statements, and as such, we desire to take advantage of the safe harbor which is afforded such statements under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Our forward-looking statements should be read in conjunction with our comments in this report under the heading, Disclosure Regarding Forward-Looking Statements. Actual results may differ materially from those statements as a result of factors, risks and uncertainties over which we have no control. Such factors include, but are not limited to, the risks and uncertainties discussed below.

Risks Related to Our Business

Our net sales, net income and growth depend largely on the economic strength of the geographic markets that we serve, and if these markets become weaker, we would suffer decreased sales and net income.

Many of our customers use our products as components in their own products or in projects undertaken for their customers. Our ability to sell our products is largely dependent on general economic conditions, including how much our customers and end-users spend on power transmission and distribution infrastructures, industrial manufacturing assets, new construction and building, information technology and maintaining or reconfiguring their communications networks. Should the economic slowdown in the United States and European markets worsen or expand more fully to other parts of the world, the Company would suffer a decrease in sales and net income.

The markets for our products are highly competitive, and if we fail to invest in product development, productivity improvements and customer service and support, sales of our products could be adversely affected.

The markets for copper, aluminum and fiber optic wire and cable products are highly competitive, and some of our competitors may have greater financial resources than ours. We compete with at least one major competitor with respect to each of our business segments. Many of our products are made to common specifications and therefore may be fungible with competitors ' products. Accordingly, we are subject to competition in many markets on the basis of price, delivery time, customer service and our ability to meet specific customer needs.

We believe that competitors will continue to improve the design and performance of their products and to introduce new products with competitive price and performance characteristics. We expect that we will be required to continue to invest in product development, productivity improvements and customer service and support in order to compete in our markets. Furthermore, an increase in imports of competing products could adversely affect our sales on a region by region basis.

Our business is subject to the economic, political and other risks of maintaining facilities and selling products in foreign countries.

During the year ended December 31, 2008, approximately 65% of our sales and approximately 76% of our assets were in markets outside North America. Our operations outside North America generated approximately 39% of our cash flows from operations during this period. Our financial results may be adversely affected by significant fluctuations or devaluations in the value of the U.S. dollar against foreign currencies or by the enactment of exchange controls or foreign governmental or regulatory restrictions on the transfer of funds. In addition, negative tax consequences

relating to repatriating certain foreign currencies may adversely affect our cash flows.

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Furthermore, our foreign operations are subject to risks inherent in maintaining operations abroad, such as economic and political destabilization, international conflicts, restrictive actions by foreign governments, nationalizations, changes in regulatory requirements, the difficulty of effectively managing diverse global operations, adverse foreign tax laws and the threat posed by potential international disease pandemics in countries that do not have the resources necessary to deal with such outbreaks. Over time, we intend to continue to expand our foreign operations, which would serve to exacerbate these risks and their potential effect on our business, financial position and results of operations. In particular, with the acquisition of PDIC, we have significant operations in countries in Central and South America, Africa and Asia. Economic and political developments in these countries, including future economic changes or crises (such as inflation, currency devaluation or recession), government deadlock, political instability, civil strife, international conflicts, changes in laws and regulations and expropriation or nationalization of property or other resources, could impact our operations or the market value of our common stock and have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Although PDIC and its subsidiaries maintain political risk insurance related to its operations in a number of countries, any losses we may incur may not be covered by this insurance and, even if covered, such insurance may not fully cover such losses. In addition to these general risks, there are significant country specific risks including:

Brazil and other Latin American countries have historically experienced uneven periods of economic growth as well as recession, high inflation, currency devaluation and economic instability. The countries governments have been known to intervene in their respective economies, which have involved price controls, currency devaluations, capital controls and limits on imports.

Thailand recently experienced significant political and militant unrest in certain provinces. The country's elected government was overthrown in September 2006, with an elected government only recently restored.

Venezuela has experienced difficult economic conditions, relatively high levels of inflation, and foreign exchange and price controls. The President of Venezuela has the authority to legislate certain areas by decree, and the Venezuelan government has nationalized or announced plans to nationalize certain industries and has sought to expropriate certain companies and property.

Algeria has a tumultuous past, characterized by violence and terrorism. The country's government has been moderately successful in neutralizing these threats creating a more receptive political and social atmosphere.

Compliance with foreign and U.S. laws and regulations applicable to our international operations, including the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), is difficult and may increase the cost of doing business in international jurisdictions.

Various laws and regulations associated with our current international operations are complex and increase our cost of doing business. Furthermore, these laws and regulations expose us to fines and penalties if we fail to comply with them. These laws and regulations include import and export requirements, U.S. laws such as the FCPA, and local laws prohibiting corrupt payments to governmental officials. Although we have implemented policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance with these laws, there can be no assurance that our employees, contractors and agents will not take actions in violation of our policies, particularly as we expand our operations through organic growth and acquisitions. Any such violations could subject us to civil or criminal penalties, including substantial fines or prohibitions on our ability to offer our wire and cable products in one or more countries, and could also materially damage our reputation, our brand, our international expansion efforts, our business and our operating results. In addition, if we fail to address the challenges and risks associated with our international expansion and acquisition strategy, we may encounter difficulties implementing our strategy, which could impede our growth or harm our operating results.

Volatility in the price of copper and other raw materials, as well as fuel and energy, could adversely affect our businesses.

The costs of copper and aluminum, the most significant raw materials we use, have been subject to considerable volatility over the past few years. Volatility in the price of copper, aluminum, polyethylene, petrochemicals, and other raw materials, as well as fuel, natural gas and energy, may in turn lead to significant fluctuations in our cost of sales. Additionally, sharp increases in the price of copper can also reduce demand if customers decide to defer their purchases of copper wire and cable products or seek to purchase substitute products. Although we attempt to recover copper and other raw material price changes either in the selling price of our products or through our commodity hedging programs, there is no assurance that we can do so successfully or at all in the future.

Interruptions of supplies from our key suppliers may affect our results of operations and financial performance.

Interruptions of supplies from our key suppliers, including as a result of catastrophes such as hurricanes, earthquakes, floods or terrorist activities, could disrupt production or impact our ability to increase production and sales. All copper and aluminum rod used in our North American operations is externally sourced, and our largest supplier of copper rod accounted for approximately 91% of our North American purchases in 2008 while our largest supplier of aluminum rod accounted for approximately 84% of our North American purchases in 2008. The Company's European operations purchase copper and aluminum rod from many suppliers with each supplier generally providing a small percentage of the total copper and aluminum rod purchased while operations in ROW internally produce the majority of their copper and aluminum rod production needs and obtain cathode and ingots from various sources with each supplier generally providing a small percentage of the total amount of raw materials purchased. Any unanticipated problems with our copper or aluminum rod suppliers could have a material adverse effect on our business. Additionally, we use a limited number of sources for most of the other raw materials that we do not produce. We do not have long-term or volume purchase agreements with most of our suppliers, and may have limited options in the short-term for alternative supply if these suppliers fail to continue the supply of material or components for any reason, including their business failure, inability to obtain raw materials or financial difficulties. Moreover, identifying and accessing alternative sources may increase our costs.

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Failure to negotiate extensions of our labor agreements as they expire may result in a disruption of our operations.

As of December 31, 2008, approximately 54% of our employees were represented by various labor unions. During the five calendar years ended December 31, 2008, we have experienced only two strikes, which were settled on satisfactory terms.

We are party to labor agreements with unions that represent employees at many of our manufacturing facilities. In the United States, Canada, Chile, Thailand, Venezuela and Zambia, union contracts will expire at seven facilities in 2009 and seven facilities in 2010 representing approximately 9.6% and 14.6%, respectively, of total employees as of December 31, 2008. Labor agreements are generally negotiated on an annual or bi-annual basis unless otherwise noted above and the risk exists that labor agreement may not be renewed on reasonably satisfactory terms to the Company or at all. We cannot predict what issues may be raised by the collective bargaining units representing our employees and, if raised, whether negotiations concerning such issues will be successfully concluded. A protracted work stoppage could result in a disruption of our operations which could, in turn, adversely affect our ability to deliver certain products and our financial results.

Our inability to continue to achieve productivity improvements may result in increased costs.

Part of our business strategy is to increase our profitability by lowering costs through improving our processes and productivity. In the event we are unable to continue to implement measures improving our manufacturing techniques and processes, we may not achieve desired efficiency or productivity levels and our manufacturing costs may increase. In addition, productivity increases are related in part to factory utilization rates. Unanticipated decreases in utilization rates may adversely impact productivity.

Changes in industry standards and regulatory requirements may adversely affect our business.

As a manufacturer and distributor of wire and cable products for customers that operate in various industries, we are subject to a number of industry standard-setting authorities, such as Underwriters Laboratories, the Telecommunications Industry Association, the Electronics Industries Association, the International Electrotechnical Commission and the Canadian Standards Association. In addition, many of our products are subject to the requirements of federal, state and local or foreign regulatory authorities. Changes in the standards and requirements imposed by such authorities could have an adverse effect on us. In the event that we are unable to meet any such new or modified standards when adopted, our business could be adversely affected.

In addition, changes in the legislative environment could affect the growth and other aspects of important markets served by us. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 was enacted to establish a comprehensive, long-range national energy policy. Among other things, it provides tax credits and other incentives for the production of traditional sources of energy, as well as alternative energy sources, such as wind, wave, tidal and geothermal power generation systems. Although we believe this legislation has had a positive impact on us and our financial results, we cannot be certain that this impact will continue. Further, we cannot predict the impact, either positive or negative, that changes in laws or industry standards may have on our future financial results, cash flows or financial position.

Advancing technologies, such as fiber optic and wireless technologies, may continue to make some of our products less competitive.

Technological developments continue to have an adverse effect on elements of our business. For example, a continued increase in the rate of installations using fiber optic systems or an increase in the cost of copper-based systems may have an adverse effect on our business. While we do manufacture and sell fiber optic cables, any further acceleration in the erosion of our sales of copper cables due to increased market demand for fiber optic cables would most likely not be offset by an increase in sales of our fiber optic cables.

Also, advancing wireless technologies, as they relate to network and communications systems represent an alternative to certain copper cables we manufacture and may reduce customer demand for premise wiring. Traditional telephone companies are facing increasing competition within their respective territories from, among others, providers of voice over Internet protocol (VoIP) and wireless carriers. Wireless communications depend heavily on a fiber optic backbone and do not depend as much on copper-based systems. The increased acceptance and use of VoIP and wireless technology, or introduction of new wireless or fiber-optic based technologies, continues to have an adverse effect on the marketability of our products and our profitability. Our sales of copper premise cables currently face

downward pressure from wireless and VoIP technology, and the increased acceptance and use of these technologies has heighten this pressure and the potential negative impact on our results of operations.

Table of Contents***We are substantially dependent upon distributors and retailers for non-exclusive sales of our products and they could cease purchasing our products at any time.***

During 2007 and 2008, approximately 36% and 38%, respectively, of our domestic net sales were made to independent distributors and four of our ten largest customers were distributors. Distributors accounted for a substantial portion of sales of our communications- and industrial-related products. During 2007 and 2008, approximately 10%, respectively, of our domestic net sales were to retailers. The two largest retailers combine to account for approximately 2%, respectively, of our worldwide net sales in 2007 and 2008.

These distributors and retailers are not contractually obligated to carry our product lines exclusively or for any period of time. Therefore, these distributors and retailers may purchase products that compete with our products or cease purchasing our products at any time. The loss of one or more large distributors or retailers could have a material adverse effect on our ability to bring our products to end users and on our results of operations. Moreover, a downturn in the business of one or more large distributors or retailers could adversely affect our sales and could create significant credit exposure.

In each of our markets, we face pricing pressures that could adversely affect our results of operations and financial performance.

We face pricing pressures in each of our markets as a result of significant competition or over-capacity. While we continually work toward reducing our costs to respond to the pricing pressures that may continue, we may not be able to achieve proportionate reductions in costs. As a result of over-capacity and economic and industry downturn in the communications and industrial markets in particular, pricing pressures increased in 2002 and 2003, and continued into 2004. While we generally have been successful in raising prices to recover increased raw material costs since the second quarter of 2004, pricing pressures continued from 2005 through 2008, and price volatility is expected for the foreseeable future. Further pricing pressures, without offsetting cost reductions, could adversely affect our financial results.

If either our uncommitted accounts payable confirming arrangement or our accounts receivable financing arrangement for our European operations is cancelled, our liquidity may be negatively impacted.

Our Spanish operations participate in accounts payable confirming arrangements with several European financial institutions. We negotiate payment terms with suppliers of generally 180 days and submit invoices to the financial institutions with instructions for the financial institutions to transfer funds from our Spanish operations' accounts on the due date (on day 180) to the receiving parties to pay the invoices in full. At December 31, 2008, the arrangements had a maximum availability limit of the equivalent of approximately \$408.6 million, of which approximately \$238.5 million was drawn. We also have approximately \$145.3 million available under uncommitted, Euro-denominated facilities in Europe, which allow us to sell at a discount, with no or limited recourse, a portion of our accounts receivable to financial institutions. As of December 31, 2008, we have drawn approximately \$43.3 million from these accounts receivable facilities. We do not have firm commitments from these institutions to purchase our accounts receivable. Should the availability under these arrangements be reduced or terminated, we may be required to repay the outstanding obligations over 180 days and may have to seek alternative arrangements. We cannot assure you that alternate arrangements will be available on favorable terms or at all. Failure to obtain alternative arrangements in such case would negatively impact our liquidity.

We are exposed to counterparty risk in our hedging arrangements.

From time to time we enter into arrangements with financial institutions to hedge our exposure to fluctuations in commodity prices, currency and interest rates, including forward contracts and swap agreements. Recently, a number of financial institutions similar to those that serve as counterparties to our hedging arrangements have been adversely affected by the global credit crisis. The failure of one or more counterparties to our hedging arrangements to fulfill their obligations to us could adversely affect our results of operations.

Table of Contents***As a result of market and industry conditions, we may be required to recognize impairment charges for our long-lived assets including goodwill or in the event we close additional plants.***

In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, we periodically assess our assets to determine if they are impaired. Significant negative industry or economic trends, disruptions to our business, unexpected significant changes or planned changes in use of the assets, divestitures and market capitalization declines may result in impairments to goodwill and other long-lived assets. Future impairment charges could significantly affect our results of operations in the period recognized.

During the fourth quarter of 2007, the Company rationalized outside plant telecommunication products manufacturing capacity due to continued declines in telecommunications cable demand. The Company closed a portion of its telecommunications capacity located primarily at its Tetla, Mexico facility and has taken a pre-tax charge to write-off certain production equipment of \$6.6 million. This action will free approximately 100,000 square feet of manufacturing space, which the Company plans to utilize for other products for the Central and South American markets. Future rationalization of plant manufacturing capacity could result in charges that affect our results of operations in the period recognized.

As a result of market and industry conditions, we may be required to reduce our recorded inventory values, which would result in charges against income

If, as a result of volatile copper prices, we are not able to recover the LIFO value of our inventory in a period when replacement costs are lower than the LIFO value of the inventory, we would be required to take a charge to recognize an adjustment of LIFO inventory to market value. If LIFO inventory quantities are reduced in a future period when replacement costs exceed the LIFO value of the inventory, we would experience an increase in reported earnings. Conversely, if LIFO inventory quantities are reduced in a future period when replacement costs are lower than the LIFO value of the inventory, we would experience a decline in reported earnings.

We are subject to certain asbestos litigation and unexpected judgments or settlements that could have a material adverse effect on our financial results.

There are 1,241 pending non-maritime asbestos cases involving our subsidiaries. The majority of these cases involve plaintiffs alleging exposure to asbestos-containing cable manufactured by our predecessors. In addition to our subsidiaries, numerous other wire and cable manufacturers have been named as defendants in these cases. Our subsidiaries have also been named, along with numerous other product manufacturers, as defendants in 33,489 suits in which plaintiffs alleged that they suffered an asbestos-related injury while working in the maritime industry. These cases are referred to as MARDOC cases and are currently managed under the supervision of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. On May 1, 1996, the District Court ordered that all pending MARDOC cases be administratively dismissed without prejudice and the cases cannot be reinstated, except in certain circumstances involving specific proof of injury. We cannot assure you that any judgments or settlements of the pending non-maritime and/or MARDOC asbestos cases or any cases which may be filed in the future will not have a material adverse effect on our financial results, cash flows or financial position. Moreover, certain of our insurers may become financially unstable and in the event one or more of these insurers enter into insurance liquidation proceedings, we will be required to pay a larger portion of the costs incurred in connection with these cases.

Environmental liabilities could potentially adversely impact us and our affiliates.

We are subject to federal, state, local and foreign environmental protection laws and regulations governing our operations and the use, handling, disposal and remediation of hazardous substances currently or formerly used by us and our affiliates. A risk of environmental liability is inherent in our and our affiliates' current and former manufacturing activities in the event of a release or discharge of a hazardous substance generated by us or our affiliates. Under certain environmental laws, we could be held jointly and severally responsible for the remediation of any hazardous substance contamination at our facilities and at third party waste disposal sites and could also be held liable for any consequences arising out of human exposure to such substances or other environmental damage. We and our affiliates have been named as potentially responsible parties in proceedings that involve environmental remediation. There can be no assurance that the costs of complying with environmental, health and safety laws and requirements in our current operations or the liabilities arising from past releases of, or exposure to, hazardous substances, will not result in future expenditures by us that could materially and adversely affect our financial results,

cash flows or financial condition.

Growth through acquisition has been a significant part of our strategy and we may not be able to successfully identify or integrate acquisitions.

Growth through acquisition has been, and is expected to continue to be, a significant part of our strategy. We regularly evaluate possible acquisition candidates. We cannot assure you that we will be successful in identifying, financing and closing acquisitions at favorable prices and terms. Potential acquisitions may require us to issue additional shares of stock or obtain additional or new financing. The issuance of shares of our common or preferred stock in connection with potential acquisitions may dilute the value of shares held by our then existing equity holders. Further, we cannot assure you that we will be successful in integrating any such acquisitions that are completed. Integration of any such acquisitions may require substantial management, financial and other resources and may pose risks with respect to production, customer service and market share of existing operations. In addition, we may acquire businesses that are subject to technological or competitive risks, and we may not be able to realize the benefits originally expected from such acquisitions.

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We have assumed substantially all of the liabilities of the PDIC operations, which may expose us to additional risks and uncertainties that we would not face if the acquisition had not occurred.

As a result of the PDIC acquisition, we succeeded to substantially all of the liabilities associated with the wire and cable business we acquired, which may include, without limitation:

environmental risks and liabilities related to the operation of the acquired assets;

risks associated with these operations in various foreign countries, including in Brazil, China, Colombia, India, Thailand, Venezuela and Zambia;

existing product liability claims with respect to the acquired wire and cable products;

other existing litigation and tax liabilities involving the acquired wire and cable business;

issues relating to compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, including issues relating to internal control over financial reporting, or other applicable laws;

issues related to debt assumed in connection with the acquisition; and

employee and employee benefit liabilities.

In addition to the risks set forth above, we may discover additional information, risks or uncertainties about this business that may adversely affect us. An acquisition of operations in many foreign countries, such as this acquisition, makes it extremely difficult for the acquirer to discover and adequately protect itself against all potentially adverse liabilities, risks or uncertainties that exist or may arise. Based on all of the foregoing liabilities, risks and uncertainties, there can be no assurance that the acquisition will not, in fact, have a negative impact on our financial results.

Subject to certain limitations and exceptions, the stock purchase agreement we entered into in connection with the acquisition provides us with indemnification rights for losses we incur in connection with:

a breach by the sellers of specified representations and warranties;

a breach by the sellers of a covenant in the stock purchase agreement; or

specified environmental and tax liabilities.

Our right to seek indemnification for such losses is limited by the terms of the stock purchase agreement, which requires us to absorb specified amounts of losses before we may seek indemnification. Moreover, the maximum amount of indemnity we may seek under the stock purchase agreement is limited. Furthermore, it may be extremely difficult for us to prove that a loss we incur was caused by a specified breach of a covered representation or warranty or covenant. Except in the case of fraud and as to available equitable remedies, our right to seek indemnification will be the exclusive remedy we may pursue under the stock purchase agreement for any losses we incur in connection with the acquisition.

If we are unable to prove a breach of a representation, warranty or covenant necessary to support an indemnification claim, if a claim or loss we incur is not covered by these indemnification provisions, or if the total amount of liabilities and obligations we incur in the acquisition exceeds the amount of indemnification provided, we may be responsible to pay unforeseen additional expenses and costs. Furthermore, any claim by us for indemnification under the stock purchase agreement may be contested, which could have the effect of delaying or ultimately preventing our receipt of remuneration for such a claim. As a result, our business may be materially adversely affected and our stock price could decline.

Terrorist attacks and other attacks or acts of war may adversely affect the markets in which we operate and our profitability.

The attacks of September 11, 2001 and subsequent events, including the military actions in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere in the Middle East, have caused and may continue to cause instability in our markets and have led and may continue to lead to, further armed hostilities or further acts of terrorism worldwide, which could cause further disruption in our markets. Acts of terrorism and those of guerilla groups or drug cartels may impact any or all of our facilities and operations, or those of our customers or suppliers and may further limit or delay purchasing decisions of our customers. Depending on their magnitude, these or similar acts could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial results, cash flows and financial position.

We carry insurance coverage on our facilities of types and in amounts that we believe are in line with coverage customarily obtained by owners of similar properties. We continue to monitor the state of the insurance market in general and the scope and cost of coverage for acts of terrorism and similar acts in particular, but we cannot anticipate what coverage will be available on commercially reasonable terms in future policy years. Currently, we do not carry terrorism insurance coverage. If we experience a loss that is uninsured or that exceeds policy limits, we could lose the capital invested in the damaged facilities, as well as the anticipated future net sales from those facilities. Depending on the specific circumstances of each affected facility, it is possible that we could be liable for indebtedness or other obligations related to the facility. Any such loss could materially and adversely affect our business, financial results, cash flows and financial position.

Table of Contents***If we fail to retain our key employees, our business may be harmed.***

Our success has been largely dependent on the skills, experience and efforts of our key employees and the loss of the services of any of our executive officers or other key employees, without a properly executed transition plan, could have an adverse effect on us. The loss of our key employees who have intimate knowledge of our manufacturing process could lead to increased competition to the extent that those employees are hired by a competitor and are able to recreate our manufacturing process. Our future success will also depend in part upon our continuing ability to attract and retain highly qualified personnel, who are in great demand.

Declining returns in the investment portfolio of our defined benefit pension plans and changes in actuarial assumptions could increase the volatility in our pension expense and require us to increase cash contributions to the plans.

We sponsor defined pension plans around the world. Pension expense for the defined benefit pension plans sponsored by us is determined based upon a number of actuarial assumptions, including an expected long-term rate of return on assets and discount rate. The use of these assumptions makes our pension expense and our cash contributions subject to year-to-year volatility. As of December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, the defined benefit pension plans were underfunded by approximately \$122.2 million, \$72.5 million and \$35.7 million respectively, based on the actuarial methods and assumptions utilized for purposes of the applicable accounting rules and interpretations. We have experienced volatility in our pension expense and in our cash contributions to our defined benefit pension plans. In 2008, pension expense was \$8.2 million an increase of approximately \$2.9 million from 2007 and cash contributions were \$9.3 million a decreased of approximately \$7.1 million from 2007. The Company estimates its 2009 pension expense for its defined benefit plans will increase approximately \$8.5 million from 2008. In the event that actual results differ from the actuarial assumptions or actuarial assumptions are changed, the funded status of our defined benefit pension plans may change and any such deficiency could result in additional charges to equity and an increase in future pension expense and cash contributions.

An ownership change could result in a limitation of the use of our net operating losses.

As of December 31, 2008, we had approximately \$5.4 million of NOL carryforwards that are subject to an annual limitation under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code. This NOL carryforward is scheduled to expire at December 31, 2009. Our ability to utilize this NOL carryforward, including any future NOL carryforwards that may arise, may be further limited by Section 382 if we undergo an ownership change as a result of the sale of our stock by holders of our equity securities or as a result of subsequent changes in the ownership of our outstanding stock. We would undergo an ownership change if, among other things, the stockholders, or group of stockholders, who own or have owned, directly or indirectly, 5% or more of the value of our stock or are otherwise treated as 5% stockholders under Section 382 and the regulations promulgated thereunder increase their aggregate percentage ownership of our stock by more than 50 percentage points over the lowest percentage of our stock owned by these stockholders at any time during the testing period, which is generally the three-year period preceding the potential ownership change. In the event of an ownership change, Section 382 imposes an annual limitation on the amount of post-ownership change taxable income a corporation may offset with pre-ownership change NOL carryforwards and certain recognized built-in losses. The limitation imposed by Section 382 for any post-change year would be determined by multiplying the value of our stock immediately before the ownership change (subject to certain adjustments) by the applicable long-term tax-exempt rate in effect at the time of the ownership change. Any unused annual limitation may be carried over to later years, and the limitation may under certain circumstances be increased by built-in gains which may be present in assets held by us at the time of the ownership change that are recognized in the five-year period after the ownership change.

Risks Related to Our Debt***Our substantial indebtedness could adversely affect our business and financial condition.***

We have a significant amount of debt. As of December 31, 2008, we had \$1,446.6 million of debt outstanding, \$136.5 million of which was secured indebtedness, and \$301.3 million of additional borrowing capacity available under our amended senior secured credit facility (Amended Credit Facility), \$62.9 million of additional borrowing capacity under our Spanish subsidiary s revolving credit facility (Spanish Credit Facility) and approximately \$60.6 million of additional borrowing capacity under agreements related to ECN Cable and approximately

\$338.0 million of additional borrowing capacity under our various credit agreements related to PDIC, subject to certain conditions. As of December 31, 2008, we had \$475.0 million 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes outstanding and \$355.0 million in 0.875% Convertible Notes and \$200.0 million of fixed-rate 7.125% Senior Notes and \$125.0 million of Senior Floating Rate Notes outstanding. Subject to the terms of the Amended Credit Facility, our Spanish subsidiary's term loan (Spanish Term Loan) and Spanish Credit Facility and the indentures governing our 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes, 0.875% Senior Convertible Notes, 7.125% Senior Notes and Senior Floating Rate Notes, we may also incur additional indebtedness, including secured debt, in the future. See Item 7 of this document for details on the various debt agreements.

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The degree to which we are leveraged could have important adverse consequences to us, limiting management's choices in responding to business, economic, regulatory and other competitive conditions. In addition, our ability to generate cash flow from operations sufficient to make scheduled payments on our debts as they become due will depend on our future performance, our ability to successfully implement our business strategy and our ability to obtain other financing, which may be influenced by economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory and other factors that are beyond our control. Our indebtedness could also adversely affect our financial position.

We may not have sufficient cash to pay, or may not be permitted to pay, the cash portion of the required consideration that we may need to pay if the 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes or the 0.875% Senior Convertible Notes are converted. We will be required to pay to the holder of a note a cash payment equal to the lesser of the principal amount of the notes being converted or the conversion value of those notes. This part of the payment must be made in cash, not in shares of our common stock. As a result, we may be required to pay significant amounts in cash to holders of the notes upon conversion. A failure to pay the required cash consideration would be an event of default under the indenture governing the 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes and the 0.875% Senior Convertible Notes, which could lead to cross-defaults under our other indebtedness.

In connection with the incurrence of indebtedness under our Amended Credit Facility, the lenders under that facility have received a pledge of all of the capital stock of our existing domestic subsidiaries and any future domestic subsidiaries. Additionally, these lenders have a lien on substantially all of our domestic assets, including our existing and future accounts receivables, cash, general intangibles, investment property and real property. As a result of these pledges and liens, if we fail to meet our payment or other obligations under our Amended Credit Facility, the lenders with respect to this facility would be entitled to foreclose on substantially all of our domestic assets and to liquidate these assets.

The agreements that govern our indebtedness contain various covenants that limit our discretion in the operation of our business.

The agreements and instruments that govern our indebtedness contain various restrictive covenants that, among other things, require us to comply with or maintain certain financial tests and ratios and restrict our ability to:

- incur more debt;
- create liens;
- make certain investments and payments;
- pay dividends, purchase company stock or make other distributions;
- enter into transactions with affiliates;
- make acquisitions;
- merge or consolidate; and
- transfer or sell assets.

Our ability to comply with these covenants is subject to various risks and uncertainties. In addition, events beyond our control could affect our ability to comply with and maintain the financial tests and ratios required by this indebtedness. Any failure by us to comply with and maintain all applicable financial tests and ratios and to comply with all applicable covenants could result in an event of default with respect to, the acceleration of the maturity of, and the termination of the commitments to make further extension of credit under, a substantial portion of our debt. Even if we are able to comply with all applicable covenants, the restrictions on our ability to operate our business in our sole discretion could harm our business by, among other things, limiting our ability to take advantage of financing, mergers, acquisitions and other corporate opportunities.

Failure to comply with covenants and other provisions in our existing or future financing arrangements could result in cross-defaults under some of our financing arrangements, which cross-defaults could jeopardize our ability to satisfy our obligations.

Various risks, uncertainties and events beyond our control could affect our ability to comply with the covenants, financial tests and ratios required by the instruments governing our financing arrangements. Failure to comply with any of the covenants in our existing or future financing agreements could result in a default under those agreements and under other agreements containing cross-default provisions. A default would permit lenders to cease to make further extensions of credit, accelerate the maturity of the debt under these agreements and foreclose upon any

collateral securing that debt. Under these circumstances, we might not have sufficient funds or other resources to satisfy all of our obligations. In addition, the limitations imposed by financing agreements on our ability to incur additional debt and to take other actions might significantly impair our ability to obtain other financing. We may also amend the provisions and limitations of our credit facilities from time to time.

Certain portions of our debt contain prepayment or acceleration rights at the election of the holders upon a covenant default or change in control, which acceleration rights, if exercised, could constitute an event of default under other portions of our debt. It is possible that we would be unable to fulfill all of these obligations simultaneously.

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Our ability to pay principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness depends upon our receipt of dividends or other intercompany transfers from our subsidiaries, and claims of creditors of our subsidiaries that do not guarantee our indebtedness will have priority over claims you may have as for our guaranteed indebtedness with respect to the assets and earnings of those subsidiaries.

We are a holding company and substantially all of our properties and assets are owned by, and all our operations are conducted through, our subsidiaries. As a result, we are dependent upon cash dividends and distributions or other transfers from our subsidiaries to meet our debt service obligations, including payment of the interest on and principal of our indebtedness when due, and other obligations. The ability of our subsidiaries to pay dividends and make other payments to us may be restricted by, among other things, applicable corporate, tax and other laws and regulations in the United States and abroad and agreements made by us and our subsidiaries, including under the terms of our existing and potentially future indebtedness.

In addition, claims of creditors, including trade creditors, of our subsidiaries will generally have priority with respect to the assets and earnings of such subsidiaries over the claims of our creditors, except to the extent the claims of our creditors are guaranteed by these subsidiaries. Certain of our indebtedness may be guaranteed by only some of our subsidiaries. In the event of our dissolution, bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization, the holders of such indebtedness will not receive any amounts from our non-guarantor subsidiaries with respect to such indebtedness until after the payment in full of the claims of the creditors of those subsidiaries.

A downgrade in our financial strength or credit ratings could limit our ability to conduct our business or offer and sell additional debt securities, and could hurt our relationships with creditors.

Nationally recognized statistical rating organizations rate the credit risk associated with certain of our debt. Ratings are not recommendations to buy or sell our securities. We may, in the future, incur indebtedness with interest rates that may be affected by changes in or other actions associated with our credit ratings. Each of the rating agencies reviews its ratings periodically, and previous ratings for our debt may not be maintained in the future. Rating agencies may also place us under review for potential downgrade in certain circumstances or if we seek to take certain actions. A downgrade of our debt ratings could affect our ability to raise additional debt with terms and conditions similar to our current debt, and accordingly, likely increase our cost of capital. In addition, a downgrade of these ratings, or other negative action, could make it more difficult for us to raise capital to refinance any maturing debt obligations, to support business growth and to maintain or improve the current financial strength of our business and operations.

Risks Related to Our Securities

Our stock has been and continues to be volatile, and our ability to pay dividends on our common stock is limited.

The value of our securities may fluctuate as a result of various factors, such as:

- Announcements relating to significant corporate transactions;
- Operating and stock price performance of companies that investors deem comparable to us;
- Sales or the expectation of sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market;
- Changes in government regulation or proposals relating thereto; and
- General stock market fluctuations unrelated to our operating performance.

In addition, we do not expect to pay cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. Payment of dividends on our common stock will depend on the earnings and cash flows of our business and that of our subsidiaries, and on our subsidiaries' ability to pay dividends or to advance or repay funds to us. Before declaring a dividend, our Board of Directors will consider factors that ordinarily affect dividend policy, such as earnings, cash flow, estimates of future earnings and cash flow, business conditions, regulatory factors, our financial condition and other matters within its discretion, as well as contractual restrictions on our ability to pay dividends. We may not be able to pay dividends in the future or, if paid, we cannot assure you that the dividends will be in the same amount or with the same frequency as in the past.

Under the Delaware General Corporation Law, we may pay dividends, in cash or otherwise, only if we have surplus in an amount at least equal to the amount of the relevant dividend payment. Any payment of cash dividends will depend upon our financial condition, capital requirements, earnings and other factors deemed relevant by our Board of Directors. Further, our Amended Credit Facility and the indentures governing our 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes,

0.875% Senior Convertible Notes and 7.125% Senior Notes and Senior Floating Rate Notes limit our ability to pay cash dividends, including cash dividends on our common stock. In addition, the certificate of designations for our Series A preferred stock prohibits us from the payment of any cash dividends on our common stock if we are not current on dividend payments with respect to our Series A preferred stock. Agreements governing future indebtedness will likely contain restrictions on our ability to pay cash dividends.

Table of Contents***Future issuances of shares of our common stock may depress its market price.***

Sales of substantial numbers of additional shares of common stock, including shares of common stock underlying the 0.875% and 1.00% Convertible Notes and shares of our outstanding Series A preferred stock, as well as sales of shares that may be issued in connection with future acquisitions, or the perception that such sales could occur, may have a harmful effect on prevailing market prices for our common stock and our ability to raise additional capital in the financial markets at a time and price favorable to us. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that we have authority to issue 200 million shares of common stock. As of December 31, 2008, there were approximately 51.8 million shares of common stock outstanding (net of treasury shares), approximately 0.4 million shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of currently outstanding stock options and approximately 0.4 million shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of our outstanding Series A preferred stock. In addition, a maximum of approximately 7.2 million shares of our common stock could be issuable upon conversion of our 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes. Similarly, a maximum of approximately 9.0 million shares of common stock could be issuable upon conversion of our 0.875% Convertible Notes and approximately 7.0 million shares of common stock could be issuable due to the issuance of warrants we issued in connection with the offering of our 0.875% Convertible Notes. All of the shares of our common stock that could be issued pursuant to the conversion of our 0.875% Convertible Notes by holders who are not our affiliates would be freely tradable by such holders.

Our convertible note hedge and warrant transactions may affect the trading price of our common stock.

In connection with the issuance of our 0.875% Convertible Notes, we entered into convertible note hedge transactions with one or more of the participating underwriters or their affiliates, which we refer to as the counterparties. The convertible note hedge transactions are comprised of purchased call options and sold warrants. The purchased call options are expected to reduce our exposure to potential dilution upon the conversion of the 0.875% Convertible Notes. We also entered into warrant transactions with such counterparties. The sold warrants have an exercise price that is approximately 92.4% higher than the closing price of our common stock on the date the 0.875% Convertible Notes were priced. The warrants are expected to provide us with some protection against increases in our stock price over the conversion price per share. In connection with these transactions, the counterparties, or their affiliates:

- may enter into various over-the-counter derivative transactions or purchase or sell our common stock in secondary market transactions; and

- may enter into, or may unwind, various over-the-counter derivatives or purchase or sell our common stock in secondary market transactions, including during any conversion reference period with respect to a conversion of 0.875% Convertible Notes.

These activities may have the effect of increasing, or preventing a decline in, the market price of our common stock. In addition, any hedging transactions by the counterparties, or their affiliates, including during any conversion reference period, may have an adverse impact on the trading price of our common stock. The counterparties, or their affiliates, are likely to modify their hedge positions from time to time prior to conversion or maturity of the 0.875% Convertible Notes by purchasing and selling shares of our common stock, other of our securities, or other instruments, including over-the-counter derivative instruments, that they may wish to use in connection with such hedging. In addition, we intend to exercise our purchased call options whenever 0.875% Convertible Notes are converted, although we are not required to do so. In order to unwind any hedge positions with respect to our exercise of the purchased call options, the counterparties or their affiliates would expect to sell shares of common stock in secondary market transactions or unwind various over-the-counter derivative transactions with respect to our common stock during the conversion reference period for any 0.875% Convertible Notes that may be converted.

The effect, if any, of these transactions and activities in connection with the 0.875% Convertible Notes on the market price of our common stock will depend in part on market conditions and cannot be ascertained at this time, but any of these activities could adversely affect the trading price of our common stock and, as a result, the number of shares and value of the common stock received upon conversion of our 0.875% Convertible Notes.

Table of Contents***Issuances of additional series of preferred stock could adversely affect holders of our common stock.***

Our Board of Directors is authorized to issue additional series of preferred stock without any action on the part of our stockholders. Our Board of Directors also has the power, without stockholder approval, to set the terms of any such series of preferred stock that may be issued, including voting rights, conversion rights, dividend rights, preferences over our common stock with respect to dividends or if we liquidate, dissolve or wind up our business and other terms. If we issue preferred stock in the future that has preference over our common stock with respect to the payment of dividends or upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding-up, or if we issue preferred stock with voting rights that dilute the voting power of our common stock, the rights of holders of our common stock or the market price of our common stock could be adversely affected.

Provisions in our constituent documents could make it more difficult to acquire our company.

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated by-laws contain provisions that may discourage, delay or prevent a third party from acquiring us, even if doing so would be beneficial to our stockholders. Under our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, only our Board of Directors may call special meetings of stockholders, and stockholders must comply with advance notice requirements for nominating candidates for election to our Board of Directors or for proposing matters that can be acted upon by stockholders at stockholder meetings. Directors may be removed by stockholders only for cause and only by the effective vote of at least 66²/₃% of the voting power of all shares of capital stock then entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class. Additionally, the severance policy applicable to our executive officers may have the effect of making a change of control more expensive and, therefore, less attractive.

Pursuant to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, our Board of Directors may by resolution establish one or more series of preferred stock, having such number of shares, designation, relative voting rights, dividend rates, conversion rights, liquidation or other rights, preferences and limitations as may be fixed by our Board of Directors without any further stockholder approval. Such rights, preferences, privileges and limitations as may be established, as well as provisions related to our convertible notes that may entitle holders of those notes to receive make-whole or other payments upon the consummation of a change in control or other fundamental transaction, could have the further effect of impeding or discouraging the acquisition of control of our Company.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

The Company's principal manufacturing facilities are listed below. The Company owns the property at its global headquarters located in Highland Heights, Kentucky and leases various distribution centers and sales and administrative offices around the world. The Company believes that its properties are generally well maintained and are adequate for the Company's current level of operations.

Manufacturing properties by country	Square Feet	Owned or Leased
North America		
United States - 12	5,240,000	10 owned, 2 leased
Canada - 3	285,000	3 owned
Mexico (North) - 2	103,400	2 leased
Europe and North Africa		
Spain - 4	1,373,000	4 owned
France - 1	1,000,000	1 owned
Algeria - 1	807,300	1 owned
Germany - 1	511,300	1 owned
Portugal - 1	255,000	1 owned
ROW		
Venezuela - 3	1,058,400	3 owned

Brazil - 3	951,800	3 owned
Thailand - 2	640,000	2 owned
Chile - 1	516,700	1 owned
Philippines - 1	470,000	1 owned
India - 2	389,900	2 owned
New Zealand - 2	314,000	2 owned
China - 1	279,800	1 owned
Mexico (South) - 1	218,000	1 owned
Costa Rica - 1	213,000	1 owned
Zambia - 1	187,900	1 owned
Honduras - 1	76,300	1 owned

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ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

General Cable is subject to numerous federal, state, local and foreign laws and regulations relating to the storage, handling, emission and discharge of materials into the environment, including CERCLA, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act (including the 1990 amendments) and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

General Cable subsidiaries have been identified as potentially responsible parties with respect to several sites designated for cleanup under CERCLA or similar state laws, which impose liability for cleanup of certain waste sites and for related natural resource damages without regard to fault or the legality of waste generation or disposal. General Cable does not own or operate any of the waste sites with respect to which it has been named as a potentially responsible party by the government. Based on its review and other factors, management believes that costs relating to environmental clean-up at these sites will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, cash flows or financial position.

American Premier Underwriters, Inc., in connection with the 1994 Wassall PLC transaction, agreed to indemnify General Cable against liabilities (including all environmental liabilities) arising out of General Cable or its predecessors' ownership or operation of the Indiana Steel & Wire Company and Marathon Manufacturing Holdings, Inc. businesses (which were divested by the predecessor prior to the 1994 Wassall transaction), without limitation as to time or amount. American Premier also agreed to indemnify General Cable against 662/3% of all other environmental liabilities arising out of General Cable or its predecessors' ownership or operation of other properties and assets in excess of \$10 million but not in excess of \$33 million, which were identified during the seven-year period ended June 2001. Indemnifiable environmental liabilities through June 2001 were substantially below that threshold. In addition, General Cable also has claims against third parties with respect to some of these liabilities. While it is difficult to estimate future environmental liabilities accurately, the Company does not currently anticipate any material adverse effect on results of operations, financial condition or cash flows as a result of compliance with federal, state, local or foreign environmental laws or regulations or cleanup costs of the sites discussed above.

As part of the BICC plc acquisition, BICC agreed to indemnify General Cable against environmental liabilities existing at the date of the closing of the purchase of the business. The indemnity is for an eight-year period ending in 2007 while the Company operates the businesses subject to certain sharing of losses (with BICC plc covering 95% of losses in the first three years, 80% in years four and five and 60% in the remaining three years). The indemnity is also subject to the overall indemnity limit of \$150 million, which applies to all warranty and indemnity claims in the transaction. In addition, BICC plc assumed responsibility for cleanup of certain specific conditions at several sites operated by General Cable and cleanup is mostly complete at those sites. In the sale of the businesses to Pirelli in August 2000, General Cable generally indemnified Pirelli against any environmental liabilities on the same basis as BICC plc indemnified the Company in the earlier acquisition. However, the indemnity General Cable received from BICC plc related to the European businesses sold to Pirelli terminated upon the sale of those businesses to Pirelli. At this time, there are no claims outstanding under the general indemnity provided by BICC plc. In addition, the Company generally indemnified Pirelli against other claims relating to the prior operation of the business. Pirelli has asserted claims under this indemnification. The Company is continuing to investigate and defend against these claims and believes that the reserves currently included in the Company's consolidated balance sheets are adequate to cover any obligations it may have.

General Cable has also agreed to indemnify Southwire Company against certain environmental liabilities arising out of the operation of the business it sold to Southwire prior to its sale. The indemnity is for a ten year period from the closing of the sale, which ends in the fourth quarter of 2011, and is subject to an overall limit of \$20 million. At this time, there are no claims outstanding under this indemnity.

As part of the acquisition of Silec, SAFRAN SA agreed to indemnify General Cable against environmental losses arising from breach of representations and warranties on environmental law compliance and against losses arising from costs General Cable could incur to remediate property acquired based on a directive of the French authorities to rehabilitate property in regard to soil, water and other underground contamination arising before the closing date of the purchase. These indemnities are for a six-year period ending in 2011 while General Cable operates the businesses subject to sharing of certain losses (with SAFRAN covering 100% of losses in year one, 75% in years two and three, 50% in year four, and 25% in years five and six). The indemnities are subject to an overall limit of 4.0 million euros.

As of December 31, 2008, there were no claims outstanding under this indemnity.

In 2007, the Company acquired the worldwide wire and cable business of Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold Inc., which operates as PDIC. As part of this acquisition, the seller agreed to indemnify the Company for certain environmental liabilities existing at the date of the closing of the acquisition. The seller's obligation to indemnify the Company for these particular liabilities generally survives four years from the date the parties executed the definitive purchase agreement unless the Company has properly notified the seller before the expiry of the four year period. The seller also made certain representations and warranties related to environmental matters and the acquired business and agreed to indemnify the Company for breaches of those representation and warranties for a period of four years from the closing date. Indemnification claims for breach of representations and warranties are subject to an overall indemnity limit of approximately \$105 million with a deductible of \$5.0 million, which generally applies to all warranty and indemnity claims for the transaction.

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General Cable has been a defendant in asbestos litigation for approximately 20 years. As of December 31, 2008, General Cable was a defendant in 34,730 lawsuits. Also, 33,489 of these lawsuits have been brought on behalf of plaintiffs by a single admiralty law firm (MARDOC) and seek unspecified damages. Plaintiffs in the MARDOC cases generally allege that they formerly worked in the maritime industry and sustained asbestos-related injuries from products that General Cable ceased manufacturing in the mid-1970s. The MARDOC cases are managed and supervised by a federal judge in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (District Court) by reason of a transfer by the judicial panel on Multidistrict Litigation (MDL).

In the MARDOC cases in the MDL, the District Court in May 1996 dismissed all pending cases filed without prejudice and placed them on an inactive administrative docket. To reinstate a MARDOC case from the inactive docket, plaintiffs' counsel must show that the plaintiff not only suffered from a recognized asbestos-related injury, but also must produce specific product identification evidence to proceed against an individual defendant. During 2002, plaintiffs' counsel requested that the District Court allow discovery in approximately 15 cases. Prior to this discovery, plaintiffs' counsel indicated that they believed that product identification could be established as to many of the approximately 100 defendants named in these MARDOC cases. To date, in this discovery, General Cable has not been identified as a manufacturer of asbestos-containing products to which any of these plaintiffs were exposed.

As of December 31, 2008, General Cable was a defendant in 34,730 cases brought in various jurisdictions throughout the United States. With regards to the 1,241 remaining non-maritime cases, General Cable has aggressively defended these cases based upon either lack of product identification as to General Cable manufactured asbestos-containing product and/or lack of exposure to asbestos dust from the use of General Cable product. In the last 20 years, General Cable has had no cases proceed to verdict. In many of the cases, General Cable was dismissed as a defendant before trial for lack of product identification.

For cases outside the MDL as of December 31, 2008, Plaintiffs have asserted monetary damages in approximately 300 cases. In 153 of these cases, plaintiffs allege only damages in excess of some dollar amount (about \$217 thousand per plaintiff); in these cases there are no claims for specific dollar amounts requested as to any defendant. In 142 other cases pending in state and federal district courts (outside the MDL), plaintiffs seek approximately \$349.0 million in damages from as many as 110 defendants. In five cases, plaintiffs have asserted damages related to General Cable in the amount of \$2.1 million. In addition, in relation to these 300 cases, there are claims of \$168.0 million in punitive damages from all of the defendants. However, many of the plaintiffs in these cases allege non-malignant injuries.

Based on our experience in this litigation, the amounts pleaded in the complaints are not typically meaningful as an indicator of the Company's potential liability. This is because (1) the amounts claimed usually bear no relation to the level of plaintiff's injury, if any; (2) complaints nearly always assert claims against multiple defendants (a typical complaint asserts claims against some 50 different defendants); (3) damages alleged are not attributed to individual defendants; (4) the defendants' share of liability may turn on the law of joint and several liability; (5) the amount of fault to be allocated to each defendant is different depending on each case; (6) many cases are filed against General Cable, even though the plaintiff did not use any of General Cable's products, and ultimately are withdrawn or dismissed without any payment; (7) many cases are brought on behalf of plaintiffs who have not suffered any medical injuries, and ultimately are resolved without any payment to that plaintiff; and (8) with regard to claims for punitive damages, potential liability generally is related to the amount of potential exposure to asbestos from a defendant's products. General Cable's asbestos-containing products contained only a minimal amount of fully encapsulated asbestos.

Further, as indicated above, General Cable has approximately 20 years of experience in this litigation, and has, to date, resolved the claims of approximately 11,307 plaintiffs. The cumulative average settlement through December 31, 2008 has been approximately \$475 per case. However, the average settlements paid to resolve litigation in 2008 and 2007 have increased significantly above that amount as the mix of cases currently being listed for trial in state courts and those which may be listed in the future, which may need to be resolved, involve more serious asbestos related injuries. As of December 31, 2008 and 2007, the Company had accrued on its balance sheet, on a gross basis, a liability of \$5.0 million and \$5.2 million, respectively, for asbestos-related claims and had recorded insurance recoveries of approximately \$0.5 million, respectively. The net amount of \$4.5 million and \$4.7 million, as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, represents the Company's best estimate in order to cover resolution of

future asbestos-related claims.

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In January 1994, General Cable entered into a settlement agreement with certain principal primary insurers concerning liability for the costs of defense, judgments and settlements, if any, in all of the asbestos litigation described above. Subject to the terms and conditions of the settlement agreement, the insurers are responsible for a substantial portion of the costs and expenses incurred in the defense or resolution of this litigation. In recent years one of the insurers participating in the settlement that was responsible for a significant portion of the contribution under the settlement agreement entered into insurance liquidation proceedings. As a result, the contribution of the insurers has been reduced and the Company has had to bear a larger portion of the costs relating to these lawsuits. Moreover, certain of the other insurers may be financially unstable, and if one or more of these insurers enter into insurance liquidation proceedings, General Cable will be required to pay a larger portion of the costs incurred in connection with these cases. During 2006, the Company reached an approximately \$3.0 million settlement in cash for the resolution of one of these insurers' obligations that effectively exhausted the limits of the insurance company's policies that were included in the 1994 settlement agreement.

Based on (1) the terms of the insurance settlement agreement; (2) the relative costs and expenses incurred in the disposition of past asbestos cases; (3) reserves established on our books which are believed to be reasonable; and (4) defenses available to us in the litigation, the Company believes that the resolution of the present asbestos litigation will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial results, consolidated cash flows or consolidated financial position. However, since the outcome of litigation is inherently uncertain, the Company cannot give absolute assurance regarding the future resolution of the asbestos litigation. Liabilities incurred in connection with asbestos litigation are not covered by the American Premier indemnification.

General Cable is also involved in various routine legal proceedings and administrative actions. In the opinion of the Company's management, these proceedings and actions should not, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on its consolidated results of operations, cash flows or financial position.

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

No matters were submitted to a vote of security holders during the fourth quarter of 2008.

PART II.**ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES****Market Information and Holders**

General Cable's common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "BGC". As of February 20, 2009, there were approximately 1,849 registered holders of the Company's common stock. The following table sets forth the high and low daily sales prices for the Company's common stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange during the years ended December 31:

	2008		2007	
	High	Low	High	Low
First Quarter	\$ 72.04	\$ 51.29	\$ 55.66	\$ 42.25
Second Quarter	73.22	59.07	79.23	51.82
Third Quarter	62.45	34.25	84.95	48.16
Fourth Quarter	35.63	7.62	83.50	62.16

Dividends

The Company currently does not pay dividends on its common stock. The future payment of dividends on common stock is subject to the discretion of General Cable's Board of Directors, restrictions under the Series A preferred stock, restrictions under the Company's current Amended Credit Facility, the indentures governing the 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes, the 0.875% Convertible Notes, the 7.125% Senior Notes and the Senior Floating Rate Notes and the requirements of Delaware General Corporation Law, and will depend upon general business conditions, financial performance and other factors the Company's Board of Directors may consider relevant. General Cable does not expect to pay cash dividends on common stock in the foreseeable future.

Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans

Information related to the Company's securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans, including the tabular disclosure, is presented in Item 12, Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.

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The graph below compares the annual percentage change in cumulative total shareholder return on General Cable stock in relation to cumulative total return of the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index, and a peer group of companies (2008 Peer Group). The data shown are for the period beginning May 16, 1997, the date that General Cable (BGC) common stock began trading on the NYSE, through December 31, 2008.

	May 1997	Dec. 1997	Dec. 1998	Dec. 1999	Dec. 2000	Dec. 2001	Dec. 2002	Dec. 2003	Dec. 2004	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2006	Dec. 2007	Dec. 2008
General Cable	100	167	143	53	32	97	29	62	105	149	331	555	134
2008 Peer Group	100	124	95	160	133	112	52	95	107	118	236	277	104
S&P 500	100	117	148	177	159	138	106	134	146	150	171	177	109

- (1) Assumes the value of the investment in General Cable common stock and each index was 100 on May 16, 1997. The 2008 Peer Group consists of Belden CDT Inc. (NYSE: BDC), CommScope, Inc. (NYSE: CTV), Draka Holding, N.V. (Euronext Amsterdam Stock Exchange) and Nexans (Paris Stock Exchange). The Peer Group has consisted of the same basic companies since 2005. Returns in the 2008, 2007 and 2006 Peer Group are weighted by capitalization.

Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities; Use of Proceeds from Registered Securities

During the fourth quarter of 2007, the Company issued \$475.0 million 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes Due 2012, dated October 2, 2007, by and among General Cable Corporation, the subsidiary guarantors named therein, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee. The Notes were sold to qualified institutional buyers in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and related information has been previously provided on the Current Report on Form 8-K as filed on October 2, 2007 (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 4.9). Subsequently, on April 16, 2008, the Company completed an automatic shelf registration statement (Registration) of securities of well-known seasoned issuers on Form S-3ASR (incorporated by reference herein at Exhibit 4.13). The Registration will be used by the selling security holders to resell their Notes and common stock issuable upon conversion of their Notes. The Company will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of the Notes or the common stock issuable upon conversion of the Notes.

Purchases of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliated Purchasers

The Company was authorized by its Board of Directors on October 29, 2008 to institute a stock repurchase program for up to \$100 million of common stock (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 10.55). The Company has purchased approximately \$11.7 million or 1.0 million of common shares at an average price of \$11.65 per share under terms of this program during the fourth quarter of 2008. In 2007, the Company did not have a stock repurchase program and as a result did not repurchase any of its common stock. The employees of the Company do have the right to surrender to the Company shares in payment of minimum tax obligations upon the vesting of grants of common stock under the Company's equity compensation plans. Minimal shares were surrendered during the fourth quarter of 2008. For the year ended December 31, 2008, 30,509 total shares were surrendered to the Company by employees in payment of minimum tax obligations upon the vesting of nonvested stock under the Company's equity compensation plans, and the average price paid per share was \$58.43.

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The selected financial data for the last five years were derived from audited consolidated financial statements. The following selected financial data should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto, especially as the information pertains to 2006, 2007 and 2008 activity.

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2008	2007 ⁽¹⁾	2006 ⁽²⁾	2005 ⁽³⁾	2004
	(in millions, except metal price and share data)				
Net sales	\$ 6,230.1	\$ 4,614.8	\$ 3,665.1	\$ 2,380.8	\$ 1,970.7
Gross profit	802.4	662.7	471.0	270.7	214.7
Operating income	421.4	366.1	235.9	98.5	56.5
Other expense	(27.2)	(3.4)	(0.1)	(0.5)	(1.2)
Interest expense, net	(55.8)	(29.6)	(35.6)	(37.0)	(35.9)
Loss on extinguishment of debt		(25.3)			
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	338.4	307.8	200.2	61.0	19.4
Income tax benefit (provision)	(112.7)	(99.4)	(64.9)	(21.8)	18.1
Income from continuing operations	225.7	208.4	135.3	39.2	37.5
Gain on disposal of discontinued operations					0.4
Minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries	(13.1)	(0.2)			
Equity in net earnings of affiliated companies	4.6	0.4			
Net income	217.2	208.6	135.3	39.2	37.9
Less: preferred stock dividends	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(22.0)	(6.0)
Net income applicable to common shareholders	\$ 216.9	\$ 208.3	\$ 135.0	\$ 17.2	\$ 31.9
Earnings of continuing operations per common share-basic	\$ 4.16	\$ 4.07	\$ 2.70	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.81
Earnings of continuing operations per common share-assuming dilution	\$ 4.07	\$ 3.82	\$ 2.60	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.75
Earnings of discontinued operations per common share-basic	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 0.01
Earnings of discontinued operations per common share-assuming dilution	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 0.01
Earnings per common share-basic	\$ 4.16	\$ 4.07	\$ 2.70	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.82
Earnings per common share-assuming dilution	\$ 4.07	\$ 3.82	\$ 2.60	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.76
Weighted average shares outstanding-basic	52.2	51.2	50.0	41.1	39.0
Weighted average shares outstanding-assuming dilution	53.4	54.6	52.0	41.9	50.3

Other Data:

Depreciation and amortization	\$ 97.3	\$ 63.5	\$ 50.9	\$ 51.0	\$ 35.4
Capital expenditures	\$ 217.8	\$ 153.6	\$ 71.1	\$ 42.6	\$ 37.0
Average daily COMEX price per pound of copper cathode	\$ 3.13	\$ 3.22	\$ 3.09	\$ 1.68	\$ 1.29
Average daily price per pound of aluminum rod	\$ 1.21	\$ 1.23	\$ 1.22	\$ 0.92	\$ 0.85

	2008	2007	December 31, 2006	2005	2004
Balance Sheet Data:					
Working capital ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 1,066.7	\$ 737.7	\$ 739.1	\$ 378.6	\$ 298.0
Total assets	3,840.4	3,793.6	2,218.7	1,523.2	1,239.3
Total debt	1,446.6	1,398.8	740.6	451.6	374.9
Dividends to common shareholders					
Shareholders equity	708.4	676.9	434.4	293.3	301.4

(1) Includes operating results of PDIC since October 31, 2007 and the effects of the adoption of FASB Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*.

(2) This period includes the effects of the adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 123 (Revised 2004), *Share-Based Payment*, and SFAS No. 158, *Employers Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement*

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and 132(R).*

- (3) This period includes the preliminary opening balance sheet figures for Silec as of December 31, 2005. Due to the purchase dates, the effects of the acquisitions on the statements of operations data were not material.
- (4) Working capital means current assets less current liabilities.

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The following Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations (MD&A) is intended to help the reader understand General Cable Corporation's financial position, changes in financial condition, and results of operations. MD&A is provided as a supplement to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements and the accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Notes) and should be read in conjunction with these Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes.

Overview

General Cable is a global leader in the development, design, manufacture, installation, marketing and distribution of copper, aluminum and fiber optic wire and cable products. The Company's operations are divided into three reportable segments: North America, Europe and North Africa and ROW.

The Company has a strong market position in each of the segments in which it competes due to product, geographic, and customer diversity and the Company's ability to operate as a low cost provider. The Company sells a wide variety of copper, aluminum and fiber optic wire and cable products, which it believes represents one of the most diversified product lines in the industry. As a result, the Company is able to offer its customers a single source for most of their wire and cable requirements. As of December 31, 2008, the Company manufactures its product lines in 46 facilities and sells its products worldwide through its global operations.

Certain statements in this report including, without limitation, statements regarding future financial results and performance, plans and objectives, capital expenditures and the Company's or management's beliefs, expectations or opinions, are forward-looking statements, and as such, General Cable desires to take advantage of the safe harbor which is afforded such statements under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The Company's forward-looking statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's comments in this report under the heading, Disclosure Regarding Forward-Looking Statements. Actual results may differ materially from those statements as a result of factors, risks and uncertainties over which the Company has no control. For a list of some of these factors, risks and uncertainties, see Item 1A.

General Cable analyzes its worldwide operations based on three geographical reportable segments: 1) North America, 2) Europe and North Africa and 3) ROW. The following table sets forth net sales and operating income by geographic group for the periods presented, in millions of dollars:

(in millions)	Year Ended December 31		
	2008	2007	2006
Net sales:			
North America	\$ 2,178.7	\$ 2,243.7	\$ 2,058.6
Europe and North Africa	2,175.3	1,939.7	1,446.8
ROW	1,876.1	431.4	159.7
Total	\$ 6,230.1	\$ 4,614.8	\$ 3,665.1
Operating Income:			
North America	\$ 122.5	\$ 179.4	\$ 128.9
Europe and North Africa	162.2	162.4	101.9
ROW	136.7	24.3	5.1
Total	\$ 421.4	\$ 366.1	\$ 235.9

General Cable's reported net sales are directly influenced by the price of copper, and to a lesser extent, aluminum. The price of copper and aluminum as traded on the London Metal Exchange (LME) and COMEX has historically been subject to considerable volatility and, during the past few years, global copper prices have established new average

record highs as demonstrated in the table above at Item 1 Raw Materials Sources and Availability.

General Cable generally passes changes in copper and aluminum prices along to its customers, although there are timing delays of varying lengths depending upon the volatility of metals prices, the type of product, competitive conditions and particular customer arrangements. A significant portion of the Company's electric utility and telecommunications business and, to a lesser extent, the Company's electrical infrastructure business has metal escalators included in customer contracts under a variety of price setting and recovery formulas. The remainder of the Company's business requires that volatility in the cost of metals be recovered through negotiated price changes with customers. In these instances, the ability to change the Company's selling prices may lag the movement in metal prices by a period of time as the customer price changes are implemented. As a result of this and a number of other practices intended to match copper and aluminum purchases with sales, profitability over time has historically not been significantly affected by changes in copper and aluminum prices. General Cable hedges metal purchases but does not engage in speculative metals trading.

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The Company has experienced volatility on raw materials other than copper and aluminum used in cable manufacturing, such as insulating compounds, steel and wood reels, freight costs and energy costs. Generally, the Company attempts to adjust selling prices in most of its markets in order to offset the impact of this raw material price and other cost volatility, particularly in periods of rising costs. However, the Company's ability to ultimately realize price increases, in periods of rising costs, is influenced by competitive conditions in its markets, including manufacturing capacity utilization. In addition, a sudden rise in raw material prices when combined with the normal lag time between an announced customer price increase and its effective date in the market, may result in the Company not fully recovering these increased costs. If the Company were not able to adequately increase selling prices in a period of rising raw material costs, the Company may experience a decrease in reported earnings.

Current Business Environment

The wire and cable industry is competitive, mature and cost driven with minimal differentiation for many product offerings among industry participants from a manufacturing or technology standpoint. During recent years, the Company's end markets have recovered from the previous low points of demand experienced in 2003; however beginning in the fourth quarter of 2007 and continuing throughout 2008, an economic slowdown in the United States and slowing growth in certain European markets has resulted in lower demand during 2008 as compared to 2007. In the past several years, there has been significant merger and acquisition activity, which, the Company believes, has led to a reduction in inefficient, high cost capacity in the industry.

In addition to the factors previously mentioned, General Cable is currently being affected by the following macro-level trends:

- Slowing global growth and in many markets recessionary conditions;
- Weakness in demand for low-voltage electric utility products in North America and construction products in Europe, particularly as a result of the accelerated deterioration in the Spanish construction markets;
- Slowing demand and lower pricing across a broad spectrum of product lines in North America as a result of weak economic conditions and heightened competitive environment;
- Continued decline in demand for copper based telecommunication products;
- Continued political uncertainty and currency volatility in certain developing markets;
- Worldwide underlying long term growth trends in electric utility and infrastructure markets;
- Continuing demand for natural resources, such as oil and gas, and alternative energy initiatives; and
- Increasing demand for further deployment of submarine power and fiber optic communication systems.

The Company's overall financial results discussed in the following MD&A demonstrate the diversification of the Company's product offering. In addition to the aforementioned macro-level trends, the Company anticipates that the following trends may affect the financial results of the Company during 2009. The Company's working capital requirements have been and are expected to be impacted by continued volatile raw materials costs, including metals and insulating materials as well as freight and energy costs. Raw material costs, particularly copper and aluminum prices, have been and will likely continue to be volatile. Also, certain currencies around the world have been and are anticipated to remain volatile, particularly in developing markets located in certain countries in South America and Sub-Sahara Africa. Additionally, credit markets in the United States and other regions around the world have grown increasingly restrictive due to economic conditions and as a result access to capital will need to be actively managed, as more fully discussed below.

As part of General Cable's ongoing efforts to reduce total operating costs, the Company continuously evaluates its ability to more efficiently utilize existing manufacturing capacity. Such evaluation includes the costs associated with and benefits to be derived from the combination of existing manufacturing assets into fewer plant locations and the possible outsourcing of certain manufacturing processes. During 2006 and 2007, due to high utilization rates and strong economic conditions, no facility closures occurred. However, during the fourth quarter 2007, the Company rationalized outside plant telecommunication products manufacturing capacity due to continued declines in telecommunications cable demand. The Company closed a portion of its telecommunications capacity and recorded a pre-tax charge to write-off certain production equipment of \$6.6 million. This action freed approximately 100,000 square feet of manufacturing space to manufacture energy, industrial and construction cable products for the Central and South American markets as well as the local Mexican market. There were no facility closures during 2008.

General Cable believes its global investment in Lean Six Sigma (Lean) training, coupled with effectively utilized manufacturing assets, provides a cost advantage compared to many of its competitors and generates cost savings which help offset high raw material prices and other high general economic costs over time. In addition, General Cable's customer and supplier integration capabilities, one-stop selling and geographic and product balance are sources of competitive advantage. As a result, the Company believes it is well positioned, relative to many of its competitors, in the current business environment.

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As more fully discussed below in the Liquidity and Capital Resources section, the Company's current business environment encompasses credit markets in the United States and in certain other regions around the world that have grown increasingly restrictive. The Company has access to various credit facilities around the world and believes that it can adequately fund its global working capital requirements through both internal operating cash flow and use of the various credit facilities. Overall, the capital structure changes made in the recent years should allow the Company to maintain financial flexibility and a lower average effective interest rate on outstanding debt when compared to prior years. However, the Company anticipates upward pressure on interest rates on certain of its credit facilities outside of North America at the time of renewal in the coming year. Additionally, as a result of the significant and rapid decline in metal prices beginning in September 2008, the Company's working capital requirements are expected to be reduced resulting in significant operating cash flow generation which has been partially offset by lower account receivables and inventory values.

Acquisitions and Divestitures

General Cable actively seeks to identify key global macroeconomic and geopolitical trends in order to capitalize on expanding markets and new niche markets or exit declining or non-strategic markets in order to achieve better returns. The Company also sets aggressive performance targets for its business and intends to refocus or divest those activities, which fail to meet targets or do not fit long-term strategies. The results of operations of the acquired businesses discussed below have been included in the consolidated financial statements since the respective dates of acquisition.

On June 30, 2008, the Company and its joint venture partner, A. Soriano Corporation (Anscor), announced that the Company acquired and consolidated Phelps Dodge Philippines (PDP) through an increase in its equity investment from 40% to 60%. The Company paid approximately \$16.4 million (at prevailing exchange rates) in cash to the sellers in consideration for the additional equity interest in PDP and incurred insignificant fees and expenses related to the transaction. PDP is a joint venture established in 1955 by Anscor, a Philippine public holding company with diverse investments, and Phelps Dodge International Corporation (PDIC), a subsidiary of the Company which was acquired in the fourth quarter of 2007. PDP employs approximately 277 associates and operates one of the largest wire and cable manufacturing facilities in the Philippines. The investment complements the Company's strategy in the region by providing a platform for further penetration into Southeast Asia markets as well as supporting ongoing operations in Australia, the Middle East and South Africa. In 2007, the last full year before the purchase of additional equity ownership, PDP reported net revenues of approximately \$100 million. Net assets and pro forma results of the PDP acquisition are immaterial.

On May 21, 2008, the Company entered a joint venture for majority ownership of E.P.E / EN.I.CA.BISKRA/SPA (Enica Biskra), an Algerian state-owned manufacturer of low and medium voltage power and construction cables. Enica Biskra employs approximately 1,000 associates and is a leading provider of utility cables to the principal Algerian state-owned power utility and gas producer. The Company paid approximately \$64.9 million in cash for its investment in Enica Biskra and assumed existing debt of \$43.0 million (at prevailing foreign currency exchange rates on the date of purchase). Fees and expenses related to the acquisition totaled approximately \$1.0 million. In 2007, the last full year before the joint venture was established, Enica Biskra reported net sales of approximately \$102.0 million (based on 2007 average exchange rates). Net assets and pro forma results of the Enica Biskra acquisition are immaterial.

On October 31, 2007, the Company acquired the worldwide wire and cable business of Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold, Inc., which operates as Phelps Dodge International (PDIC), located principally in Latin America, sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia. PDIC has manufacturing, distribution and sales facilities in 19 countries and nearly 3,000 employees. With more than 50 years of experience in the wire and cable industry, PDIC manufactures a full range of electric utility, electrical infrastructure, construction and communication products. The Company paid approximately \$707.6 million in cash to the sellers in consideration for PDIC and \$8.5 million in fees and expenses related to the acquisition. In 2006, the last full year before the acquisition, PDIC reported global net sales of approximately \$1,168.4 million (based on average exchange rates). Certain pro forma information has been provided in Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. Additionally, pro forma information and PDIC audited financial statements were previously provided on Current Reports on Form 8-K/A filed on November 1, 2007 and amended on January 14, 2008.

On April 30, 2007, the Company acquired Norddeutsche Seekabelwerke GmbH & Co. KG (NSW), located in Nordenham, Germany from Corning Incorporated. As a result of the transaction, the Company assumed liabilities in excess of the assets acquired, including approximately \$40.1 million of pension liabilities (based on the prevailing exchange rate at April 30, 2007). The Company recorded proceeds of \$28.0 million, net of \$0.8 million fees and expenses, which included \$12.3 million of cash acquired and \$5.5 million for settlement of accounts receivable. NSW had revenues of approximately \$120 million in 2006 (based on 2006 average exchange rates) and has approximately 400 employees. NSW offers complete solutions for submarine cable systems including manufacturing, engineering, seabed mapping, project management, and installation for the offshore communications, energy exploration, transmission, distribution, and alternative energy markets. Pro forma results of the NSW acquisition are not material.

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The Company's consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. A summary of significant accounting policies is provided in Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. The application of these policies requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the amounts reflected in the consolidated financial statements. Management bases its estimates and judgments on historical experience, information that is available to management about current events and actions the Company may take in the future and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. The most critical judgments impacting the financial statements include those policies described below. In addition, significant estimates and judgments are also involved in the valuation allowances for sales incentives and accounts receivable; warranty, uncertain tax positions, legal, environmental, asbestos and customer reel deposit liabilities; assets and obligations related to other postretirement benefits; and self-insured workers' compensation and health insurance reserves. Management believes these judgments have been materially accurate in the past and the basis for these judgments should not change significantly in the future. Management periodically evaluates and updates the estimates used in the application of its accounting policies, adjusts amounts in the consolidated financial statements as necessary and has discussed the development, selection and disclosure of these estimates with the Audit Committee of the Company's Board of Directors.

Inventory Costing and Valuation

General Cable utilizes the LIFO method of inventory accounting for the majority of its metals inventory. The Company's use of the LIFO method results in its consolidated statement of operations reflecting the current costs of metals, while metals inventories in the balance sheet are valued at historical costs as the LIFO layers were created. If LIFO inventory quantities are reduced in a period when replacement costs exceed the LIFO value of the inventory, the Company would experience an increase in reported earnings. Conversely, if LIFO inventory quantities are reduced in a period when replacement costs are lower than the LIFO value of the inventory, the Company would experience a decline in reported earnings. If the Company were not able to recover the LIFO value of its inventory in some future period when replacement costs were lower than the LIFO value of the inventory, the Company would be required to take a charge to recognize in its consolidated statement of operations an adjustment of LIFO inventory to market value.

The Company periodically evaluates the realizability of its inventory. In circumstances where inventory levels are in excess of anticipated market demand, where inventory is deemed to be technologically obsolete or not saleable due to its condition or where inventory costs exceed net realizable value, the Company records a charge to cost of sales and reduces the inventory to its net realizable value.

Pension Accounting

General Cable provides retirement benefits through contributory and non-contributory qualified and non-qualified defined benefit pension plans covering eligible domestic and international employees as well as through defined contribution plans and other postretirement benefits. Benefits under General Cable's qualified U.S. defined benefit pension plan generally are based on years of service multiplied by a specific fixed dollar amount, and benefits under the Company's qualified non-U.S. defined benefit pension plans generally are based on years of service and a variety of other factors that can include a specific fixed dollar amount or a percentage of either current salary or average salary over a specific period of time. The amounts funded for any plan year for the qualified U.S. defined benefit pension plan are neither less than the minimum required under federal law nor more than the maximum amount deductible for federal income tax purposes. General Cable's non-qualified unfunded U.S. defined benefit pension plans include a plan that provides defined benefits to select senior management employees beyond those benefits provided by other programs. The Company's non-qualified unfunded non-U.S. defined benefit pension plans include plans that provide retirement indemnities to employees within the Company's European business. Pension obligations for the non-qualified unfunded defined benefit pension plans are provided for by book reserves and are based on local practices and regulations of the respective countries. General Cable makes cash contributions for the costs of the non-qualified unfunded defined benefit pension plans as the benefits are paid.

Benefit costs for the defined benefit pension plans sponsored by General Cable are determined based principally upon certain actuarial assumptions, including the discount rate and the expected long-term rate of return on assets. The weighted-average discount rate used to determine the net pension cost for 2008 was 6.00% for the U.S. defined benefit pension plans. The weighted-average discount rate as of December 31, 2008 that was used to determine benefit obligations was 5.75% for the U.S. defined benefit pension plans, and was determined based on a review of long-term bonds that receive one of the two highest ratings given by a recognized rating agency which are expected to be available during the period to maturity of the projected pension benefit obligations and based on information received from actuaries. The weighted-average discount rate used to determine the net pension cost for 2008 was 5.76% for the non-U.S. defined benefit pension plans. Non-U.S. defined benefit pension plans followed a similar evaluation process based on financial markets in those countries where General Cable provides a defined benefit pension plan, and the weighted-average discount rate used to determine benefit obligations for General Cable's non-U.S. defined benefit pension plans was 5.91% as of December 31, 2008. General Cable's expense under both U.S. and non-U.S. defined benefit pension plans is determined using the discount rate as of the beginning of the fiscal year, so 2009 expense for the defined benefit pension plans will be based on the weighted-average discount rate of 5.75% for U.S. plans and 5.91% for non-U.S. plans.

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The weighted-average long-term expected rate of return on assets is assumed to be 7.80% for 2009, reflecting an 8.50% weighted-average rate for the U.S. plans. The weighted-average long-term expected rate of return on assets is based on input from actuaries, including their review of historical 10-year, 20-year, and 25-year rates of inflation and real rates of return on various broad equity and bond indices in conjunction with the diversification of the asset portfolio. The expected long-term rate of return on assets for the qualified U.S. defined benefit pension plan is based on an asset allocation assumption of 65% allocated to equity investments, with an expected real rate of return of 8%, and 35% to fixed-income investments, with an expected real rate of return of 2%, and an assumed long-term rate of inflation of 3%. The actual asset allocations were 56% of equity investments and 44% of fixed-income investments at December 31, 2008 and 64% of equity investments and 36% of fixed-income investments at December 31, 2007. The expected long-term rate of return on assets of 6.7% for qualified non-U.S. defined benefit plans is based on a weighted-average asset allocation assumption of 52% allocated to equity investments, 44% to fixed-income investments and 4% to other investments. The actual weighted-average asset allocations were 49% of equity investments, 47% of fixed-income investments and 4% of other investments at December 31, 2008 and 56% of equity investments, 40% of fixed-income investments and 4% of other investments at December 31, 2007. Management believes that long-term asset allocations on average and by location will approximate the Company's assumptions and that the long-term rate of return used by each country that is included in the weighted-average long-term expected rate of return on assets is a reasonable assumption.

The determination of pension expense for the qualified defined benefit pension plans is based on the fair market value of assets as of the measurement date. Investment gains and losses are recognized in the measurement of assets immediately. Such gains and losses will be amortized and recognized as part of the annual benefit cost to the extent that unrecognized net gains and losses from all sources exceed 10% of the greater of the projected benefit obligation or the market value of assets.

General Cable evaluates its actuarial assumptions at least annually, and adjusts them as necessary. The Company uses a measurement date of December 31 for all of its defined benefit pension plans. In 2008, pension expense for the Company's defined benefit pension plans was \$8.2 million. Based on a weighted-average expected rate of return on plan assets of 7.80%, a weighted-average discount rate of 5.90% and various other assumptions, the Company estimates its 2009 pension expense for its defined benefit pension plans will increase approximately \$8.5 million from 2008. A 1% decrease in the assumed discount rate would increase pension expense by approximately \$1.8 million. Future pension expense will depend on future investment performance, changes in future discount rates and various other factors related to the populations participating in the plans. In the event that actual results differ from the actuarial assumptions, the funded status of the defined benefit pension plans may change and any such change could result in a charge or credit to equity and an increase or decrease in future pension expense and cash contributions.

Income Taxes

The Company provides for income taxes on all transactions that have been recognized in the Consolidated Financial Statements in accordance with SFAS No. 109. Under SFAS 109, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the differences between the financial statement basis and tax basis of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. The effect of a change in tax rates on deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

The Company records a valuation allowance to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount that it believes is more likely than not to be realized. The valuation of the deferred tax asset is dependent on, among other things, the ability of the Company to generate a sufficient level of future taxable income. In estimating future taxable income, the Company has considered both positive and negative evidence, such as historical and forecasted results of operations, including prior losses, and has considered the implementation of prudent and feasible tax planning strategies. At December 31, 2008, the Company had recorded a net deferred tax asset of \$82.2 million (\$124.7 million net current deferred tax asset less \$42.5 million net long term deferred tax liability). The Company has and will continue to review on a quarterly basis its assumptions and tax planning strategies, and, if the amount of the estimated realizable net deferred tax asset is less than the amount currently on the balance sheet, the Company would reduce its deferred tax asset, recognizing a non-cash charge against reported earnings. Likewise, if the Company determines that a valuation allowance against a deferred tax asset is no longer appropriate, the adjustment to the valuation allowance would

reduce income tax expense. In 2008 and 2007, the Company determined that improved business performance, expectations of future profitability, and other relevant factors constituted sufficient positive evidence to recognize certain foreign and state deferred tax assets. Accordingly, the Company adjusted the valuation allowances and recognized income tax benefits of approximately \$3.2 million in 2008 and \$12.2 million in 2007.

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In July 2006, FASB Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*, was issued. This Interpretation clarifies accounting for uncertain tax positions in accordance with SFAS No. 109. FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold that a tax position is required to meet before being recognized in the financial statements and provides guidance on derecognition, measurement, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition issues. This Interpretation is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The adoption of Interpretation 48 decreased shareholders' equity as of January 1, 2007 by approximately \$18.8 million. See Note 11 for additional information.

The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits within the income tax expense line in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations. Accrued interest and penalties are included within the related tax liability line item in the consolidated balance sheet.

Revenue Recognition

The majority of the Company's revenue is recognized when goods are shipped to the customer, title and risk of loss are transferred, pricing is fixed and determinable and collectibility is reasonably assured. Most revenue transactions represent sales of inventory. A provision for payment discounts, product returns, warranty and customer rebates is estimated based upon historical experience and other relevant factors and is recorded within the same period that the revenue is recognized. The Company has a portion of long-term product installation contract revenue that is recognized based on the percentage-of-completion method generally based on the cost-to-cost method if there are reasonably reliable estimates of total revenue, total cost, and the extent of progress toward completion; and there is an enforceable agreement between parties who can fulfill their contractual obligations. The Company reviews contract price and cost estimates periodically as the work progresses and reflects adjustments proportionate to the percentage-of-completion to income in the period when those estimates are revised. For these contracts, if a current estimate of total contract cost indicates a loss on a contract, the projected loss is recognized in full when determined.

Business Combination Accounting

Acquisitions entered into by the Company are accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. The purchase method requires management to make significant estimates. Management must determine the cost of the acquired entity based on the fair value of the consideration paid or the fair value of the net assets acquired, whichever is more clearly evident. The cost is then allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values at the acquisition date. In addition, management must identify and estimate the fair values of intangible assets that should be recognized as assets apart from goodwill as well as the fair value of tangible property, plant and equipment and intangible assets acquired.

Long-Lived Assets, Goodwill and Impairment

The valuation and classification of long-lived assets and the assignment of useful depreciable lives and salvage values involve significant judgments and the use of estimates. The testing of these long-lived assets for impairment also requires a significant amount of judgment and assumptions, particularly as it relates to identification of asset groups and the determination of fair market value. The Company periodically evaluates the recoverability of the carrying amount of long-lived assets whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be fully recoverable. The Company evaluates events or changes in circumstances based mostly on actual historical operating results, but business plans, forecasts, general and industry trends and anticipated cash flows are also considered. Impairment is assessed when the undiscounted expected future cash flows derived from an asset are less than its carrying amount. Impairment losses are measured as the amount by which the carrying value of an asset exceeds its fair value and are recognized in earnings. The Company also continually evaluates the estimated useful lives of all long-lived assets and, when warranted, revises such estimates based on current events.

The carrying value of goodwill and other intangible assets with indefinite lives are reviewed annually for possible impairment. The impairment review incorporates both a market and income valuation approach. The income approach relies on a discounted cash flow model that requires significant management judgment with respect to sales, gross margin and expense growth rates, and selection and use of an appropriate discount rate. The use of different assumptions would increase or decrease estimated discounted future cash flows and could increase or decrease an impairment charge. The occurrence of unexpected events or changes in circumstances, such as adverse business conditions or other economic factors, would determine the need for impairment testing between annual impairment

tests.

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There are certain employees with various forms of share-based payment awards for which the Company recognizes compensation costs for these awards based on their fair values. The fair values of certain awards are estimated on the grant date using the Black-Scholes option pricing formula, which incorporates certain assumptions regarding the expected term of an award and expected stock price volatility. The Company will develop the expected term assumption based on the vesting period and contractual term of an award, historical exercise and post-vesting cancellation experience, stock price history, plan provisions that require exercise or cancellation of awards after employees terminate, and the extent to which currently available information indicates that the future is reasonably expected to differ from past experience. The Company develops the expected volatility assumptions based on the monthly historical price data from the Company's common stock and other economic data trended into future years. After calculating the aggregate fair value of an award, the Company uses an estimated forfeiture rate to discount the amount of share-based compensation costs to be recognized in the operating results over the service period of the award. The Company develops the forfeiture assumption based on its historical pre-vesting cancellation experience. Key assumptions are described in further detail in Note 14 to the consolidated financial statements.

New Accounting Standards

A discussion of recently issued accounting pronouncements is described in Note 2, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8 of Part II of this Report, and we incorporate such discussion in this MD&A by reference and make it a part hereof.

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, consolidated statement of operations data in millions of dollars and as a percentage of net sales. Percentages may not add due to rounding.

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2008		2007		2006	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Net sales	\$ 6,230.1	100.0%	\$ 4,614.8	100.0%	\$ 3,665.1	100.0%
Cost of sales	5,427.7	87.1%	3,952.1	85.6%	3,194.1	87.1%
Gross profit	802.4	12.9%	662.7	14.4%	471.0	12.9%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	381.0	6.1%	296.6	6.4%	235.1	6.4%
Operating income	421.4	6.8%	366.1	7.9%	235.9	6.4%
Other expense	(27.2)	(0.4)%	(3.4)	(0.1)%	(0.1)	%
Interest expense, net	(55.8)	(0.9)%	(29.6)	(0.6)%	(35.6)	(1.0)%
Loss on extinguishment of debt		%	(25.3)	(0.5)%		%
Income before income taxes	338.4	5.4%	307.8	6.7%	200.2	5.5%
Income tax provision	(112.7)	(1.8)%	(99.4)	(2.1)%	(64.9)	(1.8)%
Minority interests in consolidated subsidiaries	(13.1)	(0.2)%	(0.2)	%		%
Equity in net earnings of affiliated companies	4.6	0.1%	0.4	%		%
Net income	217.2	3.5%	208.6	4.5%	135.3	3.7%
Less: preferred stock dividends	(0.3)	%	(0.3)	%	(0.3)	%

Net income applicable to common shareholders	\$ 216.9	3.5%	\$ 208.3	4.5%	\$ 135.0	3.7%
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Year Ended December 31, 2008 Compared with Year Ended December 31, 2007

The net income applicable to common shareholders was \$216.9 million in 2008 compared to net income applicable to common shareholders of \$208.3 million in 2007. Generally, the increase in net income applicable to common shareholders was principally due to the Company's exposure to global infrastructure markets, the full year benefit of the acquisition of PDIC, the acquisition of Enica Biskra in May 2008 and favorable currency exchange translation all of which more than offset a decrease in North America operating results and higher net interest expense as a result of international working capital lines of credit supporting operations in the ROW segment and incremental borrowings in the Europe and North Africa segment related to the May 2008 acquisition of Enica Biskra. The net income applicable to common shareholders for 2008 included a pre-tax \$32.0 million lower of cost or market charge related to raw material metal inventory, a pre-tax \$2.4 million LIFO inventory quantity liquidation gain and a pre-tax \$27.2 million charge related to foreign currency transaction adjustments resulting principally from the sudden devaluation of certain emerging market currencies in South America and Sub-Saharan Africa. In comparison, net income applicable to common shareholders for 2007 included a pre-tax \$4.5 million lower of cost or market charge related to raw material metal inventory, a pre-tax \$5.3 million benefit from the favorable resolution of customer project performance obligations, a \$6.6 million pre-tax charge related to the write-off of certain telecommunication production equipment, a pre-tax \$25.3 million loss on extinguishment of debt related to the tender offer on our \$285 million 9.5% Senior Notes and a benefit of \$5.7 million due to state deferred tax valuation allowance releases. Additionally, the 2007 net income available to common shareholders includes the benefit of two months of operations for the PDIC business acquired on October 31, 2007.

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The following tables set forth net sales, metal-adjusted net sales and metal pounds sold by segment, in millions. For the metal-adjusted net sales results, net sales for 2007 have been adjusted to reflect the 2008 copper COMEX average price of \$3.13 per pound (a \$0.09 decrease compared to the prior period) and the aluminum rod average price of \$1.21 per pound (a \$0.02 decrease compared to the prior period). Metal-adjusted net sales, a non-GAAP financial measure, are provided herein in order to eliminate the effect of metal price volatility from the comparison of revenues from one period to another. The comparable GAAP financial measure is set forth above. See previous discussion of metal price volatility in the Overview section.

	Net Sales			
	Year Ended December 31,			
	2008		2007	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
North America	\$ 2,178.7	35%	\$ 2,243.7	49%
Europe and North Africa	2,175.3	35%	1,939.7	42%
ROW	1,876.1	30%	431.4	9%
Total net sales	\$ 6,230.1	100%	\$ 4,614.8	100%

	Metal-Adjusted Net Sales			
	Year Ended December 31,			
	2008		2007	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
North America	\$ 2,178.7	35%	\$ 2,248.7	49%
Europe and North Africa	2,175.3	35%	1,935.7	42%
ROW	1,876.1	30%	376.2	9%
Total metal-adjusted net sales	\$ 6,230.1	100%	4,560.6	100%
Metal adjustment			54.2	
Total net sales	\$ 6,230.1		\$ 4,614.8	

	Metal Pounds Sold			
	Year Ended December 31,			
	2008		2007	
	Pounds	%	Pounds	%
North America	366.8	33%	394.9	49%
Europe and North Africa	346.5	32%	336.8	41%
ROW	388.0	35%	79.8	10%
Total metal pounds sold	1,101.3	100%	811.5	100%

Net sales increased \$1,615.3 million to \$6,230.1 million, or 35%, in 2008 from 2007 while metal-adjusted net sales increased \$1,669.5 million, or 37%, in 2008 from 2007. The metals-adjusted net sales increase of \$1,669.5 million included \$1,601.2 million or 96.0% of the increase attributable to acquisitions, primarily related to the PDIC business which was acquired on October 31, 2007 and the previously mentioned acquisitions in the Europe and North Africa

segment. In addition to the impact of acquisitions, the increase in metal-adjusted net sales reflects the favorable impact of foreign currency exchange rate changes of approximately \$110.5 million and increases in selling prices/product mix improvements of approximately \$206.3 million. These increases are partially offset by a decrease in sales volume of approximately \$223.5 million. Volume, as measured by metal pounds sold, increased by 289.8 million pounds, or 36%, in 2008 compared to 2007 due primarily to acquired businesses. Excluding the impact of acquisitions, metal pounds sold decreased by 39.6 million pounds or 4.9% as more fully described below. Metal pounds sold is provided herein as the Company believes this metric to be a consistent year over year measure of sales volume since it is not impacted by metal prices or foreign currency exchange rate changes. Generally, the Company has attempted to recover higher metal costs and inflation on non-metals raw materials used in cable manufacturing, such as insulating compounds and steel and wood reels, as well as increased freight and energy costs through increased selling prices. Metal-adjusted net sales in the North America segment decreased \$70.0 million, or 3.1%, in 2008 compared to 2007. Lower sales volume of approximately \$159.7 million was primarily the result of ongoing weak economic conditions in the United States and continued softness in demand for electric utility distribution and transmission cables combined with an overall decrease in demand for copper intensive outside plant telecommunications cable from the Regional Bell Operating Companies (RBOCs) and communications distribution products. This lower sales volume was partially offset by favorable foreign currency exchange rate changes of approximately \$4.7 million, principally related to the Canadian dollar, and product mix improvement of approximately \$94.3 million. In general, for much of the year, the Company increased selling prices to recover higher metal costs, inflation on non-metals raw materials and increased freight and energy costs.

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The following additional trends in 2008 also affected the results of North America. Weakness in the housing industry in the United States continued to negatively impact the demand for low-voltage and smaller gauge size cables used in electric power distribution. While the passage of energy legislation in the United States in 2005 aimed at improving the transmission grid infrastructure is expected to contribute to the increase in demand for the Company's products over time, growth rates continue to be and are prospectively expected to be highly variable depending on related product business cycles and the approval and funding cycle times for large utility projects. The Company believes that utilities may also be curtailing capital expenditures or taking a more guarded approach to grid reliability problems in the face of the economic conditions and tightened credit markets in the United States. Demand trends for telecommunication products from the RBOCs continue to decline due to the RBOCs broadband investment strategy exacerbated by the weakness in the U.S. housing market as well as RBOC merger activity, allocation of capital to fiber-to-the-home initiatives, and budgetary constraints caused partially by higher copper costs has reduced both RBOC and distributor purchasing volume in this segment. The negative trends discussed above have been partially offset by increasing demand for alternative energy products as well as products used for energy exploration in the mining, oil, gas, and petrochemical markets, a trend the Company expects to continue over the long-term partly as a result of volatile energy prices and federal government economic stimulus plans.

Metal-adjusted net sales in the Europe and North Africa segment increased \$239.6 million, or 12.4%, in 2008 compared to 2007. The increase includes \$136.0 million of net sales attributable to the results of acquired businesses. In addition to the impact from acquisitions, the increase reflects selling price increases in excess of higher metal costs and other inputs and product mix improvement of approximately \$53.2 million and favorable foreign currency exchange rate changes of approximately \$147.2 million, primarily due to the strength of the Euro relative to the dollar. Excluding acquisitions, these increases were partially offset by a decrease in volume of approximately \$54.2 million. Lower demand for low-voltage and building wire products in the Spanish domestic construction market has been partially offset by stronger electric utility and electrical infrastructure demand throughout Europe, particularly, demand for medium-voltage high-voltage and extra-high-voltage cables to upgrade the electricity grid as well as projects involving submarine energy cables and other alternative energy projects for much of the year. European markets in general have weakened near the end of the year and are expected to remain relatively weak into 2009.

Metal-adjusted net sales in the ROW segment increased \$1,499.9 million in 2008 compared to 2007. The increase reflects the inclusion of recent acquisitions, accounting for \$1,465.2 million of the metals-adjusted net sales increase. Acquisition related sales of electrical infrastructure and electric utility products were strong, particularly in the developing countries of Central and South America where there continues to be a high level of construction and mining activity as well as programs to bring electricity further into the rural areas, such as Brazil's Lights for All program. A favorable price and product mix of \$59.7 million has been offset by unfavorable foreign currency exchange rate changes of approximately \$41.4 million, primarily due to the devaluation of most emerging market currencies in South America and Sub-Saharan Africa relative to the dollar.

Gross Profit

Gross profit increased \$139.7 million, or 21%, in 2008 from 2007. Gross profit as a percentage of metal-adjusted net sales was 12.9% for 2008 and was 14.5% for 2007. Additionally, the acquisition of PDIC accounted for \$230.8 million or 28.8% of gross profit for 2008. The reduction in gross profit margin on a metal-adjusted net sales basis is principally related to the lower of cost or market accounting related charges of \$32.0 million in 2008 and the general economic slowdown experienced in the North America segment resulting in lower plant utilization, softening end user demand and an unfavorable pricing environment on certain electric utility products for most of the year.

Selling, General and Administrative Expense

Selling, general and administrative expense increased \$84.4 million, or 28.5%, in 2008 from 2007. Approximately \$75.0 million or 89% of the increase is related to acquired businesses and strategic employee additions throughout the Company in order to support the Company's growth initiatives and to increase process capability. The increase in SG&A costs was also due in part to unfavorable foreign currency exchange rates in 2008 of \$7.8 million. Reported SG&A was 6.1% of net sales in 2008, an improvement as compared to the prior year, at 6.5% of metal-adjusted net sales in 2007.

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The following table sets forth operating income by segment, in millions of dollars.

	Operating Income Year Ended December 31,			
	2008		2007	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
North America	\$ 122.5	29%	\$ 179.4	49%
Europe and North Africa	162.2	39%	162.4	44%
ROW	136.7	32%	24.3	7%
Total operating income	\$ 421.4	100%	\$ 366.1	100%

Operating income increased \$55.3 million to \$421.4 million in 2008 from \$366.1 million in 2007. This increase is primarily attributable to the Company's ROW segment which increased operating income by \$112.4 million, primarily as a result of the acquisition of PDIC, as well as a \$12.2 million favorable impact of foreign currency exchange rate changes, a global selling price and product mix improvement and ongoing Lean manufacturing cost containment and efficiency efforts. These increases are partially offset by a \$32.0 million lower of cost or market adjustment primarily related to raw material metal inventory and the \$56.9 million decrease in the operating result of the Company's North America segment.

The decrease in operating income for the North America segment of \$56.9 million is largely the result of lower volume as a result of continued softness in demand for the segment's electric utility and certain communication products as well as higher raw material and transportation costs. Persistent softness in the housing market has had a negative impact on the demand for low-voltage and smaller gauge size cables used in electric power distribution as well as copper-based telecommunication products used by RBOCs in new housing starts. A broad spectrum of other product lines in North America also experienced reduced demand and pricing pressure as a result of the weak economy and competitive environment as well as increased raw material and energy input costs for most of the year. Operating income for the Europe and North Africa segment decreased \$0.2 million in 2008 from 2007. Increased selling prices in excess of higher metals costs and other cost inputs for the year, positive product mix changes and the favorable impact of \$12.1 million of foreign currency exchange rate changes helped to offset a raw material metal inventory lower of cost or market adjustment of \$8.0 million and continued softness in demand for residential low-voltage cables and building wire due to the economic slowdown in the Spanish housing market. Additionally, the prior year included the benefit from a \$5.3 million favorable resolution of customer project performance obligations during 2007.

Operating income for the ROW segment increased \$112.4 million in 2008 from 2007. The increase in operating income was primarily due the inclusion of a full year of operating results of the acquired PDIC business. This increase in operating income has been offset by raw material metal inventory lower of cost or market adjustments of approximately \$23.6 million.

Other Expense

Other expense of \$27.2 million in 2008 and \$3.4 million in 2007 is principally comprised primarily of foreign currency transaction losses that resulted from changes in exchange rates between the designated functional currency and the currency in which a transaction is denominated. The change year over year is primarily the result of the rapid and significant devaluation of certain emerging market currencies principally in South America and Sub-Sahara Africa during the period from mid-September through the end of October.

Interest Expense

Net interest expense increased to \$55.8 million in 2008 from \$29.6 million in 2007. The increase in interest expense is due to higher average debt levels in 2008 as compared to 2007, primarily related to the October 2007 issuance of the Company's \$475.0 million 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes to partially fund the PDIC acquisition, the addition of PDIC credit facilities supporting operations in the ROW segment and additional borrowings in Europe related to the

May acquisition of Enica Biskra as well as increased borrowing on the Company's Amended Credit Facility throughout the year. The Company also reported less interest income in 2008 as a result of using existing cash to partially fund the PDIC acquisition and lower interest rates earned on cash. These increases were partially offset by a year over year reduction in interest rates on the Company's \$125.0 million floating rate Senior Notes.

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During 2007, the Company recognized a pre-tax loss on the extinguishment of debt of approximately \$25.3 million, consisting of a \$20.5 million inducement premium, related fees and expenses and the write-off of approximately \$4.8 million in unamortized fees and expenses due to the tender offer and redemption of approximately \$280.2 million of the Company's \$285.0 million in 9.5% Senior Notes during the first quarter of 2007 and the redemption of the remaining \$4.8 million outstanding 9.5% Senior Notes in November of 2007. See the Debt and Other Contractual Obligations discussion below for additional information.

Tax Provision

The Company's effective tax rate for 2008 and 2007 was 33.3% and 32.3%, respectively. The effective tax rates for 2008 and 2007 were impacted by the recognition of approximately \$3.2 million and \$12.2 million, respectively, of certain foreign and state deferred tax assets due to improved profitability in the relevant jurisdictions.

Preferred Stock Dividends

During 2008 and 2007, the Company accrued and paid \$0.3 million in dividends on its Series A preferred stock.

Year Ended December 31, 2007 Compared with Year Ended December 31, 2006

The net income applicable to common shareholders was \$208.3 million in 2007 compared to net income applicable to common shareholders of \$135.0 million in 2006. The net income applicable to common shareholders for 2007 included a \$0.3 million dividend on the Series A preferred stock, a pre-tax \$4.5 million lower of cost or market charge related to raw material inventory, a pre-tax \$5.3 million benefit from the favorable resolution of customer project performance obligations, \$2.0 million in additional compensation expense from adopting SFAS 123(R), a \$6.6 million pre-tax charge related to the write-off of certain telecommunication production equipment, a pre-tax \$25.3 million loss on extinguishment of debt related to the tender offer on our \$285 million 9.5% Senior Notes and a benefit of \$5.7 million due to state deferred tax valuation allowance releases. Additionally, the 2007 net income available to common shareholders includes the benefit of two months of operations for the PDIC business acquired on October 31, 2007.

The net income applicable to common shareholders for 2006 included a \$0.3 million dividend on the Series A preferred stock, \$1.1 million in additional compensation expense from adopting SFAS 123(R), a pre-tax charge of \$1.0 million to settle a patent dispute with a competitor and a benefit of \$6.3 million due to deferred tax valuation allowance releases.

Net Sales

The following tables set forth net sales, metal-adjusted net sales and metal pounds sold by segment, in millions. For the metal-adjusted net sales results, net sales for 2006 have been adjusted to reflect the 2007 copper COMEX average price of \$3.22 per pound (a \$0.13 increase compared to the prior period) and the aluminum rod average price of \$1.23 per pound (a \$0.01 increase compared to the prior period). Metal-adjusted net sales, a non-GAAP financial measure, are provided herein in order to eliminate the effect of metal price volatility from the comparison of revenues from one period to another. The comparable GAAP financial measure is set forth above. See previous discussion of metal price volatility in the Overview section.

	Net Sales			
	Year Ended December 31,			
	2007		2006	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
North America	\$ 2,243.7	49%	\$ 2,058.6	56%
Europe and North Africa	1,939.7	42%	1,446.8	40%
ROW	431.4	9%	159.7	4%
Total net sales	\$ 4,614.8	100%	\$ 3,665.1	100%

Metal-Adjusted Net Sales

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2007		2006	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
North America	\$ 2,243.7	49%	\$ 2,100.4	56%
Europe and North Africa	1,939.7	42%	1,475.5	40%
ROW	431.4	9%	164.5	4%
Total metal-adjusted net sales	4,614.8	100%	3,740.4	100%
Metal adjustment			(75.3)	
Total net sales	\$ 4,614.8		\$ 3,665.1	

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	Metal Pounds Sold				
	Year Ended December 31,				
	2007		2006		
	Pounds	%	Pounds	%	
North America	394.9	49%	428.2	56%	
Europe and North Africa	336.8	41%	307.9	40%	
ROW	79.8	10%	28.2	4%	
Total metal pounds sold	811.5	100%	764.3	100%	

Net sales increased \$949.7 million, or 26%, in 2007 from 2006. After adjusting 2006 net sales to reflect the \$0.13 increase in the average monthly COMEX price per pound of copper and the \$0.01 increase in the average aluminum rod price per pound in 2007, net sales increased \$874.4 million, or 23%, in 2007 from 2006. The metals-adjusted net sales increase of \$874.4 million included \$436.2 million of sales attributable to acquisitions, primarily related to the PDIC business which was acquired on October 31, 2007 and previously mentioned acquisitions in Europe. In addition to the impact of acquisitions, the increase in metal-adjusted net sales reflects the favorable impact of foreign currency exchange rate changes of approximately \$172 million and increases in selling prices/product mix improvements of approximately \$482 million. These increases are partially offset by a decrease in sales volume of approximately \$213 million. Volume, as measured by metal pounds sold, increased by 47.2 million pounds, or 6%, in 2007 compared to 2006 due to acquired businesses. Excluding the impact of acquisitions, metal pounds sold decreased by 43.8 million pounds. Metal pounds sold is provided herein as the Company believes this metric to be a consistent year over year measure of sales volume since it is not impacted by metal prices or foreign currency exchange rate changes. Generally, the Company has attempted to recover higher metal costs and inflation on non-metals raw materials used in cable manufacturing, such as insulating compounds and steel and wood reels, as well as increased freight and energy costs through increased selling prices.

Metal-adjusted net sales in the North America segment increased \$143.3 million, or 7%, in 2007 compared to 2006. The increase reflects price and product mix improvement of approximately \$289 million and favorable foreign currency exchange rate changes of approximately \$19 million, principally related to the Canadian dollar. In general, the Company increased selling prices to recover continued higher metal costs, inflation on non-metals raw materials and increased freight and energy costs. However, contractual customer pricing did not allow for increases related to certain communications products. Through forward price agreements, the Company was economically hedged against this exposure and the lower selling prices did not materially impact the Company's financial results for 2007. These increases were partially offset by a decrease in sales volume of approximately \$164 million. The decrease in sales volume was primarily the result of an overall decrease in demand for outside plant telecommunications cable from the Regional Bell Operating Companies (RBOCs) and decrease in demand from the communications distribution market combined with a decrease in demand for electric utility distribution cables.

Continued weakness in the housing industry in the United States has had a negative impact on the demand for low-voltage and smaller gauge size cables used in electric power distribution during the second half of 2007. While the passage of energy legislation in the United States in 2005 aimed at improving the transmission grid infrastructure is expected to contribute to the increase in demand for the Company's products over time, growth rates are expected to be highly variable depending on related product business cycles and the approval and funding cycle times for large utility projects. Demand trends for telecommunication products from the RBOCs continue to be dependent on the selected strategy of their broadband rollout. Those favoring a copper/fiber hybrid model have been showing flat to marginally decreased demand, while those taking a fiber-to-the-home strategy continue to show weakness in demand for copper products. For example, total metal pounds shipped for copper based telecommunication products have decreased 29.3 million pounds in 2007 or approximately 36%. Demand trends continue to be affected by high copper prices, which make alternatives to copper-based cable and wire comparatively more affordable, and by RBOC merger activity and budgetary constraints. These decreases were partially offset by increasing demand for products used for

energy exploration in the mining, oil, gas, and petrochemical markets, a trend the Company expects to continue partly as a result of higher oil prices. Additionally, demand for low- and medium-voltage electrical infrastructure products driven by a continued turnaround in industrial construction spending contributed to volume growth, as did the expansion of the Company's customer base for its ignition wire sets.

Metal-adjusted net sales in the Europe and North Africa segment increased \$464.2 million, or 32%, in 2007 compared to 2006. The increase includes \$189 million of net sales attributable to the results of acquired businesses. In addition to the impact from acquisitions, the increase reflects selling price increases in excess of higher metal costs and other inputs and product mix improvement of approximately \$182 million and favorable foreign currency exchange rate changes of approximately \$131 million, primarily due to the strength of the Euro relative to the dollar. These increases were partially offset by a decrease in volume of approximately \$37 million. The volume decline was primarily due to lower demand for low-voltage products and building wire in the Spanish domestic construction market, partially offset by strong construction markets elsewhere in the European Union. The decrease in volume was also partially offset by higher demand for medium-voltage and high-voltage cables in Europe to upgrade the electricity grid. The Company expects to continue to experience strong demand for electric utility and industrial infrastructure products as well as its extra high-voltage underground systems over time.

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Metal-adjusted net sales in the ROW segment increased \$266.9 million, or 162%, in 2007 compared to 2006. The increase reflects the inclusion of recent acquisitions, accounting for \$247.1 million of the metals-adjusted net sales increase. Excluding the impact from acquisitions, the increase in metals-adjusted net sales reflects favorable foreign currency exchange rate changes, principally related to New Zealand and Australia, of approximately \$21 million and price and product mix improvement of \$14 million. These increases were partially offset by a decrease in volume of approximately \$16 million. The decline in volume was attributable to softer than expected demand in electric utility and electrical infrastructure products as it relates to the New Zealand building industry as well as increased competitor pressure with regard to price and delivery in Australia.

Gross Profit

Gross profit increased \$191.7 million, or 41%, in 2007 from 2006. Gross profit as a percentage of metal-adjusted net sales was 14.4% for 2007 and was 12.6% for 2006. Additionally, the acquisition of PDIC accounted for \$26.1 million or 4.0% of gross profit for 2007. The improved profit margin on metal-adjusted net sales was the result of increased selling prices to recover raw material costs, favorable product mix changes and improved efficiency as a result of continued Lean manufacturing initiatives.

Selling, General and Administrative Expense

Selling, general and administrative expense increased \$61.5 million, or 26%, in 2007 from 2006. The increase in SG&A was primarily related to incremental SG&A costs of acquired businesses and strategic employee additions throughout the Company in order to support the Company's growth initiatives and to increase process capability. Specifically, incremental SG&A costs of \$17.9 million related to the acquisition of PDIC. The increase in SG&A costs was also due in part to increased foreign currency exchange rates in 2007 compared to 2006. Reported SG&A was 6.4% of net sales in 2007, essentially flat compared to the prior year, at 6.3% of metal-adjusted net sales in 2006.

Operating Income

The following table sets forth operating income by segment, in millions of dollars.

	Operating Income			
	Year Ended December 31,			
	2007		2006	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
North America	\$ 179.4	49%	\$ 128.9	55%
Europe and North Africa	162.4	44%	101.9	43%
ROW	24.3	7%	5.1	2%
Total operating income	\$ 366.1	100%	\$ 235.9	100%

Operating income increased \$130.2 million, or 55%, from 2006. The increase in operating income was primarily the result of increased selling prices to recover raw material costs, favorable product mix changes, ongoing Lean manufacturing cost containment and efficiency efforts, \$12.2 million due to the impact of foreign currency exchange rate changes and higher demand for certain of the Company's products. Additionally, results from acquired businesses accounted for \$21.0 million of the operating income increase.

Operating income for the North America segment increased \$50.5 million in 2007 from 2006. This improvement in operating income was due to selling price increases in excess of higher metals costs, raw material inflation and other cost inputs, improved product mix, improved product margins on certain utility cable, increased demand for certain products, primarily products used in mining, oil, gas and petrochemical applications and the reduction of costs as a result of continued efficiency gains obtained through the implementation of Lean Six Sigma manufacturing cost containment efforts. During the fourth quarter 2007, the Company rationalized outside plant telecommunication products manufacturing capacity due to continued declines in telecommunications cable demand. The Company closed a portion of its telecommunications capacity located primarily at its Tetla, Mexico facility and has taken a pre-tax charge to write-off certain production equipment of \$6.6 million. This action will free approximately 100,000 square feet of manufacturing space, which the Company plans to utilize for other products for the Central and South

American markets.

Operating income for the Europe and North Africa segment increased \$60.5 million in 2007 from 2006. The improvement in operating income was due to the continued implementation of Lean Six Sigma cost saving initiatives, efficient manufacturing and high factory utilization rates. Also, results from acquired businesses accounted for \$17.3 million of the operating income increase. Increased selling prices in excess of higher metals costs and other cost inputs, positive product mix changes, increase sales volume for certain products and the impact of foreign currency exchange rate changes also contributed to the improved operating income. Additionally, the Company benefited from a \$5.3 million favorable resolution of customer project performance obligations during 2007.

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Operating income for the ROW segment increased \$19.2 million in 2007 from 2006. The increase in operating income was in part due to the acquired PDIC business which accounted for \$8.2 million, favorable foreign currency exchange rate changes combined with selling price increases in excess of higher metals costs and other cost inputs and other cost containment initiatives.

Other Expense

Other expense of \$3.4 million in 2007 and \$0.1 million in 2006 primarily represents foreign currency transaction losses, which resulted from changes in exchange rates between the designated functional currency and the currency in which the transaction is denominated.

Interest Expense

Net interest expense decreased to \$29.6 million in 2007 from \$35.6 million in 2006. The decrease in interest expense is primarily due to interest savings from the November 2006 pay down of the Company's outstanding balance on its floating-rate Amended Credit Facility with the proceeds from its fixed-rate 0.875% Convertible Notes and lower interest rates resulting from the March 2007 Senior Notes refinancing (see Loss on Extinguishment of Debt discussion which follows). Additionally, the decrease in net interest expense is a result of increased interest income from investments of the Company's excess cash. The decrease in net interest expense was partially offset by higher average debt levels in 2007 of \$428.3 million as compared to 2006, primarily related to the October 2007 issuance of the Company's 1.00% Convertible Notes.

Loss on Extinguishment of Debt

During 2007, the Company recognized a pre-tax loss on the extinguishment of debt of approximately \$25.3 million, consisting of a \$20.5 million inducement premium, related fees and expenses and the write-off of approximately \$4.8 million in unamortized fees and expenses due to the tender offer and redemption of approximately \$280.2 million of the Company's \$285.0 million in 9.5% Senior Notes during the first quarter of 2007 and the redemption of the remaining \$4.8 million outstanding 9.5% Senior Notes in November of 2007. See the Debt and Other Contractual Obligations discussion below for additional information.

Tax Provision

The Company's effective tax rate for 2007 and 2006 was 32.3% and 32.4%, respectively. The effective tax rates for 2007 and 2006 were reduced by the release of approximately \$12.2 million and \$6.3 million, respectively, of certain foreign and state deferred tax asset valuation allowances as it became more likely than not that the deferred tax assets would be utilized in future years as a result of improved profitability in the relevant jurisdiction.

Preferred Stock Dividends

During 2007 and 2006, the Company accrued and paid \$0.3 million in dividends on its Series A preferred stock.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

In general, General Cable requires cash for working capital, capital expenditures, investment in internal product development, debt repayment, salaries and related benefits, interest, Series A preferred stock dividends, repurchase of common shares and taxes. General Cable's working capital requirement decreases when it experiences softening incremental demand for products and/or a significant reduction in the price of copper, aluminum and/or other raw material cost inputs. Based upon historical experience, the cash on its balance sheet and the expected availability of funds under its current credit facilities, the Company believes its sources of liquidity will be sufficient to enable it to meet the Company's cash requirements for working capital, capital expenditures, debt repayment, salaries and related benefits, interest, Series A preferred stock dividends, repurchase of common shares and taxes for the next twelve months and foreseeable future.

General Cable Corporation is a holding company with no operations of its own. All of the Company's operations are conducted, and net sales are generated, by its subsidiaries and investments. Accordingly, the Company's cash flow comes from the cash flows of its global operations. The Company's ability to use cash flow from its international operations, if necessary, has historically been adversely affected by limitations on the Company's ability to repatriate such earnings tax efficiently.

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Cash flow provided by operating activities in 2008 was \$229.4 million. This reflects net income before depreciation and amortization, foreign currency exchange loss, deferred income taxes, excess tax benefit from stock based compensation and loss on the disposal of property of \$352.5 million. Additionally, cash inflows resulted from decreases in accounts receivables and other assets of \$26.7 million and \$18.6 million, respectively, as well as a \$32.0 million lower of cost or market raw material inventory charge. The decrease in accounts receivables is partly due to demand trends, which are discussed below related to inventory, and to a lesser extent global selling prices in response to lower raw material costs in the fourth quarter of the year. The Company believes that its accounts receivable balances are collectible and the Company has established appropriate procedures to facilitate collection. The decrease in other assets is primarily the result of changes in the fair market value of commodity and foreign currency derivative assets. The lower of cost or market provision was recorded for copper and aluminum raw material inventory in which the replacement costs at the end of the year were lower than the LIFO value of the acquired copper and aluminum raw material inventory. These positive cash flows have been partially offset by a \$70.3 million increase in inventories and a \$130.1 million decrease in accounts payable, accrued and other liabilities. The increase in inventory reflects weaker demand in Europe specifically related to the Spanish market as well as weaker markets in the ROW segment near the end of the year. The Company is adjusting its production in these regions in order to balance inventory quantities in 2009. The inventory increases above were offset by a reduction in North America where demand weakness began in late 2007 allowing elevated North America inventories to be reduced in 2008. The decrease in accounts payable, accrued and other liabilities was a result of declining manufacturing activity in the later half of the year due to the lower demand for certain products mentioned previously as well as metal price volatility experienced in the fourth quarter of 2008. More specifically, the Company liquidated certain fixed dollar denominated obligations in emerging markets to reduce the overall currency exposure that resulted in currency devaluation charges in the latter part of 2008.

Cash flow used by investing activities was \$263.3 million in 2008, reflecting \$217.8 million of capital expenditures and \$50.3 million principally reflecting the Enica Biskra acquisition and the increase in equity ownership of PDP. The Company anticipates capital spending to be approximately \$120 to \$130 million in 2009, primarily supporting new products and capabilities in developing markets and alternative energy markets.

Cash flow provided by financing activities in 2008 was \$29.6 million. This cash inflow reflects the receipt of \$93.3 million of net additional borrowings in Europe and ROW to fund working capital, \$6.1 million of excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation, \$2.2 million from the exercise of stock options and \$124.7 million from borrowing under the Company's Amended Credit Facility. These cash inflows were partially offset by the repayment of the Company's Amended Credit Facility borrowings of \$184.7 million, the repurchase of common shares for \$11.7 million and the dividend payment on the Series A preferred stock of \$0.3 million. See the Debt and Other Contractual Obligations section below for details.

Debt and Other Contractual Obligations

The Company's outstanding debt obligations of \$1,446.6 million as of December 31, 2008 consisted of \$475.0 million of 1.00% Convertible Notes due in 2012, \$355.0 million of 0.875% Convertible Notes due in 2013, \$200.0 million of 7.125% Senior Notes due in 2017, \$125.0 million of Senior Floating Rate Notes due in 2015, \$64.1 million of Spanish Term Loans, \$84.9 million Silec credit facilities, \$71.5 million PDIC credit facilities, \$2.3 million in capital leases and \$68.8 million of various short and medium term loans. A separate description of our various borrowings, many of which are subject to certain collateral levels, is provided below and additional discussion is included at Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

The Company's 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes were issued in September 2007 in the amount of \$475.0 million. The Notes were sold to qualified institutional buyers in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). Subsequently, on April 16, 2008, the notes and the common stock issuable upon conversion of the notes were registered on a Registration Statement on Form S-3. The 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes bear interest at a fixed rate of 1.00%, payable semi-annually in arrears, on April 15 and October 15, and mature in 2012. The 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes are unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, on a senior unsecured basis, by the Company's wholly-owned U.S. subsidiaries. The estimated fair value of the 1.00% Senior

Convertible Notes was approximately \$285.0 million at December 31, 2008.

The Company's 0.875% Convertible Notes were issued in November of 2006 in the amount of \$355.0 million, pursuant to the Company's effective Registration Statement on Form S-3. The 0.875% Convertible Notes bear interest at a fixed rate of 0.875%, payable semi-annually in arrears, on May 15 and November 15, and mature in 2013. As a result of exceeding certain average stock price thresholds as defined in Note 9 of the Consolidated Financial Statements, the Company reclassified \$355.0 million as a current liability as of December 31, 2007. The 0.875% Convertible Notes are unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, on a senior unsecured basis, by the Company's wholly-owned U.S. subsidiaries. The estimated fair value of the 0.875% Convertible Notes was approximately \$184.6 million at December 31, 2008.

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The Company completed the issuance and sale of \$325.0 million in aggregate principal amount of new senior unsecured notes, comprised of \$200.0 million of 7.125% Senior Fixed Rate Notes due 2017 (the 7.125% Senior Notes) and \$125.0 million of Senior Floating Rate Notes due 2015 (the Senior Floating Rate Notes and together with the 7.125% Senior Notes , the Notes) on July 26, 2007 to replace the unregistered Notes with registered Notes with like terms pursuant to an effective Registration Statement on Form S-4. The Notes are jointly and severally guaranteed by the Company's U.S. subsidiaries. The estimated fair value of the 7.125% Senior Notes and Senior Floating Rate Notes was approximately \$132.8 million and \$59.2 million, respectively, at December 31, 2008.

The Senior Floating Rate Notes bear interest at an annual rate equal to the 3-month LIBOR rate plus 2.375%, which combine for a rate of 6.3% at December 31, 2008. Interest on the Senior Floating Rate Notes is payable quarterly in arrears in cash on January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 of each year, commencing on July 1, 2007. The 7.125% Senior Notes bear interest at a rate of 7.125% per year and are payable semi-annually in arrears in cash on April 1 and October 1 of each year, commencing on October 1, 2007. The Senior Floating Rate Notes mature on April 1, 2015 and the 7.125% Senior Notes mature on April 1, 2017.

The Spanish Term Loan of 50 million euros was issued in December 2005 and was available in up to three tranches, with an interest rate of Euribor plus 0.8% to 1.5% depending on certain debt ratios. Two of the tranches have expired. The remaining tranche (maturing in 2012) was paid and terminated, in June 2008, with net payment of approximately 27.2 million euros or \$43.0 million. In February 2008, the Company entered into a term loan in the amount of 20 million euros with an interest rate of Euribor plus 0.5%. The term loan is payable in semi-annual installments, due in August and February, maturing in February 2013. Simultaneously, the Company entered into a fixed interest rate swap to coincide with the terms and conditions of the term loan starting in August 2008 and maturing in February 2013 that will effectively hedge the variable interest rate with a fixed interest rate of 4.2%. In April 2008, the Company entered into a term loan in the amount of 10 million euros with an interest rate of Euribor plus 0.75%. The term loan is payable in semi-annual installments, due in April and October, maturing in April 2013. Simultaneously, the Company entered into a fixed interest rate swap to coincide with the terms and conditions of the term loan starting in October 2008 and maturing in April 2013 that will effectively hedge the variable interest rate with a fixed interest rate of 4.58%. In June 2008, the Company entered into a term loan in the amount of 21 million euros with an interest rate of Euribor plus 0.75%. The term loan is payable in quarterly installments, due in March, June, September and December, maturing in June 2013. Simultaneously, the Company entered into a fixed interest rate swap to coincide with the terms and conditions of the term loan starting in September 2008 and maturing in June 2013 that will effectively hedge the variable interest rate with a fixed interest rate of 4.48%. As of December 31, 2008, the U.S. dollar equivalent of \$64.1 million was outstanding under these term loan facilities. The proceeds were used to partially fund the acquisition of Enica Biskra and for general working capital purposes. There is no remaining availability under these Spanish Term Loans. The weighted average interest rate including the effect of the interest rate swaps was 4.4% under these term loan facilities as of December 31, 2008.

Three Spanish Credit Facilities totaling 45 million euros were established in 2008, and mature in 2010, 2011 and 2013 and carry an interest rate of Euribor plus 0.4% to 0.65% depending on certain debt ratios. No funds are currently drawn under these facilities, leaving undrawn availability of approximately the U.S. dollar equivalent of \$62.8 million as of December 31, 2008. Commitment fees ranging from 15 to 25 basis points per annum on any unused commitments under these credit facilities are payable on a quarterly basis.

The Spanish Term Loan and Spanish Credit Facility are subject to certain financial ratios of the Company's European subsidiaries, the most restrictive of which is net debt to EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization). The indebtedness under the combined facilities is guaranteed by the Company's Portuguese subsidiary and by Silec Cable, S.A.

During the fourth quarter of 2007, the Company further amended its senior secured revolving credit facility (Amended Credit Facility), which increased the borrowing limit on the Senior Revolving Credit Facility from \$300 million to \$400 million. Additionally, the amendment extended the maturity date by almost two years to July 2012, and increased the existing interest rates across a pricing grid, which is dependent upon excess availability, as defined. Additionally, the amendment eliminated or relaxed several provisions, expanded permitted indebtedness to include acquired indebtedness of newly acquired foreign subsidiaries, and increased the level of permitted loan-funded

acquisitions. The amendment permitted the Company to draw funds from its Amended Credit Facility to partially fund the acquisition of Phelps Dodge International (PDIC) in conjunction with funds raised through the above mentioned September 2007 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes offering and available cash on the Company's balance sheet. At December 31, 2008, the Company had no outstanding borrowings and undrawn availability of \$301.3 million under the Amended Credit Facility. The Company was in compliance with all covenants under the Amended Credit Facility as of December 31, 2008. The Company had outstanding letters of credit related to this Amended Credit Facility of \$29.5 million at December 31, 2008.

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On October 31, 2007 the Company acquired PDIC and assumed the U.S. dollar equivalent of \$64.3 million (at the prevailing exchange rate on that date) of mostly short-term PDIC debt as a part of the acquisition. As of December 31, 2008, PDIC related debt was \$71.5 million of which approximately \$71.0 million was short-term financing agreements at various interest rates. The weighted average interest rate was 5.3% as of December 31, 2008. The Company has approximately \$338.0 million of excess availability under the various credit facilities.

As of December 31, 2008, Silec's debt was the U.S. dollar equivalent of \$84.9 million. The debt consisted of approximately \$41.5 million relating to an uncommitted accounts receivable facility of up to \$69.9 million and approximately \$43.4 million of short-term financing agreements of up to \$50.4 million. The Company has approximately \$28.4 million of excess availability under the uncommitted accounts receivable facility and \$7.0 million availability under the short-term financing agreements. The weighted average interest rate for the uncommitted accounts receivable facility and the short-term financing arrangements was 4.4%.

As of December 31, 2008, ECN Cable's debt was the U.S. dollar equivalent of \$17.4 million. The debt consisted of approximately \$1.8 million relating to an uncommitted accounts receivable facility of up to \$23.9 million and approximately \$15.6 million of credit facilities of up to \$54.1 million. The Company has approximately \$60.6 million of excess availability under the uncommitted accounts receivable facility and the credit facilities. The weighted average interest rate for the uncommitted accounts receivable facility and the credit facilities was 5.8%.

The Company's Spanish operating company, Grupo General Cable Sistemas (Grupo General), participates in accounts payable confirming arrangements with several European financial institutions. Grupo General negotiates payment terms with suppliers of generally 180 days and submits invoices to the financial institutions with instructions for the financial institutions to transfer funds from Grupo General's accounts on the due date (on day 180) to the receiving parties to pay the invoices in full. The banks may, at their discretion, negotiate directly with the suppliers for earlier payment terms at a discount, and the discount is kept by the banks. The suppliers may also decline to participate in an early payment arrangement. At December 31, 2008, these arrangements had a maximum availability limit of the equivalent of \$408.6 million, of which approximately \$238.5 million was utilized. If these arrangements were reduced or terminated, Grupo General would have to pay its suppliers directly.

The Company's defined benefit plans at December 31, 2008 and 2007 were underfunded by \$122.2 million and \$72.5 million, respectively. During 2008 and 2007, as a result of lower than expected asset performance, the Company recorded an after tax loss to accumulated other comprehensive income of \$29.5 million and \$0.8 million, respectively. The Company estimates its 2009 pension expense for its defined benefit pension plans will increase approximately \$8.5 million from 2008 and cash contributions are expected to decrease approximately \$0.1 million. In 2007, pension expense increased approximately \$0.1 million, excluding a \$3.2 million curtailment charge and a \$4.3 million settlement gain, from 2006 and cash contributions increased approximately \$8.1 million from 2006.

As of December 31, 2008, the Company was in compliance with all debt covenants.

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The Company anticipates being able to meet its obligations as they come due based on historical experience and the expected availability of funds under its current credit facilities. The Company's contractual obligations and commercial commitments as of December 31, 2008 (in millions of dollars) are summarized below:

Contractual obligations⁽¹⁾:	Total	Payments Due by Period				After 5 Years
		Less than 1 Year	1 - 3 Years	4 - 5 Years		
Total debt (excluding capital leases)	\$ 1,444.3	\$ 229.4	\$ 30.4	\$ 850.5	\$ 334.0	
Capital leases	2.3	1.1	1.2			
Interest payments on 7.125% Senior Notes	149.6	14.2	28.5	28.5	78.4	
Interest payments on Senior Floating Rate Notes	54.8	7.8	15.7	15.7	15.6	
Interest payments on 0.875% Convertible Notes	20.2	3.1	6.2	6.2	4.7	
Interest payments on 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes	23.8	4.8	9.5	9.5		
Interest payments on Spanish term loans	14.0	2.8	5.6	5.6		
Operating leases ⁽²⁾	41.8	16.4	15.5	4.9	5.0	
Preferred stock dividend payments	2.1	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.6	
Defined benefit pension obligations ⁽³⁾	9.3	9.3				
Postretirement benefits	9.9	1.4	2.7	2.1	3.7	
Interest rate swap agreements ⁽⁴⁾	74.6		9.0	65.6		
Commodity futures and forward pricing agreements ⁽⁴⁾	288.6	234.0	54.6			
Foreign currency contracts ⁽⁴⁾	438.3	318.5	119.8			
FIN 48 obligation, including interest and penalties ⁽⁵⁾						
Total	\$ 2,573.6	\$ 843.1	\$ 299.3	\$ 989.2	\$ 442.0	

(1) This table does not include interest payments on General Cable's revolving credit facilities because the future amounts are based on variable interest rates and the amount of the borrowings

under the Amended Credit Facility and Spanish Credit Facility fluctuate depending upon the Company's working capital requirements.

- (2) Operating lease commitments are described under Off Balance Sheet Assets and Obligations.
- (3) Defined benefit pension obligations reflect the Company's estimates of contributions that will be required in 2009 to meet current law minimum funding requirements. Amounts beyond one year have not been provided because they are not determinable.
- (4) Information on these items is provided under Item 7A, Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk.

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FIN 48
obligations of
\$73.8 million
have not been
reflected in the
above table due
to the inherent
uncertainty as to
the amount and
timing of
settlement,
which is
contingent upon
the occurrence
of possible
future events,
such as
examinations
and
determinations
by various tax
authorities.

Off Balance Sheet Assets and Obligations

As part of the BICC plc acquisition, BICC agreed to indemnify General Cable against environmental liabilities existing at the date of the closing of the purchase of the business. In the sale of the businesses to Pirelli, General Cable generally indemnified Pirelli against any environmental liabilities on the same basis as BICC plc indemnified the Company in the earlier acquisition. However, the indemnity the Company received from BICC plc related to the European business sold to Pirelli terminated upon the sale of those businesses to Pirelli. In addition, General Cable has agreed to indemnify Pirelli against any warranty claims relating to the prior operation of the business. General Cable has also agreed to indemnify Southwire Company against certain liabilities arising out of the operation of the business sold to Southwire prior to its sale. As a part of the 2005 acquisition, SAFRAN SA agreed to indemnify General Cable against certain environmental liabilities existing at the date of the closing of the purchase of Silec.

In 2007, the Company acquired the worldwide wire and cable business of Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold Inc., which operates as PDIC. As part of this acquisition, the seller agreed to indemnify the Company for certain environmental liabilities existing at the date of the closing of the acquisition. The seller's obligation to indemnify the Company for these particular liabilities generally survives four years from the date the parties executed the definitive purchase agreement unless the Company has properly notified the seller before the expiry of the four year period. The seller also made certain representations and warranties related to environmental matters and the acquired business and agreed to indemnify the Company for breaches of those representation and warranties for a period of four years from the closing date. Indemnification claims for breach of representations and warranties are subject to an overall indemnity limit of approximately \$105 million, which applies to all warranty and indemnity claims for the transaction.

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During 2007, one of the Company's international operations contracted with a bank to transfer accounts receivable that it was owed from one customer to the bank in exchange for payments of approximately \$3.0 million. As the transferor, the Company surrendered control over the financial assets included in the transfer and had no further rights regarding the transferred assets. The transfers were treated as sales and the approximate \$3.0 million received was accounted for as proceeds from the sales. All assets sold were removed from the Company's balance sheet upon completion of the transfers, and no further obligations exist under these agreements. During 2008, no accounts receivable due from customers were sold or transferred to the bank in exchange for early cash payment.

General Cable has entered into various operating lease agreements related principally to certain administrative, manufacturing and distribution facilities and transportation equipment. Future minimum rental payments required under non-cancelable lease agreements at December 31, 2008 were as follows: 2009 \$16.4 million, 2010 \$9.5 million, 2011 \$6.0 million, 2012 \$3.1 million, 2013 \$1.8 million and thereafter \$5.0 million. Rental expense recorded in income from continuing operations was \$19.1 million, \$14.4 million and \$11.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

As of December 31, 2008, the Company had \$152.6 million in letters of credit, \$151.3 million in various performance bonds and \$462.0 million in other guarantees. These letters of credit, performance bonds and guarantees are periodically renewed and are generally related to risk associated with self insurance claims, defined benefit plan obligations, contract performance, quality and other various bank and financing guarantees. See Liquidity and Capital Resources for excess availability under the Company's various credit borrowings.

See the previous section, Debt and Other Contractual Obligations, for information on debt-related guarantees.

Environmental Matters

The Company's expenditures for environmental compliance and remediation amounted to approximately \$1.9 million, \$2.8 million and \$2.0 million in 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively. In addition, certain of General Cable's subsidiaries have been named as potentially responsible parties in proceedings that involve environmental remediation. The Company has accrued \$1.1 million at December 31, 2008 for all environmental liabilities. Environmental matters are described in Item 1, Item 3 and Note 17 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, which are incorporated herein by reference. While it is difficult to estimate future environmental liabilities, the Company does not currently anticipate any material adverse effect on results of operations, cash flows or financial position as a result of compliance with federal, state, local or foreign environmental laws or regulations or remediation costs.

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

General Cable is exposed to various market risks, including changes in interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates and raw material (commodity) prices. To manage risk associated with the volatility of these natural business exposures, General Cable enters into interest rate, commodity and foreign currency derivative agreements as well as copper and aluminum forward pricing agreements. General Cable does not purchase or sell derivative instruments for trading purposes. General Cable does not engage in trading activities involving commodity contracts for which a lack of marketplace quotations would necessitate the use of fair value estimation techniques.

Interest Rate Risk

General Cable utilizes interest rate swaps to manage its interest expense exposure by fixing its interest rate on a portion of the Company's floating rate debt. Under the swap agreements, General Cable typically pays a fixed rate while the counterparty pays to General Cable the floating rate per the terms of the debt being hedged.

As of December 31, 2008, the Company has four interest rate swaps outstanding. The first arrangement was designated in the United States and includes a notional value of \$9.0 million, an interest rate of 4.49% and matures in October 2011. The remaining three arrangements were designated in Spain, in 2008, and have notional values of 18.0 million euros, 10.0 million euros and 19.95 million euros, respectively, interest rates of 4.2%, 4.58% and 4.48%, respectively, and maturity dates in 2013 (February, April and June, respectively). The Company does not provide or receive any collateral specifically for this contract. The fair value of interest rate derivatives, which are designated as and qualify as cash flow hedges as defined in SFAS No. 133, are based on quoted market prices and assistance of a third party provided calculations, which reflect the present values of the difference between estimated future variable-rate receipts and future fixed-rate payments. At December 31, 2008 and 2007, the net unrealized loss on interest rate derivatives and the related carrying value was \$0.7 million and \$0.5 million, respectively. A 10% change

in the variable rate would change the unrealized loss by \$0.3 million in 2008. All interest rate derivatives are marked-to-market with changes in the fair value of qualifying cash flow hedges recorded as other comprehensive income.

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General Cable's reported net sales are directly influenced by the price of copper and to a lesser extent aluminum. The price of copper and aluminum as traded on the London Metal Exchange (LME) and COMEX has historically been subject to considerable volatility and, during the past few years, global copper prices have established average record highs as demonstrated above in the table in Item 1 Raw Materials Sources and Availability. This copper and aluminum price volatility is representative of all reportable segments.

General Cable utilizes the LIFO method of inventory accounting for its metals inventory. The Company's use of the LIFO method results in its consolidated statement of operations reflecting the current costs of metals, while metals inventories in the balance sheet are valued at historical costs as the LIFO layers were created. As a result of volatile copper prices, the replacement cost of the Company's copper inventory exceeded the historic LIFO cost by approximately \$104 million and \$162 million at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. If LIFO inventory quantities are reduced in a period when replacement costs exceed the LIFO value of the inventory, the Company would experience an increase in reported earnings. Conversely, if LIFO inventory quantities are reduced in a period when replacement costs are lower than the LIFO value of the inventory, the Company would experience a decline in reported earnings. If the Company were not able to recover the LIFO value of its inventory in some future period when replacement costs were lower than the LIFO value of the inventory, the Company would be required to take a charge to recognize in its statement of operations an adjustment of LIFO inventory to market value. During 2006, we increased inventory quantities and therefore there was not a liquidation of LIFO inventory impact in this period. During 2007, the Company reduced copper inventory quantities globally which resulted in a \$0.1 million gain because LIFO inventory quantities were reduced in a period when replacement costs were higher than the LIFO value of the inventory. During 2008, the Company reduced its copper inventory quantities globally resulting in a \$2.4 million LIFO gain since LIFO inventory quantities were reduced in a period when replacement costs were higher than the LIFO value of the inventory.

For the majority of its business outside of North America, General Cable enters into commodity futures contracts, which are designated as and qualify as cash flow hedges as defined in SFAS 133, for the purchase of copper and aluminum for delivery in a future month to match certain production needs. At December 31, 2008 and 2007, General Cable had an unrealized loss of \$84.7 million and \$18.8 million, respectively, on the commodity futures. A 10% change in the price of copper and aluminum would result in a change in the unrealized loss of \$11.0 million in 2008.

In North America, and to a lesser extent in Europe and North Africa and ROW, General Cable enters into forward pricing agreements for the purchase of copper and aluminum for delivery in a future month to match certain sales transactions. The Company accounts for these forward pricing arrangements under the normal purchases and normal sales scope exception of SFAS No. 133 because these arrangements are for purchases of copper and aluminum that will be delivered in quantities expected to be used by the Company over a reasonable period of time in the normal course of business. For these arrangements, it is probable at the inception and throughout the life of the arrangements that the arrangements will not settle net and will result in physical delivery of the inventory. At December 31, 2008 and 2007, General Cable had \$90.5 million and \$90.1 million, respectively, of future copper and aluminum purchases that were under forward pricing agreements. At December 31, 2008 and 2007, General Cable had an unrealized loss of \$25.1 million and \$4.0 million, respectively, related to these transactions. General Cable expects the unrealized losses under these agreements to be offset as a result of firm sales price commitments with customers.

Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk

The Company enters into forward exchange contracts, which are designated as and qualify as cash flow hedges as defined in SFAS 133, principally to hedge the currency fluctuations in certain transactions denominated in foreign currencies, thereby limiting the Company's risk that would otherwise result from changes in exchange rates. Principal transactions hedged during the year were firm sales and purchase commitments. The fair value of foreign currency contracts represents the amount required to enter into offsetting contracts with similar remaining maturities based on quoted market prices. At December 31, 2008 and 2007, the net unrealized gain on the net foreign currency contracts was \$0.4 million and \$8.2 million, respectively. A 10% change in the exchange rate for these currencies would change the unrealized loss by \$39.7 million in 2008.

Fair Value of Designated Derivatives

Unrealized gains and losses on the designated cash flow hedge financial instruments identified above are recorded in other comprehensive income (loss) until the underlying transaction occurs and is recorded in the statement of operations at which point such amounts included in other comprehensive income (loss) are recognized in earnings. This recognition generally will occur over periods of less than one year. During the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, a pre-tax \$5.5 million loss and a pre-tax \$0.9 million loss, respectively, were reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income to the statement of operations. A pre-tax loss of \$62.5 million is expected to be reclassified into earnings from other comprehensive income during 2009.

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The notional amounts and fair values of these designated cash flow financial instruments at December 31, 2008 and 2007 are shown below (in millions). The net carrying amount of the designated cash flow and hedge financial instruments was a net liability of \$85.0 million and a net liability of \$11.1 million at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

	2008		2007	
	Notional Amount	Fair Value	Notional Amount	Fair Value
Cash flow hedges:				
Interest rate swap	\$ 74.6	\$ (0.7)	\$ 9.0	\$ (0.5)
Commodity futures	198.1	(84.7)	297.7	(18.8)
Foreign currency forward exchange	438.3	0.4	380.5	8.2
		\$ (85.0)		\$ (11.1)

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ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

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ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company maintains disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the Company's reports under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Company periodically evaluates the design and effectiveness of its disclosure controls and internal control over financial reporting. The Company makes modifications to improve the design and effectiveness of its disclosure controls and internal control structure, and may take other corrective action, if its evaluations identify a need for such modifications or actions. The Company's disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives.

A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the control. The design of any system of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions; over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. However, these inherent limitations are known features of the financial reporting process. Therefore, it is possible to design into the process safeguards to reduce, though not eliminate, this risk.

In connection with the preparation of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, as of December 31, 2008, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the CEO and CFO, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act). Based on that evaluation, the Company's CEO and CFO concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of December 31, 2008.

Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such item is defined in the Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f). In connection with the preparation of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, as of December 31, 2008, the Company conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). As a result of this process, management concluded that internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2008. Management's assessment of and conclusion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting did not include an assessment of certain elements of internal control over financial reporting of Enica Biskra acquired on May 21, 2008 and PDP acquired on June 30, 2008, which are included in the consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have been no other changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting, as such item is defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f), during the most recently completed fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2008, that have materially affected, or are reasonable likely to materially affect the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm that audited the Company's financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, has issued an attestation report on Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of
General Cable Corporation
Highland Heights, KY

We have audited the internal control over financial reporting of General Cable Corporation and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2008, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. As described in *Management’s Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting*, management excluded from its assessment the internal control over financial reporting at E.P.E. / EN.I.CA.BISKRA/SPA (Enica Biskra), acquired on May 21, 2008, and Phelps Dodge Philippines, Inc. (PDP), a joint venture in which the Company acquired and consolidated through an increase of its equity investment from 40% to 60%, on June 30, 2008, and whose financial statements reflect aggregate total assets and revenues constituting 3% and 5%, respectively, of the related consolidated financial statement amounts as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008. Accordingly, our audit did not include the internal control over financial reporting at Enica Biskra and PDP. The Company’s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying *Management’s Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’s internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company’s internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the company’s principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, and effected by the company’s board of directors, management, and other personnel to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company’s internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company’s assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of internal control over financial reporting, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Also, projections of any evaluation of the effectiveness of the internal control over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008, based on the criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008 of the Company and our report dated March 2, 2009 expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements and included an explanatory paragraph regarding the adoption of Financial Accounting Standards

Board Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes* an interpretation of Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 109, on January 1, 2007, and Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 158, *Employers Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans* an amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88, 106, and 132(R), on December 31, 2006.

Cincinnati, Ohio

March 2, 2009

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ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

PART III.

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

See the information on the Company's Executive Officers in Item 1 under the heading, Executive Officers of the Registrant. Except as set forth in Item 1, the additional information required by this item, including information on the Directors of the Company, is included in the definitive Proxy Statement which General Cable intends to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after December 31, 2008, and is incorporated herein by reference.

General Cable's amended and restated by-laws provide that its Board of Directors is divided into three classes (Class I, Class II and Class III). At each annual meeting of the shareholders, directors constituting one class are elected for a three-year term. Each of the directors will be elected to serve until a successor is elected and qualified or until such director's earlier resignation or removal.

The Board of Directors of the Company has determined that Craig P. Omtvedt, Chairman of the Audit Committee, and Audit Committee members, Mr. Welsh, Mr. Lawton and Mr. Smialek, are audit committee financial experts as defined by Item 401(h) of Regulation S-K and are independent within the meaning of Item 7(d)(3)(iv) of Schedule 14A under the Exchange Act.

The Company has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to its directors, officers (including the Company's principal executive officer, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer) and employees. The Company has also adopted Corporate Governance Principles and Guidelines, an Audit Committee Charter, a Compensation Committee Charter and a Corporate Governance Committee Charter (collectively Charters). Copies of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, Corporate Governance Principles and Guidelines and each of the Charters are available on the Company's website, www.generalcable.com, and may be found under the Investor Information section by clicking on Corporate Governance. Any of the foregoing documents is also available in print to any shareholders who request the documents. The Company intends to satisfy the disclosure requirement under Item 10 of Form 8-K regarding an amendment to, or waiver from, a provision of our Code of Ethics by posting such information on our website at the location specified above.

On May 16, 2008, the Company submitted its Annual Chief Executive Officer Certification to the New York Stock Exchange as required by Section 303A.12 (a) of the New York Stock Exchange Listed Company Manual.

The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Certifications required under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act are filed as exhibits to the Company's Form 10-K.

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The information required by this item is included in the definitive Proxy Statement which General Cable intends to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after December 31, 2008, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Table of Contents**ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS**

A description of General Cable's equity compensation plans is set forth in Note 14 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. The following table sets forth information about General Cable's equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2008 (in thousands, except per share price):

	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options ⁽¹⁾	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in first column)
Shareholder approved plans:			
1997 Stock Incentive Plan ⁽²⁾	239	\$ 10.12	287
2005 Stock Incentive Plan	459	54.35	801
Non-shareholder approved plans:			
2000 Stock Option Plan ⁽²⁾	108	10.95	290
Total	806	\$ 35.40	1,378

(1) Excludes restricted stock shares of 90,909 awarded and outstanding from the 1997 Plan, restricted stock shares of 311,692 and restricted stock units of 67,250 awarded and outstanding from the 2005 Plan through December 31, 2008.

(2) No new awards were issued under these plans since May 10, 2005.

Other information required by this item is included in the definitive Proxy Statement which General Cable intends to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after December 31, 2008, and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

The information required by this item is included in the definitive Proxy Statement which General Cable intends to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after December 31, 2008, and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES

The information required by this item is included in the definitive Proxy Statement which General Cable intends to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after December 31, 2008, and is incorporated herein by reference.

PART IV.

ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULE

(a) Documents filed as part of the Form 10-K:

1. Consolidated Financial Statements are included in Part II, Item 8.
2. Financial Statement Schedule filed herewith for 2008, 2007 and 2006:

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All other schedules for which provisions are made in the applicable regulation of the Securities and Exchange Commission have been omitted as they are not applicable, not required, or the required information is included in the Consolidated Financial Statements or Notes thereto.

3. The exhibits listed on the accompanying Exhibit Index are filed herewith or incorporated herein by reference.

Documents indicated by an asterisk (*) are filed herewith; documents indicated by a double asterisk (**) identify each management contract or compensatory plan. Documents not indicated by an asterisk are incorporated by reference to the document indicated.

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Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, General Cable Corporation has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

General Cable Corporation

Signed: March 2, 2009

By: /s/ GREGORY B. KENNY
 Gregory B. Kenny
 President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

/s/ GREGORY B. KENNY	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	March 2, 2009
Gregory B. Kenny		
/s/ ROBERT J. SIVERD	Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	March 2, 2009
Robert J. Siverd		
/s/ BRIAN J. ROBINSON	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	March 2, 2009
Brian J. Robinson		
/s/ JOHN E. WELSH, III	Non-executive Chairman and Director	March 2, 2009
John E. Welsh, III		
/s/ GREGORY E. LAWTON	Director	March 2, 2009
Gregory E. Lawton		
/s/ CRAIG P. OMTVEDT	Director	March 2, 2009
Craig P. Omtvedt		
/s/ ROBERT L. SMIALEK	Director	March 2, 2009
Robert L. Smialek		

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Exhibit Index

Exhibit Number	Description
2.1	Share Purchase Agreement among Grupo General Cable Sistemas, S.A., Safran SA, and Sagem Communications, dated November 18, 2005 (incorporated by reference to exhibit 99.2 to the Form 8-K Current Report as filed on December 22, 2005).
2.2	Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of September 12, 2007, by and among Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc., Phelps Dodge Corporation, Phelps Dodge Industries, Inc., Habirshaw Cable and Wire Corporation and General Cable Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the form 8-K as filed on September 12, 2007).
2.2.1	Letter Agreement, dated October 29, 2007, to the Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of September 12, 2007, by and among Freeport-McMoRan Cooper & Gold Inc., Phelps Dodge Corporation, Phelps Dodge Industries, Inc., Habirshaw Cable and Wire Corporation and General Cable Corporation. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.109 of the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 28, 2007).
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company was filed as Exhibit 3.1 to Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Form S-4 (File No. 333-143017). Note: The certificate was amended in May 2007.
3.2	Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Form 8-K as filed on July 25, 2007).
3.3	Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Company (incorporated by reference to the Form 8-K as filed on December 18, 2008).
4.1	Specimen Common Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-22961) of the Company filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 7, 1997, as amended (the Initial S-1).).
4.2	Certificate of Designations (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Form 8-K filed December 12, 2003).
4.3	Indenture among the Company, certain guarantors and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Form 8-K filed December 12, 2003).
4.4	Registration Rights Agreement among the Company and the Initial Purchasers relating to the Series A Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Form 8-K filed December 12, 2003).
4.5	Registration Rights Agreement among the Company, certain guarantors and the Initial Purchasers relating to the Notes (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Form 8-K filed December 12, 2003).
4.6	

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Indenture for the \$315.0 million 0.875% Senior Convertible Notes Due 2013 dated November 9, 2006 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Form 8-K Current Report as filed on November 16, 2006).

- 4.7 Supplemental Indenture dated as of March 15, 2007, among the Company, certain guarantors, and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Form 8-K Current Report as filed on March 15, 2007).
- 4.8 Indenture dated as of March 21, 2007, among the Company, certain guarantors, and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Form 8-K Current Report as filed on March 21, 2007).
- 4.9 Indenture for the \$475.0 million 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes Due 2012, dated October 2, 2007, by and among General Cable Corporation, the subsidiary guarantors named therein, and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Form 8-K as filed on October 2, 2007).
- 4.10 Registration Rights Agreement dated March 21, 2007, among the Company, certain guarantors and Goldman, Sachs & Co., as representative of the several purchasers named in Schedule I to the Purchase Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Form 8-K Current Report as filed on March 21, 2007).
- 4.11 Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of October 2, 2007, by and among General Cable Corporation, the subsidiary guarantors named therein, and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Form 8-K filed October 2, 2007).
- 4.12 Second Supplemental Indenture, among the Company, the Additional Guarantor, the other Guarantors and the Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibits 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 to Form 8-K as filed on April 18, 2008).
- 4.13 Prospectus Supplemental No. 1, supplements and amends the prospectus dated April 16, 2008 relating to the resale by the selling security holders of the Company's \$475.0 million 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes due 2012 (incorporated by reference to Form 424B7 filed on August 1, 2008).
- 10.2** General Cable Corporation 1997 Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Initial S-1).
- 10.2.1** General Cable Corporation 1997 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of General Cable Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1997).
- 10.2.2** Form of Grant Agreement pursuant to the General Cable Corporation 1997 Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.67 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of General Cable Corporation for the quarter ended October 1, 2004).
- 10.3** General Cable Corporation 1998 Annual Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of General Cable Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1997).

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- 10.4** General Cable Corporation 2000 Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.42 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of General Cable Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2000).
- 10.4.1** General Cable Corporation 2000 Stock Option Plan, amended and restated as of July 30, 2002 (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.55 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of General Cable Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2002).
- 10.4.2** Form of Grant Agreement pursuant to the General Cable Corporation 2000 Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.68 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of General Cable Corporation for the quarter ended October 1, 2004).
- 10.5** Employment Agreement dated May 13, 1997, between Gregory B. Kenny and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the Initial S-1).
- 10.5.1** Amendment dated March 16, 1998 to Employment Agreement dated May 13, 1997, between Gregory B. Kenny and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of General Cable Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1997).

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Exhibit Number	Description
10.5.2**	Change-in-Control Agreement dated May 13, 1997, between Gregory B. Kenny and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to the Initial S-1).
10.5.3**	Employment Agreement dated October 18, 1999, between Gregory B. Kenny and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of General Cable Corporation for the quarterly period ended September 30, 1999).
10.5.4**	Change-in-Control Agreement dated October 18, 1999 between Gregory B. Kenny and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.26 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of General Cable Corporation for the quarterly period ended September 30, 1999).
10.5.5**	Amended and Restated Employment Agreement dated April 28, 2000, between Gregory B. Kenny and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.34 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of General Cable Corporation for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2000).
10.5.6**	Amended and Restated Change-in-Control Agreement dated April 28, 2000 between Gregory B. Kenny and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.38 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of General Cable Corporation for the quarterly period end March 31, 2000).
10.5.7**	Amendment dated August 6, 2001, to Employment Agreement between Gregory B. Kenny and General Cable Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of General Cable Corporation for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2001).
10.5.8**	Amendment dated August 6, 2001, to Change-in-Control Agreement between Gregory B. Kenny and General Cable Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of General Cable Corporation for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2001).
10.5.9**	Amendment No. 2 dated July 11, 2003 to Employment Agreement dated April 28, 2000 between Gregory B. Kenny and the Company (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.56 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of General Cable Corporation for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2003).
10.5.10**	Assignment Agreement dated June 9, 2003 by Gregory B. Kenny to General Cable Corporation (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.59 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of General Cable Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2003).
10.5.11**	Salary Adjustment for Chief Executive Officer dated January 26, 2005 (incorporated by reference to exhibit 99 to the Form 8-K Current Report as filed on February 1, 2005).
10.5.12**	

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Salary Adjustment for Chief Executive Officer dated February 7, 2006 (incorporated by reference to the Form 8-K Current Report as filed on February 7, 2006).

- 10.5.13** Gregory B. Kenny Amended and Restated Employment agreement termed Termination Agreement, dated December 19, 2007 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Form 8-K filed on December 18, 2007).
- 10.6** Employment Agreement dated May 13, 1997, between Robert J. Siverd and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to the Initial S-1).
- 10.6.1** Change-in-Control Agreement dated May 13, 1997, between Robert J. Siverd and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12 to the Initial S-1).
- 10.6.2** Employment Agreement dated October 18, 1999, between Robert J. Siverd and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.24 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of General Cable Corporation for the quarterly period ended September 30, 1999).
- 10.6.3** Change-in-Control Agreement dated October 18, 1999 between Robert J. Siverd and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.28 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of General Cable Corporation for the quarterly period ended September 30, 1999).
- 10.6.4** Amended and Restated Employment Agreement dated April 28, 2000, between Robert J. Siverd and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.36 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of General Cable Corporation for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2000).
- 10.6.5** Amended and Restated Change-in-Control Agreement dated April 28, 2000 between Robert J. Siverd and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.40 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of General Cable Corporation for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2000).
- 10.6.6** Amendment No. 1 dated July 11, 2003 to Employment Agreement dated April 28, 2000 between Robert J. Siverd and the Company (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.58 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of General Cable Corporation for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2003).
- 10.6.7** Assignment Agreement dated June 9, 2003 by Robert J. Siverd to General Cable Corporation (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.61 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of General Cable Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2003).
- 10.6.8** Robert J. Siverd Amended and Restated Employment agreement termed Termination Agreement dated December 19, 2007 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Form 8-K filed on December 18, 2007).
- 10.7** Letter of understanding with Brian J. Robinson as Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer dated December 22, 2006 (incorporated by reference to exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 to the Form 8-K Current Report as filed on December 22, 2006).
- 10.7.1**

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Brian J. Robinson Novation Agreement dated December 19, 2007 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Form 8-K filed on December 18, 2007).

- 10.8** General Cable Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan dated April 1, 1996 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.17 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of General Cable Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1998).
- 10.8.1** Amended and Restated General Cable Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan dated December 14, 1998 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.18 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of General Cable Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1998).
- 10.8.2** General Cable Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan (Amended and Restated Effective January 1, 2008) (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Form 8-K filed on November 15, 2007).
- 10.8.3** Fourth Amendment to the General Cable Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Form 8-K as filed on June 27, 2007).

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Exhibit Number	Description
10.8.4**	Registration Statement of additional Common Stock shares under the Deferred Compensation Plan (incorporated by reference to Form S-8 filed on June 30, 2008)
10.9	Credit Agreement between the Company, Chase Manhattan Bank, as Administrative Agent, and the lenders signatory thereto dated May 28, 1999 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.19 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of General Cable Corporation for the quarterly period ended September 30, 1999).
10.9.1	Amendment dated October 8, 1999 to the Credit Agreement between the Company, Chase Manhattan Bank, as Administrative Agent, and the lenders signatory thereto dated May 28, 1999 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of General Cable Corporation for the quarterly period ended September 30, 1999).
10.9.2	Second amendment dated March 9, 2000 to the Credit Agreement between the Company, Chase Manhattan Bank, as Administrative Agent, and the lenders signatory thereto dated May 28, 1999 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.32 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of General Cable Corporation for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2000).
10.9.3	Third amendment dated January 24, 2001 to the Credit Agreement between the Company, Chase Manhattan Bank, as Administrative Agent, and the lenders signatory thereto dated May 28, 1999 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.41 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of General Cable Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2000).
10.9.4	Amendment dated April 19, 2002 to the Credit Agreement between the Company, JP Morgan Chase Bank, as Administrative Agent, and the lenders signatory thereto dated May 28, 1999 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of General Cable Corporation for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2002).
10.9.5	Fifth Amendment dated October 11, 2002 to the Credit Agreement between the Company, JP Morgan Chase Bank, as Administrative Agent, and the lenders signatory thereto dated May 28, 1999 (incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed on October 14, 2002).
10.9.6	Sixth Amendment dated December 26, 2002 to the Credit Agreement between the Company, JP Morgan Chase Bank, as Administrative Agent, and the lenders signatory thereto dated May 28, 1999 (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.54 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of General Cable Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2002).
10.10	Master Pooling and Servicing Agreement, dated as of May 9, 2001, among General Cable Capital Funding, Inc., General Cable Industries, Inc. and The Chase Manhattan Bank (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.47 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of General Cable Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2001).
10.10.1	Series 2001-1 Supplement to Master Pooling and Servicing Agreement, dated as of May 9, 2001, among General Cable Capital Funding, Inc., General Cable Industries, Inc. and The Chase Manhattan Bank (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.48 to the Annual Report

on Form 10-K of General Cable Corporation for year ended December 31, 2001).

- 10.10.2 Series VFC Supplement to Master Pooling and Servicing Agreement, dated as of May 9, 2001, among General Cable Capital Funding, Inc., General Cable Industries, Inc. and The Chase Manhattan Bank (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.49 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of General Cable Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2001).
- 10.10.3 First amendment dated December 21, 2001 to the Series 2001-1 Supplement to Master Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of May 9, 2001, (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.51 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of General Cable Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2001).
- 10.11 Credit Agreement between the Company, Merrill Lynch Capital as Collateral and Syndication Agent, UBS AG as Administrative Agent and the lenders signatory thereto dated November 24, 2003 (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.63 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of General Cable Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2003).
- 10.11.1 First Amendment dated April 14, 2004, to the Credit Agreement between the Company, Merrill Lynch Capital as Collateral and Syndication Agent, UBS AG as Administrative Agent and the lenders signatory thereto dated November 24, 2003 (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.66 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of General Cable Corporation for the quarter ended March 31, 2004).
- 10.11.2 Amended and restated Credit Agreement dated October 22, 2004, between the Company and Merrill Lynch Capital as collateral and syndication agent, UBS AG as Administrative Agent and the lenders signatory thereto (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.69 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of General Cable Corporation for the quarter ended October 1, 2004).
- 10.11.3 First Amendment dated June 13, 2005 to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement between the Company, Merrill Lynch Capital as Collateral and Syndication Agent, UBS AG as Administrative Agent and the lenders signatory thereto (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.70 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of General Cable Corporation for the quarter ended July 1, 2005).
- 10.11.4 Second Amended and restated Credit Agreement dated November 23, 2005, between the Company and Merrill Lynch Capital as Collateral and Administrative Agent, National City Business Credit, Inc., as Syndication Agent and the lenders signatory thereto (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.65 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K/A of General Cable Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2005).
- 10.11.5 First Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement between the Company and Merrill Lynch Capital as Collateral and Administrative Agent, National City Business Credit, Inc., as Syndication Agent and the lenders signatory thereto (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.90 of the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 29, 2006).
- 10.11.6 Second Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement between the Company and Merrill Lynch Capital as Collateral and Administrative Agent, National City Business Credit, Inc., as Syndication Agent and the lenders signatory thereto (incorporated

by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Form 8-K Current Report as filed on March 6, 2007.

- 10.11.7 Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated October 31, 2007, by and among GCI, as Borrower, the Company and those certain other subsidiaries of the Company party thereto, as Guarantors, the Issuing Banks, the Lenders and Merrill Lynch Capital, a division of Merrill Lynch Business Financial Services Inc., as Administrative Agent for the Lenders, Collateral Agent and Security Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Form 8-K as filed on November 1, 2007).

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Exhibit Number	Description
10.12	Master Agreement confirming the initiation of a \$75.0 million cross currency and interest rate swap between General Cable Corporation and Merrill Lynch Capital Services, Inc., dated October 13, 2005 (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.65 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K/A of General Cable Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2005).
10.12.1	Master Agreement confirming the initiation of a \$75.0 million cross currency and interest rate swap between General Cable Corporation and Bank of America, N.A., dated October 13, 2005 (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.65 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K/A of General Cable Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2005).
10.13	Form of Intercompany Agreement among Wassall PLC, Netherlands Cable V.B. and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14 to the Initial S-1).
10.14	Stock Purchase Agreement dated May 13, 1997, among Wassall PLC, General Cable Industries Inc. and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.15 to the Initial S-1).
10.15**	BICCGeneral Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan dated December 15, 1999 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.29 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of General Cable Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1999).
10.16**	BICCGeneral Mid-Term Incentive Plan dated February 1, 2000 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.30 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of General Cable Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1999).
10.17	Share Purchase Agreement between General Cable Corporation and Pirelli Cavi e Sistemi S.p.A. dated February 9, 2000 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.31 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of General Cable Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1999).
10.18**	Amended and Restated Employment Agreement dated April 28, 2000, between Stephen Rabinowitz and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.33 to the Quarterly report on Form 10-Q of General Cable Corporation for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2000).
10.19**	Term Sheet dated August 7, 2001, for Retirement and Termination of Employment Agreement dated October 18, 1999, as Amended, between General Cable Corporation and Stephen Rabinowitz (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of General Cable Corporation for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2001).
10.20	Asset Purchase Agreement between Southwire Company and General Cable Industries, Inc. and General Cable Corporation dated September 5, 2001 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of General Cable Corporation for the quarterly period end September 30, 2001).

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- 10.21 Receivables Sale Agreement, dated as of May 9, 2001, between General Cable Industries, Inc. and General Cable Capital Funding, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.50 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of General Cable Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2001).
- 10.22 Trust Termination Agreement for General Cable 2001 Master Trust dated November 24, 2003 (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.62 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of General Cable Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2003).
- 10.23 Corporate Governance Principles and Guidelines dated January 2004 (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.65 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of General Cable Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2003).
- 10.24 Credit Agreement between Grupo General Cable Sistemas, S.A., and Banco de Sabadell, S.A., as Agent and Financial Institution, dated December 22, 2005 (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.65 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K/A of General Cable Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2005).
- 10.25** Director Compensation Program modification dated January 26, 2005 (incorporated by reference to exhibit 99 to the Form 8-K Current Report as filed on February 1, 2005).
- 10.26** Salary Adjustment for Chief Financial Officer and for Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary dated February 18, 2005 (incorporated by reference to exhibit 99 to the Form 8-K Current Report as filed on February 22, 2005).
- 10.27** General Cable Corporation 2005 Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.1 to the Form 8-K Current Report as filed on May 16, 2005).
- 10.28** Incentive Stock Option Agreement (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.2 to the Form 8-K Current Report as filed on May 16, 2005).
- 10.29** Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.3 to the Form 8-K Current Report as filed on May 16, 2005).
- 10.30** Restricted Stock Agreement (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.4 to the Form 8-K Current Report as filed on May 16, 2005).
- 10.31** Stock Unit Agreement (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.5 to the Form 8-K Current Report as filed on May 16, 2005).
- 10.32** Salary Adjustment for Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary dated February 23, 2006 (incorporated by reference to the Form 8-K Current Report as filed on February 23, 2006).
- 10.33** Separation Agreement and General Release of Claims and Amendment to Separation Agreement and General Release of Claims between General Cable Corporation and its Chief Financial Officer dated May 30, 2006 (incorporated by reference to exhibit 99.1 to the Form 8-K Current Report as filed on June 2, 2006).
- 10.34 Agreement for Convertible Note Hedges dated November 9, 2006, between the Company and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc. (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.1

to the Form 8-K as filed on November 16, 2006).

- 10.35 Agreement for Convertible Note Hedges dated November 9, 2006 between the Company and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.2 to the Form 8-K as filed on November 16, 2006).
- 10.36 Agreement for Convertible Note Hedges dated November 9, 2006 between the Company and Wachovia (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.3 to the Form 8-K as filed on November 16, 2006).
- 10.37 Agreement for Warrant Transactions dated November 9, 2006 between the Company and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc. (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.4 to the Form 8-K as filed on November 16, 2006).
- 10.38 Agreement for Warrant Transactions dated November 9, 2006 between the Company and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.5 to the Form 8-K as filed on November 16, 2006).
- 10.39 Agreement for Warrant Transactions dated November 9, 2006 between the Company and Wachovia (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.6 to the Form 8-K as filed on November 16, 2006).
- 10.40 Agreement for Convertible Note Hedges dated November 15, 2006 between the Company and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc. (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.7 to the Form 8-K as filed on November 16, 2006).
- 10.41 Agreement for Convertible Note Hedges dated November 15, 2006 between the Company and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.8 to the Form 8-K as filed on November 16, 2006).

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Exhibit Number	Description
10.42	Agreement for Convertible Note Hedges dated November 15, 2006 between the Company and Wachovia (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.9 to the Form 8-K as filed on November 16, 2006).
10.43	Agreement for Warrant Transactions dated November 15, 2006 between the Company and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc. (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.10 to the Form 8-K as filed on November 16, 2006).
10.44	Agreement for Warrant Transactions dated November 15, 2006 between the Company and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.11 to the Form 8-K as filed on November 16, 2006).
10.45	Agreement for Warrant Transactions dated November 15, 2006 between the Company and Wachovia (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.12 to the Form 8-K as filed on November 16, 2006).
10.46**	Salary Adjustment for President and Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary dated February 14, 2007 (incorporated by reference to the Form 8-K Current Report as filed on February 16, 2007).
10.47	Purchase Agreement dated as of March 15, 2007, among the Company, certain guarantors and Goldman, Sachs & Co., as representative of the several purchasers named in Schedule I to the Purchase Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Form 8-K Current Report as filed on March 21, 2007).
10.48**	Amendment to the Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan of General Cable Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Form 8-K as filed on June 27, 2007).
10.49**	General Cable Corporation Executive Officer Severance Benefit Plan effective January 1, 2008 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Form 8-K filed on December 18, 2007).
10.50**	Separation Agreement and Addendum, Departure of Principal Officer (incorporated by reference to Current Report on Form 8-K as filed on July 24, 2008)
10.51	Joinder Agreement, between the Additional Guarantor and GE Financial (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Form 8-K as filed on April 18, 2008).
10.52	Registration Statement of additional Common Stock shares under the General Cable Savings Plan (incorporated by reference to Form S-8 filed on June 30, 2008)
10.53	Pro forma financial information and PDIC audited financial statements are incorporated by reference to Current Report on Form 8-K on November 1, 2007, amended on January 14, 2008 and April 18, 2008
10.54**	Salary Adjustment for President and Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and Executive Vice President, General

Counsel and Secretary dated February 5, 2008 (incorporated by reference to the Form 8-K Current Report as filed on February 5, 2008)

- 10.55 General Cable adopted a written trading plan under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The Company implemented this written trading plan in connection with its share repurchase program, which was authorized by the Company's Board of Directors and announced on October 29, 2008 (incorporated by reference to Form 8-K Current Report as filed on October 29, 2008 and November 26, 2008).
- 12.1 Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges.
- 14.0 Code of Business Conduct and Ethics available on the Company's website at www.generalcable.com
- 21.1 List of Subsidiaries of General Cable.
- 23.1 Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP.
- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15(d) 14.
- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15(d) 14.
- 32.1 Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted under Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of
General Cable Corporation
Highland Heights, KY

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of General Cable Corporation and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2008. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15. These financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements and financial statement schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of General Cable Corporation and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2008, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, the financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes* — an interpretation of Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 109, on January 1, 2007, and Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 158, *Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans* — an amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88, 106, and 132(R), on December 31, 2006.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008, based on the criteria established in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated March 2, 2009 expressed an unqualified opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Cincinnati, Ohio
March 2, 2009

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GENERAL CABLE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Statements of Operations
(in millions, except per share data)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2008	2007	2006
Net sales	\$ 6,230.1	\$ 4,614.8	\$ 3,665.1
Cost of sales	5,427.7	3,952.1	3,194.1
Gross profit	802.4	662.7	471.0
Selling, general and administrative expenses	381.0	296.6	235.1
Operating income	421.4	366.1	235.9
Other expense	(27.2)	(3.4)	(0.1)
Interest income (expense):			
Interest expense	(68.1)	(48.4)	(40.0)
Interest income	12.3	18.8	4.4
Loss on extinguishment of debt		(25.3)	
	(55.8)	(54.9)	(35.6)
Income before income taxes	338.4	307.8	200.2
Income tax provision	(112.7)	(99.4)	(64.9)
Minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries	(13.1)	(0.2)	
Equity in net earnings of affiliated companies	4.6	0.4	
Net income	217.2	208.6	135.3
Less: preferred stock dividends	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
Net income applicable to common shareholders	\$ 216.9	\$ 208.3	\$ 135.0
EPS			
Earnings per common share-basic	\$ 4.16	\$ 4.07	\$ 2.70
Weighted average common shares-basic	52.2	51.2	50.0
Earnings per common share-assuming dilution	\$ 4.07	\$ 3.82	\$ 2.60
Weighted average common shares-assuming dilution	53.4	54.6	52.0

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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GENERAL CABLE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Balance Sheets
(in millions, except share data)

	December 31,	
	2008	2007
Assets		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 282.6	\$ 325.7
Receivables, net of allowances of \$19.3 million in 2008 and \$17.9 million in 2007	1,032.0	1,121.4
Inventories	953.2	928.8
Deferred income taxes	132.3	123.6
Prepaid expenses and other	77.6	73.7
Total current assets	2,477.7	2,573.2
Property, plant and equipment, net	880.9	738.8
Deferred income taxes	53.9	42.6
Goodwill	171.9	116.1
Intangible assets, net	201.8	236.7
Unconsolidated affiliated companies	7.5	29.5
Other non-current assets	46.7	56.7
Total assets	\$ 3,840.4	\$ 3,793.6
Liabilities and Shareholders Equity		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 757.2	\$ 937.3
Accrued liabilities	423.3	397.3
Current portion of long-term debt	230.5	500.9
Total current liabilities	1,411.0	1,835.5
Long-term debt	1,216.1	897.9
Deferred income taxes	96.4	118.5
Other liabilities	276.2	190.0
Total liabilities	2,999.7	3,041.9
Commitments and Contingencies		
Minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries	132.3	74.8
Shareholders Equity:		

Redeemable convertible preferred stock, at redemption value (liquidation preference of \$50.00 per share):		
2008	76,233 shares outstanding	
2007	101,940 shares outstanding	3.8 5.1
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, issued and outstanding shares:		
2008	51,775,200 (net of 6,177,498 treasury shares)	
2007	52,430,149 (net of 5,121,841 treasury shares)	0.6 0.6
	Additional paid-in capital	288.4 268.0
	Treasury stock	(71.9) (60.3)
	Retained earnings	644.7 428.3
	Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(157.2) 35.2
	Total shareholders equity	708.4 676.9
	Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$ 3,840.4 \$ 3,793.6

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GENERAL CABLE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(in millions)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2008	2007	2006
Cash flows of operating activities:			
Net income	\$ 217.2	\$ 208.6	\$ 135.3
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	97.3	63.5	50.9
Foreign currency exchange loss	27.2	3.4	0.1
Loss on extinguishment of debt		25.3	
Inventory impairment charges	32.0		
Deferred income taxes	11.3	(11.6)	4.7
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation	(6.1)	(11.1)	(19.0)
Loss on disposal of property	5.6	8.8	2.5
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effect of acquisitions and divestitures:			
(Increase) decrease in receivables	26.7	(6.5)	(94.7)
Increase in inventories	(70.3)	(13.5)	(142.4)
(Increase) decrease in other assets	18.6	(1.4)	0.5
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable, accrued and other liabilities	(130.1)	(33.8)	156.1
Net cash flows of operating activities	229.4	231.7	94.0
Cash flows of investing activities:			
Capital expenditures	(217.8)	(153.6)	(71.1)
Proceeds from properties sold	6.2	1.1	0.8
Proceeds from acquisition including cash acquired		28.0	
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(50.3)	(634.8)	(26.9)
Other	(1.4)	(0.5)	1.4
Net cash flows of investing activities	(263.3)	(759.8)	(95.8)
Cash flows of financing activities:			
Preferred stock dividends paid	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
Settlement of net investment hedge			(30.5)
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation	6.1	11.1	19.0
Proceeds from revolving credit borrowings	124.7	100.0	264.1
Repayments of revolving credit borrowings	(184.7)	(40.0)	(379.2)
Proceeds of other debt	93.3	7.3	6.9
Issuance of long-term debt		800.0	355.0
Payment of deferred financing fees		(19.0)	(9.4)
Settlement of long-term debt		(305.5)	
Purchase of note hedges			(124.5)
Proceeds from issuance of warrants			80.4
Purchase of treasury shares	(11.7)		

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Proceeds from exercise of stock options	2.2	5.0	22.7
Net cash flows of financing activities	29.6	528.1	234.7
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(38.8)	15.2	5.4
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(43.1)	15.2	238.3
Cash and cash equivalents beginning of period	325.7	310.5	72.2
Cash and cash equivalents end of period	\$ 282.6	\$ 325.7	\$ 310.5
Supplemental Information			
Cash paid during the period for:			
Income tax payments	\$ 84.8	\$ 98.8	\$ 46.3
Interest paid	\$ 47.5	\$ 51.7	\$ 36.7
Non-cash investing and financing activities:			
Issuance of nonvested shares	\$ 4.5	\$ 10.5	\$ 6.4

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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GENERAL CABLE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity
(dollars in millions, share amounts in thousands)

	Preferred Stock Shares	Preferred Stock Amount	Common Stock Shares	Common Stock Amount	Add 1 Paid in Capital	Treasury Stock	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss)	Other Shareholders' Equity	Total
Balance, December 31, 2005	130	\$ 6.5	49,520	\$ 0.5	\$ 246.3	\$ (52.2)	\$ 103.8	\$ (6.8)	\$ (4.8)	\$ 293.3
Comprehensive income:										
Net income							135.3			135.3
Foreign currency translation adj.								30.6		30.6
Pension adjustments, net of \$3.5 million tax expense								6.4	6.4	
Unrealized investment gain								2.9		2.9
Loss on change in fair value of financial instruments, net of \$16.7 million tax benefit								(28.7)		(28.7)
Comprehensive income										146.5
Adoption of SFAS 158, net of \$3.8 million tax benefit								(7.0)		(7.0)
Preferred stock dividend							(0.3)			(0.3)
Note hedge transaction					(124.5)					(124.5)
Issuance of warrants					80.4					80.4
Reclass of unearned stock compensation					(4.8)				4.8	
Issuance of nonvested shares			213							
Stock option and RSU expense					1.1					1.1
Exercise of stock options			2,120	0.1	22.6					22.7
Treasury shares related to nonvested stock vesting			(30)			(0.8)				(0.8)
Amortization of nonvested shares					3.8					3.8
Excess tax benefits from stock-based					19.0					19.0

compensation										
Conversion of preferred stock	(28)	(1.4)	140		1.4					
Other			39		0.2					0.2
Balance, December 31, 2006	102	\$ 5.1	52,002	\$ 0.6	\$ 245.5	\$ (53.0)	\$ 238.8	\$	(2.6)	\$ 434.4
Comprehensive income:										
Net income							208.6			208.6
Foreign currency translation adj.								51.3		51.3
Defined benefit plans adjustments, net of \$0.1 million tax expense								4.8		4.8
Unrealized investment gain, net of \$0.3 million tax expense								0.8		0.8
Loss on change in fair value of financial instruments, net of \$16.5 million tax benefit								(19.0)		(19.0)
Comprehensive income										246.5
Preferred stock dividend								(0.3)		(0.3)
Issuance of nonvested shares			143							
Stock option and RSU expense					2.5					2.5
Exercise of stock options			405		5.0					5.0
Treasury shares related to nonvested stock vesting			(83)			(4.3)				(4.3)
Amortization of nonvested shares					3.8					3.8
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation					11.1					11.0
Fin 48 adoption							(18.8)			(18.8)
Other			(37)		0.1	(3.0)		(0.1)		(2.9)
Balance, December 31, 2007	102	\$ 5.1	52,430	\$ 0.6	\$ 268.0	\$ (60.3)	\$ 428.3	\$	35.2	\$ 676.9
Comprehensive income:										

Net income						217.2				217.2
Foreign currency translation adj.							(122.8)			(122.8)
Defined benefit plans adjustments, net of \$18.2 million tax expense							(29.5)			(29.5)
Unrealized investment gain, net of \$1.0 million tax expense							(5.8)			(5.8)
Loss on change in fair value of financial instruments, net of \$24.9 million tax benefit							(34.3)			(34.3)
Comprehensive income										24.8
Preferred stock dividend							(0.3)			(0.3)
Issuance of nonvested shares			32							
Stock option and RSU expense					6.0					6.0
Exercise of stock options			232		2.4					2.4
Treasury shares related to nonvested stock vesting			(31)			(1.8)				(1.8)
Amortization of nonvested shares					4.2					4.2
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation					6.1					6.1
Conversion of preferred stock	(26)	(1.3)	129		1.3					
Purchase treasury shares			(1,000)			(11.7)				(11.7)
Other			(18)		0.4	1.9	(0.5)			1.8
Balance, December 31, 2008	76	\$ 3.8	51,774	\$ 0.6	\$ 288.4	\$ (71.9)	\$ 644.7	\$ (157.2)	\$	\$ 708.4

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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GENERAL CABLE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

1. General

General Cable Corporation and Subsidiaries (General Cable) is a leading global developer, designer, manufacturer, marketer and distributor in the wire and cable industry. The Company sells copper, aluminum and fiber optic wire and cable products worldwide. The Company's operations are divided into three main reportable segments: North America, Europe and North Africa and Rest of World (ROW) which consists of operations in Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle East and Asia Pacific. As of December 31, 2008, General Cable operated 46 manufacturing facilities, which includes 2 facilities owned by companies in which the Company has an equity investment, in 22 countries with regional distribution centers around the world in addition to the corporate headquarters in Highland Heights, Kentucky.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Principles of Consolidation

The Company's consolidated financial statements include the accounts of wholly-owned subsidiaries, majority-owned controlled subsidiaries and variable interest entities where the Company is the primary beneficiary. The Company records its investment in each unconsolidated affiliated company (generally 20-50 percent ownership in which it has the ability to exercise significant influence) at its respective equity in net assets. Other investments (less than 20 percent ownership) are recorded at cost. All intercompany transactions and balances among the consolidated companies have been eliminated.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates are based on historical experience and information that is available to management about current events and actions the Company may take in the future. Significant items subject to estimates and assumptions include valuation allowances for sales incentives, accounts receivable, inventory and deferred income taxes; legal, environmental, asbestos, uncertain tax positions, warranty and customer reel deposit liabilities; assets and obligations related to pension and other postretirement benefits; business combination accounting and related purchase accounting valuations; financial instruments; and self-insured workers compensation and health insurance reserves. There can be no assurance that actual results will not differ from these estimates.

Revenue Recognition

The majority of the Company's revenue is recognized when goods are shipped to the customer, title and risk of loss are transferred, pricing is fixed and determinable and collectibility is reasonably assured. Most revenue transactions represent sales of inventory. A provision for payment discounts, product returns, warranty and customer rebates is estimated based upon historical experience and other relevant factors and is recorded within the same period that the revenue is recognized. The Company has a portion of long-term product installation contract revenue that is recognized based on the percentage-of-completion method generally based on the cost-to-cost method if there are reasonably reliable estimates of total revenue, total cost, and the extent of progress toward completion; and there is an enforceable agreement between parties who can fulfill their contractual obligations. The Company reviews contract price and cost estimates periodically as the work progresses and reflects adjustments proportionate to the percentage-of-completion to income in the period when those estimates are revised. For these contracts, if a current estimate of total contract cost indicates a loss on a contract, the projected loss is recognized in full when determined.

Stock-Based Compensation

General Cable has various plans which provide for granting options and common stock to certain employees and independent directors of the Company and its subsidiaries. SFAS 123(R) requires all share-based payments to employees, including grants of employee stock options, to be recognized in the financial statements based on their fair values. Under the provisions of the statement, the Company must determine the appropriate fair value model to be used for valuing share-based payments and the amortization method for the compensation cost. The Company has

applied SFAS 123(R) to new awards and to awards modified, repurchased or cancelled after January 1, 2006. Compensation cost for the portion of the awards for which the requisite service had not been rendered, that were outstanding as of January 1, 2006, is being recognized as the requisite service is rendered on or after January 1, 2006 (generally over the remaining vesting period). Information on General Cable's equity compensation plans and additional information on compensation costs from stock-based compensation are described in Note 13 & 14.

Table of Contents***Earnings Per Share***

Earnings per common share-basic is determined by dividing net income applicable to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares-basic outstanding. Earnings per common share-assuming dilution is computed based on the weighted average number of common shares-assuming dilution outstanding which gives effect (when dilutive) to stock options, other stock-based awards, the assumed conversion of the Company's preferred stock, 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes and 0.875% Convertible Notes, if applicable, and other potentially dilutive securities. See discussion in Note 15.

Foreign Currency Translation

For operations outside the United States that prepare financial statements in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, results of operations and cash flows are translated at average exchange rates during the period, and assets and liabilities are translated at spot exchange rates at the end of the period. Foreign currency translation adjustments are included as a separate component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in shareholders' equity. The effects of changes in exchange rates between the designated functional currency and the currency in which a transaction is denominated are recorded as foreign currency transaction gains (losses) in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Business Combination Accounting

Acquisitions entered into by the Company are accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. The purchase method requires management to make significant estimates. Management must determine the cost of the acquired entity based on the fair value of the consideration paid or the fair value of the net assets acquired, whichever is more clearly evident. The cost is then allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values at the acquisition date. In addition, management must identify and estimate the fair values of intangible assets that should be recognized as assets apart from goodwill as well as the fair value of tangible property, plant and equipment acquired.

Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less from the date of purchase to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are carried at cost, which approximates fair value.

Inventories

General Cable values its North American inventories and its non-North American metal inventories using the last-in first-out (LIFO) method and all remaining inventories using the first-in first-out (FIFO) method. Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market value. The Company determines whether a lower of cost or market provision is required on a quarterly basis by computing whether inventory on hand, on a LIFO basis, can be sold at a profit based upon current selling prices less variable selling costs. In the event that provisions are required, the Company will determine the amount of the provision by writing down the value of the inventory to the level of current selling prices less variable selling costs.

The Company has consignment inventory at certain of its customer locations for purchase and use by the customer or other parties. General Cable retains title to the inventory and records no sale until it is ultimately sold either to the customer storing the inventory or to another party. In general, the value and quantity of the consignment inventory is verified by General Cable through either cycle counting or annual physical inventory counting procedures.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost. Costs assigned to property, plant and equipment relating to acquisitions are based on estimated fair values at the acquired date. Depreciation is provided using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets: new buildings, from 15 to 50 years; and machinery, equipment and office furnishings, from 2 to 15 years. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the life of the lease or over the useful life if shorter. The Company's manufacturing facilities perform major maintenance activities during planned shutdown periods which traditionally occur in July and December, and costs related to major maintenance activities are expensed as incurred.

The Company periodically evaluates the recoverability of the carrying amount of long-lived assets (including property, plant and equipment and intangible assets with determinable lives) whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be fully recoverable. The Company evaluates

events or changes in circumstances based mostly on actual historical operating results, but business plans, forecasts, general and industry trends and anticipated cash flows are also considered. Impairment is assessed when the undiscounted expected future cash flows derived from an asset are less than its carrying amount. Impairment losses are measured as the amount by which the carrying value of an asset exceeds its fair value and are recognized in earnings. The Company also continually evaluates the estimated useful lives of all long-lived assets and, when warranted, revises such estimates based on current events.

Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are not amortized, but are reviewed at least annually for impairment. If the carrying amount of goodwill or an intangible asset with an indefinite life exceeds its fair value, an impairment loss is recognized in the amount equal to the excess. Intangible assets that are not deemed to have an indefinite life, principally customer relationships, are amortized over their useful lives based on the expected economic benefit consistent with the historical customer attrition rates.

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Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company carries derivative assets, derivative liabilities and available-for-sale (AFS) marketable equity securities held in rabbi trust as part of the Company's deferred compensation plan at fair value. The Company determines the fair market value of its financial instruments based on the fair value hierarchy established in SFAS 157 *Fair Value Measurements* which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs (Level 1) and minimize the use of unobservable inputs (Level 3) when measuring fair value. The three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair values include:

- Level 1** Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 1 assets and liabilities include debt and equity securities and derivative contracts that are traded in an active exchange market, as well as certain U.S. Treasury securities that are highly liquid and are actively traded in over-the-counter markets.
- Level 2** Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities. Level 2 assets and liabilities include debt securities with quoted prices that are traded less frequently than exchange-traded instruments and derivative contracts whose value is determined using a pricing model with inputs that are observable in the market or can be derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3** Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities. Level 3 assets and liabilities include financial instruments whose value is determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques, as well as instruments for which the determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation. Unobservable inputs shall be developed based on the best information available, which may include the Company's own data.

Forward Pricing Agreements for Purchases of Copper and Aluminum

In the normal course of business, General Cable enters into forward pricing agreements for purchases of copper and aluminum to match certain sales transactions. The Company accounts for these forward pricing arrangements under the normal purchases and normal sales scope exemption of SFAS No. 133 because these arrangements are for purchases of copper and aluminum that will be delivered in quantities expected to be used by the Company over a reasonable period of time in the normal course of business. For these arrangements, it is probable at the inception and throughout the life of the arrangements that the arrangements will not settle net and will result in physical delivery of the inventory. General Cable expects to recover the cost of copper and aluminum under these agreements as a result of firm sales price commitments with customers. See Note 10.

Pension Plans

General Cable provides retirement benefits through contributory and non-contributory qualified and non-qualified defined benefit pension plans covering eligible domestic and international employees as well as through defined contribution plans and other postretirement benefits. Benefits under General Cable's qualified U.S. defined benefit pension plan generally are based on years of service multiplied by a specific fixed dollar amount, and benefits under the Company's qualified non-U.S. defined benefit pension plans generally are based on years of service and a variety of other factors that can include a specific fixed dollar amount or a percentage of either current salary or average salary over a specific period of time. The amounts funded for any plan year for the qualified U.S. defined benefit pension plan are neither less than the minimum required under federal law nor more than the maximum amount deductible for federal income tax purposes. General Cable's non-qualified unfunded U.S. defined benefit pension plans include a plan that provides defined benefits to select senior management employees beyond those benefits provided by other programs. The Company's non-qualified unfunded non-U.S. defined benefit pension plans include plans that provide retirement indemnities to employees within the Company's Europe and North Africa and ROW segments. Pension obligations for the non-qualified unfunded defined benefit pension plans are provided for by book reserves and are based on local practices and regulations of the respective countries. General Cable makes cash contributions

for the costs of the non-qualified unfunded defined benefit pension plans as the benefits are paid.

On June 27, 2007, the Board of Directors of the Company approved amendments to the General Cable Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (SERP) and the General Cable Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan (DCP) and the merger of the SERP into the DCP. The Company received written acknowledgement and acceptance of the SERP amendments and merger from each participant in the SERP. The amendments and merger were made in order to simplify, limit and better align these specific compensation plans with the Company s compensation policies.

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As of December 31, 2006, the Company adopted the recognition provisions of SFAS No. 158 and initially applied them to the funded status of its defined benefit pension plans and postretirement benefits other than pensions. This statement required the Company to recognize an asset or liability for the underfunded status of its defined benefit pension plans and postretirement benefits other than pensions in its Consolidated Balance Sheet for the year ended December 31, 2006. The initial recognition of the funded status of its defined benefit pension plans and postretirement benefits other than pensions resulted in a decrease in Shareholders' Equity of \$7.0 million, which was net of a tax benefit of \$3.8 million.

Self-insurance

The Company is self-insured for certain employee medical benefits, workers' compensation benefits, environmental and asbestos-related issues. The Company purchased stop-loss coverage in order to limit its exposure to any significant level of employee medical claims and workers' compensation claims in 2008 and 2007. Certain insurers are also partly responsible for coverage on many of the asbestos-related issues (see Note 17 for information relating to the release of one of these insurers during 2006). Self-insured losses are accrued based upon estimates of the aggregate liability for uninsured claims incurred using the Company's historical claims experience.

Concentration of Labor Subject to Collective Bargaining Agreements

At December 31, 2008, approximately 13,000 persons were employed by General Cable, and collective bargaining agreements covered approximately 7,000 employees, or 54% of total employees, at various locations around the world. During the five calendar years ended December 31, 2008, the Company experienced two strikes in North America both of which were settled on satisfactory terms. There were no other major strikes at any of the Company's facilities during the five years ended December 31, 2008. In the United States, Canada, Chile, Thailand, Venezuela and Zambia union contracts will expire at seven facilities in 2009 and seven facilities in 2010 representing approximately 9.6% and 14.6%, respectively, of total employees as of December 31, 2008. The Company believes it will successfully renegotiate these contracts as they come due. For countries not specifically discussed above, labor agreements are generally negotiated on an annual or bi-annual basis.

Concentration of Risk

General Cable sells a broad range of products globally. Concentrations of credit risk with respect to trade receivables are limited due to the large number of customers, including members of buying groups, composing General Cable's customer base. General Cable customers generally receive a 30 to 60 day payment period on purchases from the Company, with certain exception in European markets. Certain automotive aftermarket customers of the Company receive payment terms ranging from 45 days to 210 days, which is common in this particular market. Ongoing credit evaluations of customers' financial condition are performed, and generally, no collateral is required. General Cable maintains reserves for potential credit losses and such losses, in the aggregate, have not exceeded management's estimates. Certain subsidiaries also maintain credit insurance for certain customer balances. Bad debt expense associated with uncollectible accounts for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006 was \$4.3 million, \$9.7 million and \$2.2 million, respectively.

In North America, the Company has centralized the purchasing of its copper, aluminum and other significant raw materials to capitalize on economies of scale and to facilitate the negotiation of favorable purchase terms from suppliers. In 2008, the Company's largest supplier of copper rod accounted for approximately 91% of its North American copper purchases while the largest supplier of aluminum rod accounted for approximately 84% of its North American aluminum purchases. The Company's European operations purchases copper and aluminum rod from many suppliers or brokers with each generally providing a small percentage of the total copper and aluminum rod purchased. The Company's ROW segment internally produces the majority of its copper and aluminum rod production needs and obtains cathode and ingots from various suppliers with each supplier generally providing a small percentage.

Income Taxes

The Company provides for income taxes on all transactions that have been recognized in the Consolidated Financial Statements in accordance with SFAS No. 109. Under SFAS 109, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the differences between the financial statement basis and tax basis of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. The effect of a change in tax rates on

deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

The Company records a valuation allowance to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount that it believes is more likely than not to be realized. The valuation of the deferred tax asset is dependent on, among other things, the ability of the Company to generate a sufficient level of future taxable income. In estimating future taxable income, the Company has considered both positive and negative evidence, such as historical and forecasted results of operations, including prior losses, and has considered the implementation of prudent and feasible tax planning strategies. At December 31, 2008, the Company had recorded a net deferred tax asset of \$82.2 million (\$124.7 million net current deferred tax asset less \$42.5 million net long term deferred tax liability). The Company has and will continue to review on a quarterly basis its assumptions and tax planning strategies, and, if the amount of the estimated realizable net deferred tax asset is less than the amount currently on the balance sheet, the Company would reduce its deferred tax asset, recognizing a non-cash charge against reported earnings. Likewise, if the Company determines that a valuation allowance against a deferred tax asset is no longer appropriate, the adjustment to the valuation allowance would reduce income tax expense. In 2008 and 2007, the Company determined that improved business performance, expectations of future profitability, and other relevant factors constituted sufficient positive evidence to recognize certain foreign and state deferred tax assets. Accordingly, the Company adjusted the valuation allowances and recognized income tax benefits of approximately \$3.2 million in 2008 and \$12.2 million in 2007.

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In July 2006, FASB Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*, was issued. This Interpretation clarifies accounting for uncertain tax positions in accordance with SFAS No. 109. FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold that a tax position is required to meet before being recognized in the financial statements and provides guidance on derecognition, measurement, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition issues. This Interpretation is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The adoption of Interpretation 48 decreased shareholders' equity as of January 1, 2007 by approximately \$18.8 million. See Note 11 for additional information.

The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits within the income tax expense line in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations. Accrued interest and penalties are included within the related tax liability line item in the consolidated balance sheet.

The Company presents taxes assessed by a governmental authority that are directly imposed on a revenue-producing transaction between a seller and a customer including, but not limited to, sales, use, value added, and some excise taxes on a net basis.

Derivative Financial Instruments

Derivative financial instruments are utilized to manage interest rate, commodity and foreign currency risk. General Cable does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for trading purposes. Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, as amended, requires that all derivatives be recorded on the balance sheet at fair value. The accounting for changes in the fair value of the derivative depends on the intended use of the derivative and whether it qualifies for hedge accounting. SFAS No. 133, as applied to General Cable's risk management strategies, may increase or decrease reported net income, and shareholders' equity, or both, prospectively depending on changes in interest rates and other variables affecting the fair value of derivative instruments and hedged items, but will have no effect on cash flows or economic risk. See further discussion in Note 10 & 19.

Foreign currency and commodity contracts that are designated as and qualify as cash flow hedges are used to hedge future sales and purchase commitments. Interest rate swaps that are also designated as and qualify as cash flow hedges are used to achieve a targeted mix of floating rate and fixed rate debt. Unrealized gains and losses on the designated cash flow financial instruments, excluding ineffectiveness, which is recorded in earnings are recorded in other comprehensive income (loss) until the underlying transaction occurs and is recorded in the statement of operations at which point such amounts included in other comprehensive income (loss) are recognized in earnings. This recognition generally will occur over periods of less than one year.

The Company's U.S. dollar to Euro cross currency and interest rate swap expired on November 15, 2007. The instrument was designated as and qualified as a hedge of the Company's net investment in its European operations and was used to hedge the effects of the changes in spot exchange rates on the value of the net investment. At the maturity date, November 15, 2007, the Company paid approximately \$30.5 million to settle the net investment hedge. The unrealized loss recognized in other comprehensive income (loss) may be recorded in the statement of operations if the Company divests of its European operations at some future date.

Shipping and Handling Costs

All shipping and handling amounts billed to a customer in a sales transaction are classified as revenue. Shipping and handling costs associated with storage and handling of finished goods and storage and handling of shipments to customers are included in cost of sales and totaled \$165.4 million, \$117.2 million and \$102.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Advertising Expense

Advertising expense consists of expenses relating to promoting the Company's products, including trade shows, catalogs, and e-commerce promotions, and is charged to expense when incurred. Advertising expense was \$11.1 million, \$9.5 million and \$8.2 million in 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

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In May 2008, the FASB issued Staff Position (FSP) APB 14-1, *Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash Upon Conversion (including Partial Cash Settlement)*. The FSP specifies that when issuers of convertible debt instruments recognize interest cost in subsequent periods, they should separately account for the liability and equity components of the instrument in a manner that will reflect the entity's nonconvertible debt borrowing rate on the instrument's issuance date. The FSP will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008 and interim periods within those fiscal years. The transition provision will require that entities retrospectively apply the FSP for all periods presented. The Company's two convertible issuances (see Note 9) will be affected by adopting the FSP. The Company estimates the impact of adopting the FSP on January 1, 2009 will result in a reduction of the Company's senior convertible notes of approximately \$192.6 million, an increase in additional paid-in capital of approximately \$203.3 million and an increase in deferred taxes of approximately \$37.2 million. The Company estimates the impact of the non-cash interest expense will reduce earnings approximately \$31.0 million or \$0.60 basic earnings per share for fiscal year 2009. The non-cash interest expense would have been approximately \$29.0 million, \$18.0 million and \$1.2 million for each of the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006.

In March 2008, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement No. 161, *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 133*. Statement No. 161 requires qualitative disclosures about the Company's objectives and strategies for using derivatives, quantitative disclosures about the fair value of gains and losses on derivative instruments and disclosures about credit-risk-related contingent features in derivative agreements. The Statement is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting SFAS No. 161 on its disclosures for the consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

In February 2008, FSP No. 157-2 partially delayed the effective date of SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements* for non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a nonrecurring basis. This FSP is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008. However, this scope exception does not apply to assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination that are required to be measured at fair value under FASB Statement No. 141, *Business Combinations* or FASB No. 141R, *Business Combinations*. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting FSP No. 157-2 on its consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows. As discussed below in Note 19, the Company has adopted SFAS No. 157 with the exception of FSP No. 157-2 as it relates to nonrecurring non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities.

In December 2007, the FASB issued Statement No. 141 (revised 2007), *Business Combinations*, and Statement No. 160, *Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements*. Statement No. 141 (revised 2007) requires an acquirer to measure the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree at their fair values on the acquisition date, with goodwill being the excess value over the net identifiable assets acquired. This standard also requires the fair value measurement of certain other assets and liabilities related to the acquisition such as contingencies and research and development. Statement No. 160 clarifies that a noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary should be reported at fair value as equity in the consolidated financial statements. Consolidated net income should include the net income for both the parent and the noncontrolling interest with disclosure of both amounts on the consolidated statement of operations. The calculation of earnings per share will continue to be based on income amounts attributable to the parent. The Statements are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting SFAS No. 160 and 141(R) on its consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

3. Acquisitions and Divestitures

On June 30, 2008, the Company and its joint venture partner, A. Soriano Corporation (Anscor), announced that the Company acquired and consolidated Phelps Dodge Philippines (PDP) through an increase in its equity investment from 40% to 60%. The Company paid approximately \$16.4 million in cash to the sellers in consideration for the additional equity interest in PDP and incurred insignificant fees and expenses related to the transaction. PDP is a joint venture established in 1955 by Anscor, a Philippine public holding company with diverse investments, and Phelps Dodge International Corporation (PDIC), a subsidiary of the Company which was acquired in the fourth quarter of

2007. PDP employs approximately 277 associates and operates one of the largest wire and cable manufacturing facilities in the Philippines. The investment complements the Company's strategy in the region by providing a platform for further penetration into Southeast Asia markets as well as supporting ongoing operations in Australia, the Middle East and South Africa. In 2007, the last full year before the purchase of additional equity ownership, PDP reported net revenues of approximately \$100 million (based on average exchange rates). Net assets and pro forma results of the PDP acquisition are immaterial.

On May 21, 2008, the Company entered a joint venture for majority ownership of E.P.E / EN.I.CA.BISKRA/SPA (Enica Biskra), an Algerian state-owned manufacturer of low and medium voltage power and construction cables. Enica Biskra employs approximately 1,000 associates and is a leading provider of utility cables to the principal Algerian state-owned power utility and gas producer. The Company paid approximately \$64.9 million in cash for its investment in Enica Biskra and assumed existing debt of \$43.0 million (at prevailing foreign currency exchange rates on the date of purchase). Fees and expenses related to the acquisition totaled approximately \$1.0 million. In 2007, the last full year before the joint venture was established, Enica Biskra reported net sales of approximately \$102.0 million (based on 2007 average exchange rates). Net assets and pro forma results of the Enica Biskra acquisition are immaterial.

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On October 31, 2007, the Company acquired Phelps Dodge International (PDIC), with operations principally located in Latin America, sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia. PDIC has manufacturing, distribution and sales facilities in 19 countries and nearly 3,000 employees. With more than 50 years of experience in the wire and cable industry, PDIC manufactures a full range of electric utility, electrical infrastructure, construction and communication products. The Company paid approximately \$707.6 million in cash to the sellers in consideration for PDIC and \$9.2 million in fees and expenses related to the acquisition. In 2006, the last full year before the acquisition, PDIC reported global net sales of approximately \$1,168.4 million (based on average exchange rates).

The following table represents the final purchase price allocation based on the estimated fair values, or other measurements as applicable, of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed as well as \$8.0 million for the purchase of additional minority interest, in millions:

	October 31, 2007
Assets	
Cash	\$ 99.0
Accounts receivable	279.8
Inventories	280.7
Property, plant and equipment	190.3
Intangible assets	237.4
Goodwill	159.7
Other current and noncurrent assets	75.0
Total assets	\$ 1,321.9
Liabilities	
Current liabilities	\$ 396.5
Other liabilities	114.3
Total liabilities	\$ 510.8
Minority Interest	\$ 86.3

The Company finalized the purchase price allocation in October 2008. The amount of goodwill recognized for the purchase of PDIC represents the excess of the fair value of identified intangible assets and tangible net assets that is partly attributable to PDIC's 50 plus years of experience in the wire and cable industry, its full range of product offerings and its presence in strategic locations around the world. Further, a certain amount of goodwill is tax deductible in various tax jurisdictions in future periods based on the Company making certain tax elections or other relevant actions. See Note 7 for further discussion.

The following table presents, in millions, actual consolidated results of operations for the Company for the year ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, including the operations of PDIC, and presents the unaudited pro forma consolidated results of operations for the Company for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 as though the acquisition of PDIC had been completed as of the beginning of that period. This pro forma information is intended to provide information regarding how the Company might have looked if the acquisition had occurred as of January 1, 2007. The pro forma adjustments represent management's best estimates based on information available at the time the pro forma information was prepared and may differ from the adjustments that may actually have been required. Accordingly, the pro forma financial information should not be relied upon as being indicative of the historical results that would have been realized had the acquisition occurred as of the dates indicated or that may be achieved in the future.

Year Ended December 31

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	2008 (As reported)	2007 (As reported)	2007 (Pro forma)
Revenue	\$ 6,230.1	\$ 4,614.8	\$ 5,552.4
Net income applicable to common shareholders	\$ 216.9	\$ 208.3	\$ 263.3
Earnings per common share assuming dilution	\$ 4.07	\$ 3.82	\$ 4.82

Pro forma adjustments have been made to interest expense, depreciation and amortization, income taxes and minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries to present the amounts on a purchase accounting adjusted basis.

On April 30, 2007, the Company acquired Norddeutsche Seekabelwerke GmbH & Co. KG (NSW), located in Nordenham, Germany from Corning Incorporated. As a result of the transaction, the Company assumed liabilities in excess of the assets acquired, including approximately \$40.1 million of pension liabilities (based on the prevailing exchange rate at April 30, 2007). The Company recorded proceeds of \$27.7 million (\$11.0 million was received in the third quarter 2007) net of \$1.1 million fees and expenses, which included \$12.3 million of cash acquired and \$5.5 million for settlement of accounts receivable from the former parent company.

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The final purchase price allocation based on the estimated fair values, or other measurements as applicable, of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition is as follows (in millions at the prevailing exchange rate at April 30, 2007):

	April 30, 2007	
Assets		
Cash	\$	12.3
Accounts receivable		27.8
Inventories		29.2
Property, plant and equipment		2.5
Other current and noncurrent assets		0.3
 Total assets	 \$	 72.1
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	\$	40.5
Other liabilities		1.4
Pension liabilities		40.1
 Total liabilities	 \$	 82.0

NSW had revenues of approximately \$120 million in 2006 the last year before the acquisition (based on 2006 average exchange rates) and has approximately 400 employees. NSW offers complete solutions for submarine cable systems including manufacturing, engineering, seabed mapping, project management, and installation for the offshore communications, energy exploration, transmission, distribution, and alternative energy markets. Pro forma results of the NSW acquisition are not material.

The results of operations of the acquired businesses discussed above have been included in the consolidated financial statements since the respective dates of acquisition.

4. Other Expense

Other expense includes foreign currency transaction gains or losses, which result from changes in exchange rates between the designated functional currency and the currency in which a transaction is denominated. During 2008, 2007 and 2006, the Company recorded a \$27.2 million loss, \$3.4 million loss and a \$0.1 million loss, respectively, resulting from foreign currency transaction gains and losses. The change 2008 over 2007 is primarily the result of the rapid and significant devaluation of certain emerging market currencies principally in South America and Sub-Saharan Africa.

5. Inventories

Inventories consisted of the following (in millions):

	December 31,	
	2008	2007
Raw materials	\$ 197.4	\$ 145.5
Work in process	168.9	154.3
Finished goods	586.9	629.0
 Total	 \$ 953.2	 \$ 928.8

At December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, \$610.1 million and \$616.6 million, respectively, of inventories were valued using the LIFO method. Approximate replacement costs of inventories valued using the LIFO method totaled \$505.9 million at December 31, 2008 and \$792.3 million at December 31, 2007.

If in some future period the Company was not able to recover the LIFO value of its inventory when replacement costs were lower than the LIFO value of the inventory, the Company would be required to record a lower of cost or market LIFO inventory adjustment to recognize the charge in its consolidated statement of operations. In 2008, a \$32.0 million lower of cost or market provision was recorded for copper and aluminum raw material inventory in which the replacement costs at the end of the year were lower than the LIFO value of the acquired copper and aluminum raw material inventory. Approximately, \$23.6 million of the lower of cost or market adjustment is attributable to the high LIFO value of metal inventory acquired in the PDIC acquisition. In 2007, a \$4.5 million lower of cost or market provision was recorded for copper and aluminum raw material inventory obtained as a result of the PDIC acquisition in which the replacement costs at the end of the year were lower than the LIFO value of the acquired copper and aluminum raw material inventory. There was no lower of cost or market provision recorded in 2006. Additionally, during 2008 and 2007, the Company reduced copper and aluminum inventory quantities globally, during which time the replacement costs throughout the year exceeded the LIFO value for the majority of the year, which resulted in a \$2.4 million and \$0.1 million gain, respectively.

At December 31, 2008 and 2007, the Company had approximately \$30.2 million and \$38.8 million, respectively of consignment inventory at locations not operated by the Company with approximately 74%, respectively, of the consignment inventory being located throughout the United States and Canada.

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Property, plant and equipment consisted of the following (in millions):

	December 31,	
	2008	2007
Land	\$ 93.1	\$ 84.4
Buildings and leasehold improvements	214.7	186.7
Machinery, equipment and office furnishings	783.3	670.9
Construction in progress	121.0	95.0
Total gross book value	1,212.1	1,037.0
Less accumulated depreciation	(331.2)	(298.2)
Total net book value	\$ 880.9	\$ 738.8

Depreciation expense totaled \$75.5 million, \$55.8 million and \$45.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

During the fourth quarter 2007, the Company rationalized outside plant telecommunication products manufacturing capacity due to continued declines in telecommunications cable demand. The Company closed a portion of its telecommunications capacity and has taken a pre-tax charge to write-off certain production equipment of \$6.6 million. This action will free approximately 100,000 square feet of manufacturing space, which the Company plans to utilize for other products for the Central and South American markets.

On December 27, 2005, General Cable entered into a capital lease for certain pieces of equipment being used at the Company's Indianapolis polymer plant. The capital lease agreement provides that the lease payments for the machinery and equipment will be approximately \$0.6 million semi-annually, or approximately \$1.2 million on an annual basis. The lease expires in December of 2010, and General Cable has the option to purchase the machinery and equipment for fair value at the end of the lease term. The present value of the minimum lease payments on the capital lease at inception was approximately \$5.0 million which is reflected in fixed assets and in short-term and long-term lease obligations in the Company's consolidated balance sheet. The Company has not entered into a material capital lease in 2007 or 2008.

Capital leases included within property, plant and equipment on the balance sheet were \$5.3 million at December 31, 2008 and \$5.7 million at December 31, 2007. Accumulated depreciation on capital leases was \$3.2 million at December 31, 2008 and \$2.5 million at December 31, 2007.

7. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, net

The amounts of goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets were as follows in millions of dollars:

	Goodwill				Indefinite-lived assets			Trade names	
	North America	Europe and North Africa	ROW	Total	North America	Europe and North Africa	ROW	Total	
Balance at January 1, 2007	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 0.5	\$	\$ 0.5	
Acquisitions			116.1	116.1			132.4	132.4	
Currency translation and other adjustments ⁽¹⁾									
			116.1	116.1		0.5	132.4	132.9	

Balance at December 31, 2007										
Acquisitions	0.8		26.4	43.6	70.8					
Currency translation and other adjustments			(3.5)	(11.5)	(15.0)			(9.8)	(9.8)	
Balance at December 31, 2008	\$ 0.8	\$	22.9	\$ 148.2	\$ 171.9	\$	\$	0.5	\$ 122.6	\$ 123.1

(1) The Company did not record currency translation or other purchase price allocation adjustments during 2007 because the acquisition of PDIC occurred on October 31, 2007.

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Acquisitions during 2008 include goodwill of \$26.4 million, before currency translation adjustments, related to the acquisition of Enica Biskra in the Company's Europe and North Africa segment as well as final purchase accounting allocation adjustments of \$43.6 million in 2008 in the Company's ROW segment related to the acquisition of PDIC. The amount of goodwill of \$159.7 million, before currency translation adjustments, recognized for the PDIC acquisition reflects the fair market value of PDIC in excess of the fair value of identified intangible assets and tangible net assets as of the date of the acquisition October 31, 2007. The Company finalized the purchase price allocation for the PDIC acquisition in October 2008, which included, among other things, the finalization of asset and liability valuations and the related tax impact. Goodwill and trade names were not impaired as a result of the annual impairment testing performed by the Company in accordance with Financial Accounting Standard Board No. 142,

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

The amounts of other intangible assets—customer relationships were as follows in millions of dollars:

	December 31	
	2008	2007
Amortized intangible assets:		
Customer relationships	\$ 106.4	\$ 106.4
Accumulated amortization	(19.1)	(2.6)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(8.6)	
Total Amortized intangible assets	\$ 78.7	\$ 103.8

As part of the PDIC acquisition and the related purchase accounting adjustments, the Company acquired certain trade names and customer relationships for which the fair market value as of October 31, 2007 was \$132.4 million and \$104.9 million, respectively, before currency translation adjustments. Amortized intangible assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortization as of December 31, 2008 and 2007. Customer relationships have been determined to have a useful life in the range of 3.5 to 10 years and the Company has accelerated the amortization expense to align with the historical customer attrition rates. The amortization of intangible assets in 2008 and 2007 was \$16.5 million and \$14.8 million, respectively. The estimated amortization expense for the next five years is in millions of dollars: 2009 \$14.1 million, 2010 \$13.2 million, 2011 \$10.1 million, 2012 \$8.5 million, and 2013 \$7.6 million and \$25.2 million thereafter.

8. Accrued Liabilities

Accrued liabilities consisted of the following (in millions):

	December 31,	
	2008	2007
Payroll related accruals	\$ 85.1	\$ 87.4
Customers deposits and prepayments	33.5	34.2
Taxes other than income	17.9	26.5
Customer rebates	78.8	93.0
Insurance claims and related expenses	15.6	23.5
Current deferred tax liability	11.7	28.8
Derivative liability	64.7	11.1
Other accrued liabilities	116.0	92.8
Total	\$ 423.3	\$ 397.3

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Long-term debt consisted of the following (in millions):

	December 31	
	2008	2007
1.00% Senior Convertible Notes due 2012	\$ 475.0	\$ 475.0
0.875% Convertible Notes due 2013	355.0	355.0
7.125% Senior Notes due 2017	200.0	200.0
Senior Floating Rate Notes	125.0	125.0
Silec credit facilities	84.9	63.5
PDIC credit facilities	71.5	37.7
Spanish Term Loan	64.1	31.3
Asset Based Loan		60.0
Capital leases	2.3	3.4
Other	68.8	47.9
Total debt	1,446.6	1,398.8
Less current maturities	230.5	500.9
Long-term debt	\$ 1,216.1	\$ 897.9

Weighted average interest rates on the above outstanding balances were as follows:

1.00% Senior Convertible Notes due 2012	1.00%	1.00%
0.875% Convertible Notes due 2013	0.875%	0.875%
7.125% Senior Notes due 2017	7.125%	7.125%
Senior Floating Rate Notes	6.3%	7.6%
Silec credit facilities	4.4%	4.8%
PDIC credit facilities	5.3%	6.4%
Spanish Term Loan	4.4%	5.1%
Asset Based Loan	%	6.3%
Capital leases	6.5%	6.5%
Other	5.8%	4.6%

1.00% Senior Convertible Notes

The Company's 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes were issued in September 2007 in the amount of \$475.0 million. The notes were sold to qualified institutional buyers in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). Subsequently, on April 16, 2008, the notes and the common stock issuable upon conversion of the notes were registered on a Registration Statement on Form S-3. The 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes bear interest at a fixed rate of 1.00%, payable semi-annually in arrears, and mature in 2012. The 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes are unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, on a senior unsecured basis, by the Company's wholly-owned U.S. and Canadian subsidiaries. The estimated fair value of the 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes was approximately \$285.0 million at December 31, 2008.

The 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes are convertible at the option of the holder into the Company's common stock at an initial conversion price of \$83.93 per share (approximating 11.9142 shares per \$1,000 principal amount of the 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes), upon the occurrence of certain events, including (i) during any calendar quarter commencing after March 31, 2008 in which the closing price of the Company's common stock is greater than or equal to 130% of the conversion price for at least 20 trading days during the period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the preceding calendar quarter (establishing a contingent conversion price of \$109.11); (ii) during any five business day period after any five consecutive trading day period in which the trading price per

\$1,000 principal amount of 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes for each day of that period is less than 98% of the product of the closing sale price of the Company's common stock and the applicable conversion rate; (iii) distributions to holders of the Company's common stock are made or upon specified corporate transactions including a consolidation or merger; and (iv) at any time during the period beginning on September 15, 2012 and ending on the close of business on the business day immediately preceding the stated maturity date. In addition, upon events defined as a fundamental change under the 1.00% Senior Convertible Note indenture, holders of the 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes may require the Company to repurchase the 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes. If upon the occurrence of such events in which the holders of the 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes exercise the conversion provisions, the Company would need to remit the principal balance of the 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes to the holders in cash. Therefore, in the event of fundamental change or the aforementioned average pricing thresholds, the Company would be required to classify the entire amount outstanding of the 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes as a current liability. The evaluation of the classification of amounts outstanding associated with the 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes will occur every quarter.

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Upon conversion, a holder will receive, in lieu of common stock, an amount of cash equal to the lesser of (i) the principal amount of 1.00% Senior Convertible Note, or (ii) the conversion value, determined in the manner set forth in the indenture governing the 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes, of a number of shares equal to the conversion rate. If the conversion value exceeds the principal amount of the 1.00% Senior Convertible Note on the conversion date, the Company will also deliver, at the Company's election, cash or common stock or a combination of cash and common stock with respect to the conversion value upon conversion. If conversion occurs in connection with a fundamental change as defined in the 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes indenture, the Company may be required to repurchase the 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes for cash at a price equal to the principal amount plus accrued but unpaid interest. In addition, if conversion occurs in connection with certain changes in control, the Company may be required to deliver additional shares of the Company's common stock (a make whole premium, not to exceed 15.1906 shares per \$1,000 principal amount) by increasing the conversion rate with respect to such notes, under this scenario the maximum aggregate number of shares that the Company would be obligated to issue upon conversion of the 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes is 7,215,535. Under almost all other conditions, the Company may be obligated to issue additional shares up to a maximum of 5,659,245 upon conversion in full of the 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes.

Pursuant to Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) 90-19, Convertible Bonds with Issuer Option to Settle for Cash upon Conversion, EITF 00-19, Accounting for Derivative Financial Instruments Indexed to, and Potentially Settled in, a Company's Own Stock (EITF 00-19), and EITF 01-6, The Meaning of Indexed to a Company's Own Stock (EITF 01-6), the 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes are accounted for as convertible debt in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheet and the embedded conversion option in the 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes has not been accounted for as a separate derivative. For a discussion of the effects of the 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes on earnings per share, see Note 15.

Proceeds from the 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes were used to partially fund the purchase price of \$707.6 million related to the PDIC acquisition and to pay approximately \$12.3 million in debt issuance costs that are being amortized to interest expense over the term of the 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes.

0.875% Convertible Notes

The Company's 0.875% Convertible Notes were issued in November of 2006 in the amount of \$355.0 million, pursuant to the Company's effective Registration Statement on Form S-3. The 0.875% Convertible Notes bear interest at a fixed rate of 0.875%, payable semi-annually in arrears, and mature in 2013. The 0.875% Convertible Notes are unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, on a senior unsecured basis, by the Company's wholly-owned U.S. subsidiaries. The estimated fair value of the 0.875% Convertible Notes was approximately \$184.6 million at December 31, 2008.

The 0.875% Convertible Notes are convertible at the option of the holder into the Company's common stock at an initial conversion price of \$50.36 per share (approximating 19.856 shares per \$1,000 principal amount of the 0.875% Convertible Notes), upon the occurrence of certain events, including (i) during any calendar quarter commencing after March 31, 2007 in which the closing price of the Company's common stock is greater than or equal to 130% of the conversion price for at least 20 trading days during the period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the preceding calendar quarter (establishing a contingent conversion price of \$65.47 per share); (ii) during any five business day period after any five consecutive trading day period in which the trading price per \$1,000 principal amount of 0.875% Convertible Notes for each day of that period is less than 98% of the product of the closing sale price of the Company's common stock and the applicable conversion rate; (iii) distributions to holders of the Company's common stock are made or upon specified corporate transactions including a consolidation or merger; and (iv) at any time during the period beginning on October 15, 2013 and ending on the close of business on the business day immediately preceding the stated maturity date. In addition, upon events defined as a fundamental change under the 0.875% Convertible Note indenture, holders of the 0.875% Convertible Notes may require the Company to repurchase the 0.875% Convertible Notes. If upon the occurrence of such events in which the holders of the 0.875% Convertible Notes exercise the conversion provisions, the Company would need to remit the principal balance of the 0.875% Convertible Notes to the holders in cash.

Therefore, in the event of fundamental change or the aforementioned average pricing thresholds, the Company would be required to classify the entire amount outstanding of the 0.875% Convertible Notes as a current liability. The

evaluation of the classification of amounts outstanding associated with the 0.875% Convertible Notes will occur every quarter. As a result the entire \$355.0 million has been classified as a current liability as of December 31, 2007 because the average stock price has exceeded the conversion threshold of \$65.47 for 20 trading days during the period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the previous calendar quarter. However, as the average stock price did not exceed the conversion threshold for the 20 days during the 30 consecutive trading days ending the calendar year, the entire \$355.0 million was classified as a non-current liability as of December 31, 2008.

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Upon conversion, a holder will receive, in lieu of common stock, an amount of cash equal to the lesser of (i) the principal amount of 0.875% Convertible Note, or (ii) the conversion value, determined in the manner set forth in the indenture governing the 0.875% Convertible Notes, of a number of shares equal to the conversion rate. If the conversion value exceeds the principal amount of the 0.875% Convertible Note on the conversion date, the Company will also deliver, at the Company's election, cash or common stock or a combination of cash and common stock with respect to the conversion value upon conversion. If conversion occurs in connection with a fundamental change as defined in the 0.875% Convertible Notes indenture, the Company may be required to repurchase the 0.875% Convertible Notes for cash at a price equal to the principal amount plus accrued but unpaid interest. In addition, if conversion occurs in connection with certain changes in control, the Company may be required to deliver additional shares of the Company's common stock (a make whole premium) by increasing the conversion rate with respect to such notes, under this scenario the maximum aggregate number of shares that the Company would be obligated to issue upon conversion of the 0.875% Convertible Notes is 8,987,322. Under almost all other conditions, the Company may be obligated to issue additional shares up to a maximum of 7,048,880 upon conversion in full of the 0.875% Convertible Notes.

Pursuant to Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) 90-19, Convertible Bonds with Issuer Option to Settle for Cash upon Conversion, EITF 00-19, Accounting for Derivative Financial Instruments Indexed to, and Potentially Settled in, a Company's Own Stock (EITF 00-19), and EITF 01-6, The Meaning of Indexed to a Company's Own Stock (EITF 01-6), the 0.875% Convertible Notes are accounted for as convertible debt in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet and the embedded conversion option in the 0.875% Convertible Notes has not been accounted for as a separate derivative. For a discussion of the effects of the 0.875% Convertible Notes and the bond hedges and warrants discussed below on earnings per share, see Note 15.

Concurrent with the sale of the 0.875% Convertible Notes, the Company purchased note hedges that are designed to mitigate potential dilution from the conversion of the 0.875% Convertible Notes in the event that the market value per share of the Company's common stock at the time of exercise is greater than approximately \$50.36. Under the note hedges that cover approximately 7,048,880 shares of the Company's common stock, the counterparties are required to deliver to the Company either shares of the Company's common stock in the amount that the Company delivers to the holders of the 0.875% Convertible Notes with respect to a conversion, calculated exclusive of shares deliverable by the Company by reason of any additional make whole premium relating to the 0.875% Convertible Notes or by reason of any election by the Company to unilaterally increase the conversion rate as permitted by the indenture governing the 0.875% Convertible Notes. The note hedges expire at the close of trading on November 15, 2013, which is also the maturity date of the 0.875% Convertible Notes, although the counterparties will have ongoing obligations with respect to 0.875% Convertible Notes properly converted on or prior to that date as to which the counterparties have been timely notified.

In addition, the Company issued warrants to counterparties that could require the Company to issue up to approximately 7,048,880 shares of the Company's common stock in equal installments on each of the fifteen consecutive business days beginning on and including February 13, 2014. The strike price is \$76.00 per share, which represents a 92.4% premium over the closing price of the Company's shares of common stock on November 9, 2006. The warrants are expected to provide the Company with some protection against increases in the common stock price over the conversion price per share.

The note hedges and warrants are separate and legally distinct instruments that bind the Company and the counterparties and have no binding effect on the holders of the 0.875% Convertible Notes. In addition, pursuant to EITF 00-19 and EITF 01-6, the note hedges and warrants are accounted for as equity transactions. Therefore, the payment associated with the issuance of the note hedges and the proceeds received from the issuance of the warrants were recorded as a charge and an increase, respectively, in additional paid-in capital in shareholders' equity as separate equity transactions.

For income tax reporting purposes, the Company has elected to integrate the 0.875% Convertible Notes and the note hedges. Integration of the note hedges with the 0.875% Convertible Notes creates an original issue discount (OID) debt instrument for income tax reporting purposes. Therefore, the cost of the note hedges will be accounted for as interest expense over the term of the 0.875% Convertible Notes for income tax reporting purposes.

Proceeds from the offering were used to pay down \$87.8 million outstanding, including accrued interest, under the Company's Amended Credit Facility, to pay \$124.5 million for the cost of the note hedges, and to pay approximately \$9.4 million in debt issuance costs that are being amortized to interest expense over the term of the 0.875% Convertible Notes. Additionally, the Company received \$80.4 million in proceeds from the issuance of the warrants. At the conclusion of these transactions, the net effect of the receipt of the funds from the 0.875% Convertible Notes and the payments and proceeds mentioned above was an increase in cash of approximately \$213.7 million, which is being used by the Company for general corporate purposes including acquisitions.

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On March 21, 2007, the Company completed the issuance and sale of \$325.0 million in aggregate principal amount of new senior unsecured notes, comprised of \$125.0 million of Senior Floating Rate Notes due 2015 (the Senior Floating Rate Notes) and \$200.0 million of 7.125% Senior Fixed Rate Notes due 2017 (the 7.125% Senior Notes and together, the Notes). The Notes are jointly and severally guaranteed by the Company's U.S. subsidiaries. The Notes were offered and sold in private transactions in accordance with Rule 144A and Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). An exchange offer commenced on June 11, 2007 and was completed on July 26, 2007 to replace the unregistered Notes with registered Notes with like terms pursuant to an effective Registration Statement on Form S-4. The Notes are jointly and severally guaranteed by the Company's wholly-owned U.S. subsidiaries. The estimated fair value of the 7.125% Senior Notes and Senior Floating Rate Notes was approximately \$132.8 million and \$59.2 million, respectively, at December 31, 2008.

The Senior Floating Rate Notes bear interest at an annual rate equal to the 3-month LIBOR rate plus 2.375%, which combine for a rate of 6.3% at December 31, 2008. Interest on the Senior Floating Rate Notes is payable quarterly in arrears in cash on January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 of each year, commencing on July 1, 2007. The 7.125% Senior Notes bear interest at a rate of 7.125% per year and are payable semi-annually in arrears in cash on April 1 and October 1 of each year, commencing on October 1, 2007. The Senior Floating Rate Notes mature on April 1, 2015 and the 7.125% Senior Notes mature on April 1, 2017.

The Notes' indenture contains covenants that limit the ability of the Company and certain of its subsidiaries to (i) pay dividends on, redeem or repurchase the Company's capital stock; (ii) incur additional indebtedness; (iii) make investments; (iv) create liens; (v) sell assets; (vi) engage in certain transactions with affiliates; (vii) create or designate unrestricted subsidiaries; and (viii) consolidate, merge or transfer all or substantially all assets. However, these covenants are subject to important exceptions and qualifications, one of which will permit the Company to declare and pay dividends or distributions on the Series A preferred stock so long as there is no default on the Notes and the Company meets certain financial conditions.

The Company may, at its option, redeem the Senior Floating Rate Notes and 7.125% Senior Notes on or after the following dates and at the following percentages plus accrued and unpaid interest:

Senior Floating Rate Notes		7.125% Senior Notes	
Beginning Date	Percentage	Beginning Date	Percentage
April 1, 2009	102.000%	April 1, 2012	103.563%
April 1, 2010	101.000%	April 1, 2013	102.375%
April 1, 2011	100.000%	April 1, 2014	101.188%
		April 1, 2015	100.000%

Proceeds from the Notes of \$325.0 million, less approximately \$7.9 million of cash payments for fees and expenses that will be amortized over the life of the Notes, were used to pay approximately \$285.0 million for the 9.5% Senior Notes, \$9.3 million for accrued interest on the 9.5% Senior Notes and \$20.5 million for tender fees and the inducement premium on the 9.5% Senior Notes, leaving net cash proceeds of approximately \$2.3 million that will be used for general corporate purposes.

Silec credit facilities

As of December 31, 2008, Silec's debt was the U.S. dollar equivalent of \$84.9 million. The debt consisted of approximately \$41.5 million relating to an uncommitted accounts receivable facility of up to \$69.9 million and approximately \$43.4 million of short-term financing agreements of up to \$50.4 million. The Company has approximately \$28.4 million of excess availability under the uncommitted accounts receivable facility and \$7.0 million availability under the short-term financing agreements. The weighted average interest rate for the uncommitted accounts receivable facility and the short-term financing arrangements was 4.4%.

PDIC credit facilities

On October 31, 2007 the Company acquired PDIC and assumed the U.S. dollar equivalent of \$64.3 million (at the prevailing exchange rate on that date) of mostly short-term PDIC debt as a part of the acquisition. As of December 31, 2008, PDIC related debt was \$71.5 million of which approximately \$71.0 million was short-term financing

agreements at various interest rates. The weighted average interest rate was 5.3% as of December 31, 2008. The Company has approximately \$338.0 million of excess availability, subject to certain conditions as defined, under these various credit facilities.

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The Spanish Term Loan of 50 million euros was issued in December 2005 and was available in up to three tranches, with an interest rate of Euribor plus 0.8% to 1.5% depending on certain debt ratios. Two of the tranches have expired. The remaining tranche (maturing in 2012) was paid and terminated, in June 2008, with net payment of approximately 27.2 million euros or \$43.0 million. In February 2008, the Company entered into a term loan in the amount of 20 million euros with an interest rate of Euribor plus 0.5%. The term loan is payable in semi-annual installments, due in August and February, maturing in February 2013. Simultaneously, the Company entered into a fixed interest rate swap to coincide with the terms and conditions of the term loan starting in August 2008 and maturing in February 2013 that will effectively hedge the variable interest rate with a fixed interest rate of 4.2%. In April 2008, the Company entered into a term loan in the amount of 10 million euros with an interest rate of Euribor plus 0.75%. The term loan is payable in semi-annual installments, due in April and October, maturing in April 2013. Simultaneously, the Company entered into a fixed interest rate swap to coincide with the terms and conditions of the term loan starting in October 2008 and maturing in April 2013 that will effectively hedge the variable interest rate with a fixed interest rate of 4.58%. In June 2008, the Company entered into a term loan in the amount of 21 million euros with an interest rate of Euribor plus 0.75%. The term loan is payable in quarterly installments, due in March, June, September and December, maturing in June 2013. Simultaneously, the Company entered into a fixed interest rate swap to coincide with the terms and conditions of the term loan starting in September 2008 and maturing in June 2013 that will effectively hedge the variable interest rate with a fixed interest rate of 4.48%. As of December 31, 2008, the U.S. dollar equivalent of \$64.1 million was outstanding under these term loan facilities. The proceeds were used to partially fund the acquisition of Enica Biskra and for general working capital purposes. There is no remaining availability under these Spanish Term Loans. The weighted average interest rate including the effect of the interest rate swaps was 4.4% under these term loan facilities as of December 31, 2008.

Three Spanish Credit Facilities totaling 45 million euros were established in 2008, and mature in 2010, 2011 and 2013 and carry an interest rate of Euribor plus 0.4% to 0.65% depending on certain debt ratios. No funds are currently drawn under these facilities, leaving undrawn availability of approximately the U.S. dollar equivalent of \$62.8 million as of December 31, 2008. Commitment fees ranging from 15 to 25 basis points per annum on any unused commitments under these credit facilities are payable on a quarterly basis.

The Spanish Term Loan and Spanish Credit Facility are subject to certain financial ratios of the Company's European subsidiaries, which includes minimum net equity and net debt to EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization). At December 31, 2008, the Company was in compliance with all covenants under these facilities. In addition, the indebtedness under the combined facilities is guaranteed by the Company's Portuguese subsidiary and by Silec Cable, S.A.

Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility (Amended Credit Facility) The Company's current senior secured revolving credit facility (Amended Credit Facility), as amended, is a five-year, \$400.0 million asset based revolving credit agreement that includes an approximate \$50.0 million sublimit for the issuance of commercial and standby letters of credit and a \$20.0 million sublimit for swingline loans. Loans under the Amended Credit Facility bear interest at the Company's option, equal to either an alternate base rate (prime plus 0.00% to 0.625%) or an adjusted LIBOR rate plus an applicable margin percentage (LIBOR plus 1.125% to 1.875%). The applicable margin percentage is subject to adjustments based upon the excess availability, as defined. At December 31, 2008, the Company had no outstanding borrowings and undrawn availability of \$301.3 million under the Amended Credit Facility. The Company had outstanding letters of credit related to this Amended Credit Facility of \$29.5 million at December 31, 2008.

Indebtedness under the Amended Credit Facility is guaranteed by the Company's wholly-owned U.S. subsidiaries and is secured by a first priority security interest in tangible and intangible property and assets of the Company's U.S. subsidiaries. The lenders have also received a pledge of all of the capital stock of the Company's existing domestic subsidiaries and any future domestic subsidiaries.

The Amended Credit Facility requires that the Company comply with certain financial covenants, the principal covenant of which is a quarterly minimum fixed charge coverage ratio test, which is only applicable when excess availability, as defined, is below a certain threshold. At December 31, 2007, the Company was in compliance with all covenants under the Amended Credit Facility. In addition, the Amended Credit Facility includes negative covenants,

which restrict certain acts. However, the Company will be permitted to declare and pay dividends or distributions on the Series A preferred stock so long as there is no default under the Amended Credit Facility and the Company meets certain financial conditions. The Credit Facility was originally established in November 2003 and has been periodically amended as illustrated at Exhibits 10.11.1 through 10.11.4, also below is a summary of recent amendments which are also incorporated by reference at Exhibits 10.11.5 through 10.11.7.

During the first quarter of 2007, the Company further amended the Amended Credit Facility. The amendment permitted the Company to issue senior notes of up to \$350.0 million on an unsecured basis, to enter into certain hedging agreements to exchange up to \$100.0 million of any fixed rate of interest on the senior notes for a floating rate and extend or replace existing hedging agreements, to effect a cash tender offer to purchase at least a majority of the \$285.0 million outstanding aggregate principal balance of the 9.5% Senior Notes, to pay fees and expenses related to the tender offer, and to replenish a basket which would allow the Company to repurchase up to \$125.0 million of its outstanding shares of common stock. This basket had previously been used to purchase the note hedges discussed below.

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During the fourth quarter of 2007, the Company further amended the Amended Credit Facility, which increased the borrowing limit on the Senior Revolving Credit Facility from \$300 million to \$400 million. Additionally, the amendment extended the maturity date by almost two years to July 2012, and increased the existing interest rates across a pricing grid which is dependent upon excess availability as defined. Additionally, the amendment eliminated or relaxed several provisions, expanded permitted indebtedness to include acquired indebtedness of newly acquired foreign subsidiaries, expanded permitted indebtedness to allow for the issuance of the Company's \$475.0 million 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes and increased the level of permitted loan-funded acquisitions. The amendment permitted the Company to draw funds from its Amended Credit Facility to partially fund the acquisition of Phelps Dodge International (PDIC) in conjunction with funds raised through the abovementioned September 2007 1.00% Senior Convertible Notes offering and available cash on the Company's balance sheet.

The Company pays fees in connection with the issuance of letters of credit and commitment fees equal to 25 basis points, per annum on any unused commitments under the Amended Credit Facility. Both fees are payable quarterly. In connection with the original issuance and related subsequent amendments to the Amended Credit Facility, the Company incurred fees and expenses aggregating \$11.1 million, which are being amortized over the term of the Amended Credit Facility.

Other

As of December 31, 2008, ECN Cable's debt was the U.S. dollar equivalent of \$17.4 million. The debt consisted of approximately \$1.8 million relating to an uncommitted accounts receivable facility of up to \$23.9 million and approximately \$15.6 million of credit facilities of up to \$54.1 million. The Company has approximately \$60.6 million of excess availability under the uncommitted accounts receivable facility and the credit facilities. The weighted average interest rate for the uncommitted accounts receivable facility and the credit facilities was 5.8%.

At December 31, 2008, maturities of long-term debt during each of the years 2009 through 2013 are \$229.4 million, \$15.7 million, \$14.7 million, \$489.7 million, \$360.8 million, respectively, and \$334.0 million thereafter.

As of December 31, 2008 and 2007, the Company was in compliance with all debt covenants. In certain cases, the Company credit facilities discussed above are limited based on transaction and collateral level requirements, as defined in the respective credit facility contract(s).

Maturities of capital lease obligations during each of the years 2009 and 2010 through \$1.1 million and \$1.2 million, respectively.

10. Financial Instruments

General Cable is exposed to various market risks, including changes in interest rates, foreign currency and raw material (commodity) prices. To manage risks associated with the volatility of these natural business exposures, General Cable enters into interest rate, commodity and foreign currency derivative agreements, as it relates to both transactions and the Company's net investment in its European operations, as well as copper and aluminum forward pricing agreements. General Cable does not purchase or sell derivative instruments for trading purposes. General Cable does not engage in trading activities involving commodity contracts for which a lack of marketplace quotations would necessitate the use of fair value estimation techniques. Depending on the extent of an unrealized loss position on a derivative contract held by the Company, certain counterparties may require a deposit to secure the derivative contract position. The Company recorded \$8.7 million in prepaid expenses and other assets line item on the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2008. No such deposit was required as of December 31, 2007.

Cash Flow Hedges

General Cable utilizes interest rate swaps to manage its interest expense exposure by fixing its interest rate on a portion of the Company's floating rate debt. Under the swap agreements, General Cable typically pays a fixed rate while the counterparty pays to General Cable the difference between the fixed rate and the floating rate. The Company has entered into interest rate swaps on the Company's Spanish Term Loans. The interest rate swaps were effective beginning in August, September, and October of 2008 as discussed above in Note 9. As of December 31, 2008, in addition to the above mentioned Spanish Term Loans related interest rate swaps, the Company has one outstanding interest rate swap with a notional value of \$9.0 million and provides for fixed a interest rate of 4.49% which matures in October 2011. The Company does not provide or receive any collateral specifically for this contract. The fair value of interest rate derivatives, which are designated as and qualify as cash flow hedges as defined in SFAS No. 133, are

based on quoted market prices, which reflect the present values of the difference between estimated future variable-rate receipts and future fixed-rate payments. At December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the net unrealized loss on the interest rate derivative and the related carrying value was \$0.7 million and \$0.5 million, respectively.

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Outside of North America, General Cable enters into commodity futures contracts, which are designated as and qualify as cash flow hedges as defined in SFAS No. 133, for the purchase of copper and aluminum for delivery in a future month to match certain sales transactions. At December 31, 2008 and 2007, General Cable had an unrealized loss of \$84.7 million and \$18.8 million, respectively, on the commodity futures.

The Company enters into forward exchange contracts, which are designated as and qualify as cash flow hedges as defined in SFAS No. 133, principally to hedge the currency fluctuations in certain transactions denominated in foreign currencies, thereby limiting the Company's risk that would otherwise result from changes in exchange rates. Principal transactions hedged during the year were firm sales and purchase commitments. The fair value of foreign currency contracts represents the amount required to enter into offsetting contracts with similar remaining maturities based on quoted market prices. At December 31, 2008 and 2007, the net unrealized gain on the net foreign currency contracts was \$0.4 million and \$8.2 million, respectively.

Unrealized gains and losses on the Company's derivative financial instruments are recorded in other comprehensive income (loss) until the underlying transaction occurs and is recorded in the statement of operations at which point such amounts included in other comprehensive income (loss) are recognized in income, which generally will occur over periods less than one year. During the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, a pre-tax \$5.5 million loss, a pre-tax \$0.9 million loss and a pre-tax \$20.9 million gain, respectively, were reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income to the statement of operations. A pre-tax loss of \$62.5 million is expected to be reclassified into earnings from other comprehensive income during 2009.

Fair Value of Designated Derivatives

The notional amounts and fair values of these designated cash flow financial instruments at December 31, 2008 and 2007 are shown below (in millions). The carrying amount of the financial instruments was a net liability of \$85.0 million and a net liability of \$11.1 million at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

	2008		2007	
	Notional Amount	Fair Value	Notional Amount	Fair Value
Cash flow hedges:				
Interest rate swap	\$ 74.6	\$ (0.7)	\$ 9.0	\$ (0.5)
Commodity futures	198.1	(84.7)	297.7	(18.8)
Foreign currency forward exchange	438.3	0.4	380.5	8.2
		\$ (85.0)		\$ (11.1)

Other Forward Pricing Agreements

In the normal course of business, General Cable enters into forward pricing agreements for the purchase of copper and aluminum for delivery in a future month to match certain sales transactions. The Company accounts for these forward pricing arrangements under the normal purchases and normal sales scope exemption of SFAS No. 133 because these arrangements are for purchases of copper and aluminum that will be delivered in quantities expected to be used by the Company over a reasonable period of time in the normal course of business. For these arrangements, it is probable at the inception and throughout the life of the arrangements that the arrangements will not settle net and will result in physical delivery of the inventory. At December 31, 2008 and 2007, General Cable had \$90.5 million and \$90.1 million, respectively, of future copper and aluminum purchases that were under forward pricing agreements. At December 31, 2008 and 2007, General Cable had an unrealized loss of \$25.1 million and \$4.0 million, respectively, related to these transactions. The fair market value of the forward pricing agreements was \$65.4 million and \$86.1 million at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. General Cable expects the unrealized losses under these agreements to be offset as a result of firm sales price commitments with customers.

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For financial reporting purposes, income before income taxes includes the following components:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2008	2007	2006
United States	\$ 111.1	\$ 112.6	\$ 72.1
Foreign	227.3	195.2	128.1
Total	\$ 338.4	\$ 307.8	\$ 200.2

The provision (benefit) for income taxes attributable to continuing operations consisted of the following (in millions):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2008	2007	2006
Current tax expense:			
Federal	\$ 20.7	\$ 24.4	\$ 6.8
State	2.0	3.8	0.3
Foreign	78.7	59.7	53.1
Deferred tax expense (benefit):			
Federal	14.6	15.7	22.5
State	2.5	(6.1)	(5.8)
Foreign	(5.8)	1.9	(12.0)
Total	\$ 112.7	\$ 99.4	\$ 64.9

The reconciliation of reported income tax expense (benefit) to the amount of income tax expense that would result from applying domestic federal statutory tax rates to pretax income from continuing operations is as follows (in millions):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2008	2007	2006
Statutory federal income tax	\$ 118.4	\$ 107.6	\$ 70.1
State and foreign income tax differential ⁽¹⁾	(7.1)	(5.8)	(4.7)
Other, net	1.4	(2.4)	(0.5)
Total	\$ 112.7	\$ 99.4	\$ 64.9

⁽¹⁾ The 2008, 2007 and 2006 state and foreign income tax differential amount includes \$3.2 million, \$12.2 million and \$6.3 million of tax benefits, respectively,

attributable to
the recognition
of certain state
and foreign
deferred tax
assets that were
previously
subject to
valuation
allowances.

The components of deferred tax assets and liabilities were as follows (in millions):

	December 31,	
	2008	2007
Deferred tax assets:		
Net operating loss carryforwards	\$ 20.8	\$ 24.0
Pension and retiree benefits accruals	33.9	24.8
Inventory	81.9	100.2
Depreciation and fixed assets	7.9	6.5
Tax credit carryforwards	4.7	8.1
Other liabilities	80.5	49.1
Valuation allowance	(11.7)	(19.3)
 Total deferred tax assets	 218.0	 193.4
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Inventory	11.6	5.9
Depreciation and fixed assets	62.1	69.9
Intangibles	62.1	74.7
 Total deferred tax liabilities	 135.8	 150.5
 Net deferred tax assets	 \$ 82.2	 \$ 42.9

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The valuation of the deferred tax asset is dependent on, among other things, the ability of the Company to generate a sufficient level of future taxable income in relevant taxing jurisdictions. In estimating future taxable income, the Company has considered both positive and negative evidence and has considered the implementation of prudent and feasible tax planning strategies. The Company has and will continue to review on a quarterly basis its assumptions and tax planning strategies and, if the amount of the estimated realizable net deferred tax asset is less than the amount currently on the balance sheet, the Company would reduce its deferred tax asset, recognizing a non-cash charge against reported earnings.

As of December 31, 2008, the Company has recorded a valuation allowance for certain foreign net operating loss carryforwards and temporary differences due to uncertainties regarding the ability to obtain future tax benefits for these tax attributes. In 2008 and 2007, the Company determined that improved business performance, expectations of future profitability, and other relevant factors constituted sufficient positive evidence to recognize certain foreign and state deferred tax assets. Accordingly, the Company adjusted the valuation allowances and recognized income tax benefits of \$3.2 million and \$12.2 million in 2008 and 2007, respectively.

The Company has recognized deferred tax assets of approximately \$10.5 million for net tax loss carryforwards in various taxing jurisdictions as follows:

Jurisdiction	Net Tax Loss Carryforward	Expiration
Australia	\$ 4.6	Indefinite
Brazil	18.6	Indefinite
France	1.1	Indefinite
Mexico	1.5	Indefinite
South Africa	0.4	Indefinite
United States	5.4	2009
Total	\$ 31.6	

The Company also has various foreign subsidiaries with approximately \$35 million of tax loss carryforwards in various jurisdictions that are subject to a valuation allowance due to statutory limitations on utilization, uncertainty of future profitability, and other relevant factors.

The Company does not provide for deferred taxes on the excess of the financial reporting over the tax basis in investments in foreign subsidiaries that are essentially permanent in duration. That excess was approximately \$575 million as of December 31, 2008. The determination of the additional tax expense that would be incurred upon repatriation of assets or disposition of foreign subsidiaries is not practical.

On January 1, 2007, the Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes (FIN 48). FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold that a tax position is required to meet before being recognized in the financial statements and provides guidance on derecognition, measurement, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition issues.

In connection with the January 1, 2007 adoption of FIN 48, the Company recognized an \$18.8 million decrease in opening retained earnings and had total unrecognized tax benefits of \$45.6 million, of which \$37.2 million would have a favorable impact on the effective tax rate if recognized. The following is a tabular reconciliation of the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits for the year:

In millions	2008	2007
Unrecognized Tax Benefit Beginning balance	\$ 57.8	\$ 45.6
Gross Increases Tax Positions in Prior Period	0.9	1.9
Gross Decreases Tax Positions in Prior Period	(0.7)	(0.4)
Gross Increases Tax Positions in Current Period	3.2	6.0
Gross Increases Business Combinations	5.0	4.2

Settlements			(0.2)
Lapse of Statute of Limitations		(1.1)	(1.1)
Foreign Currency Translation		(3.4)	1.8
Unrecognized Tax Benefit	Ending Balance	\$ 61.7	\$ 57.8

Included in the balance of unrecognized tax benefits at December 31, 2008 and 2007, are \$54.6 million and \$45.5 million of tax benefits that, if recognized, would affect the effective tax rate. Also included in the balance of unrecognized tax benefits at December 31, 2008 and 2007, are \$7.1 million and \$9.8 million of tax benefits that, if recognized, would result in adjustments to deferred taxes. At December 31, 2007, there were \$2.5 million of unrecognized tax benefits that, if recognized, would result in a decrease to goodwill recorded in purchase business combination.

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The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits as income tax expense. Related to the unrecognized tax benefits noted above, the Company accrued penalties of \$1.5 million and interest of \$5.0 million during 2008 and in total, as of December 31, 2008, has recognized a liability for penalties of \$2.6 million and interest of \$9.5 million. During 2007, the Company accrued penalties of \$(0.5) million and interest of \$2.3 million and in total, as of December 31, 2007, had recognized a liability for penalties of \$1.1 million and interest of \$4.6 million.

In addition, the Company believes that it is reasonably possible that approximately \$2.3 million related to various state and foreign unrecognized tax positions could change within the next twelve months due to the expiration of the statute of limitations or tax audit settlements.

The Company files income tax returns in the United States and numerous foreign, state, and local tax jurisdictions. Tax years that are open for examination and assessment by the Internal Revenue Service are 2005–2008. With limited exceptions, tax years prior to 2004 are no longer open in major foreign, state or local tax jurisdictions.

12. Employee Benefit Plans

General Cable provides retirement benefits through contributory and noncontributory qualified and non-qualified defined benefit pension plans covering eligible domestic and international employees as well as through defined contribution plans and other postretirement benefits.

Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Benefits under General Cable's qualified U.S. defined benefit pension plan generally are based on years of service multiplied by a specific fixed dollar amount, and benefits under the Company's qualified non-U.S. defined benefit pension plans generally are based on years of service and a variety of other factors that can include a specific fixed dollar amount or a percentage of either current salary or average salary over a specific period of time. The amounts funded for any plan year for the qualified U.S. defined benefit pension plan are neither less than the minimum required under federal law or more than the maximum amount deductible for federal income tax purposes. General Cable's non-qualified unfunded U.S. defined benefit pension plans include a plan that provides defined benefits to select senior management employees beyond those benefits provided by other programs. The Company's non-qualified unfunded non-U.S. defined benefit pension plans include plans that provide retirement indemnities and other post-retirement payments to employees within the Company's European and ROW segments. The Company's pension obligation increased \$40.1 million due to the NSW acquisition on April 30, 2007, see Note 3. Pension obligations for the majority of non-qualified unfunded defined benefit pension plans are provided for by book reserves and are based on local practices and regulations of the respective countries. General Cable makes cash contributions for the costs of the non-qualified unfunded defined benefit pension plans as the benefits are paid.

On June 27, 2007, the Board of Directors of the Company approved amendments to the General Cable Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (SERP) and the General Cable Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan (DCP) and the merger of the SERP into the DCP. The Company received written acknowledgement and acceptance of the SERP amendments and merger from each participant in the SERP. The amendments and merger were made in order to simplify, limit and better align these specific compensation plans with the Company's compensation policies. The amendments and merger (i) provided to each active SERP participant an enhanced benefit which reflected an additional period of credited service through December 31, 2008, and each participant's estimated 2007 and 2008 base and bonus compensation, (ii) froze the accrual of benefits under the SERP following the addition of the enhanced benefit, (iii) converted the SERP from a non-account balance plan into an account balance plan by replacing the accrued benefit of a participant with a benefit based on the value of an account balance, being credited initially by the present value of the participant's unvested enhanced benefit in the SERP, (iv) required the participants to make an election with regard to time and form of payment of the amounts credited to the account balance which became effective as of June 27, 2007, and (v) transferred all account balances and all account liabilities under the amended SERP to the DCP to be governed by the provisions of the DCP, including, but not limited to, those relating to the time and form of benefit payment, investment recommendations and vesting. The Company funded each participant's account balance with contributions to the Company's Rabbi Trust as part of the DCP, as amended. As a result of the amendments and merger and based on the guidance provided in SFAS No. 88, *Employer's Accounting for Settlements and Curtailments of Defined Benefit Pension Plans and for Termination Benefits*, a curtailment loss of approximately \$3.2 million and a settlement gain of approximately \$4.3 million were recognized, resulting in a net gain of

approximately \$1.1 million.

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The changes in the benefit obligation and plan assets, the funded status of the plans and the amounts recognized in the Consolidated Balance Sheets were as follows (in millions):

	U.S. Plans December 31		Non-U.S. Plans December 31	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Changes in Benefit Obligation:				
Beginning benefit obligation	\$ 140.1	\$ 150.7	\$ 92.4	\$ 37.4
Impact of foreign currency exchange rate change			(12.1)	7.2
Acquisitions			8.5	50.5
Service cost	1.4	1.6	2.7	1.7
Interest cost	8.2	8.4	4.9	3.6
Curtailement loss		(1.6)		
Benefits paid	(10.4)	(18.4)	(3.6)	(2.6)
Employee contributions			0.1	0.1
Amendments / Change in assumptions	0.2	0.3	0.2	
Actuarial (gain) loss	7.0	(0.9)	(4.9)	(5.5)
Ending benefit obligation	\$ 146.5	\$ 140.1	\$ 88.2	\$ 92.4
Changes in Plan Assets:				
Beginning fair value of plan assets	\$ 129.4	\$ 126.5	\$ 30.6	\$ 25.9
Impact of foreign currency exchange rate change			(6.4)	3.0
Acquisitions			0.5	
Actual return on plan assets	(32.9)	9.0	(4.0)	0.2
Company contributions	4.4	12.3	4.9	4.1
Benefits paid	(10.4)	(18.4)	(3.6)	(2.6)
Ending fair value of plan assets	\$ 90.5	\$ 129.4	\$ 22.0	\$ 30.6
Funded status at end of year	\$ (56.0)	\$ (10.7)	\$ (66.2)	\$ (61.8)
Amounts Recognized in Consolidated Balance Sheet:				
Other Assets	\$	\$	\$ 0.3	\$
Accrued liabilities	\$ (0.5)	\$ (0.4)	\$ (3.0)	\$ (2.0)
Other liabilities	\$ (55.5)	\$ (10.3)	\$ (63.5)	\$ (59.8)
Recognized in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income:				
Net actuarial loss	\$ 84.5	\$ 36.2	\$ 2.6	\$ 4.1
Prior service cost	1.0	1.4	0.9	1.0
Transition obligation			0.3	0.4
	\$ 85.5	\$ 37.6	\$ 3.8	\$ 5.5

Accumulated benefit obligation ⁽¹⁾	\$	145.8	\$	139.4	\$	73.8	\$	84.6
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(1) Denotes accumulated benefit obligation in excess of plan assets.

The accumulated benefit obligation for all of the Company's defined benefit pension plans was \$225.3 million and \$224.0 million at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

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Pension expense included the following components (in millions):

	U.S. Plans			Non-U.S. Plans		
	Year ended December 31			Year ended December 31		
	2008	2007	2006	2008	2007	2006
Pension expense:						
Service cost	\$ 1.4	\$ 1.6	\$ 1.8	\$ 2.7	\$ 1.7	\$ 0.9
Interest cost	8.2					