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**GENERAL CABLE CORPORATION**

**4 Tesseneer Drive**

**Highland Heights, Kentucky 41076**

**Telephone (859) 572-8000**

**Dear Stockholder:**

You are cordially invited to attend the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which will be held at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on Thursday, May 15, 2014, at our offices located at 4 Tesseneer Drive, Highland Heights, Kentucky 41076.

We once again are pleased to utilize Securities and Exchange Commission rules that allow us to deliver proxy materials over the Internet to expedite our stockholders' receipt of these materials. You will receive a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials. This Notice will include instructions to access proxy materials and vote. At your discretion, you may request hard copies and a proxy card for voting by mail by following the instructions on the Notice. We encourage you to read the Proxy Statement carefully.

As you will note from the enclosed proxy material, the Board of Directors recommends that you vote **FOR** each of the proposals set forth in the Proxy Statement.

Sincerely,

GREGORY B. KENNY

*President and Chief Executive Officer*

March 31, 2014

**YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT.**

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE VOTING METHOD YOU SELECT.**

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**NOTICE OF THE 2014 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

The 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of General Cable Corporation ( General Cable ) will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at our offices located at 4 Tesseneer Drive, Highland Heights, Kentucky 41076, to consider and act upon the following proposals:

1. Election of six directors;
2. Ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, to audit General Cable s 2014 consolidated financial statements and internal control over financial reporting;
3. Approval on an advisory basis of the compensation of our named executive officers; and
4. Such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on March 17, 2014 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Robert J. Siverd

*Secretary*

March 31, 2014

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This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this proxy statement. It does not contain all of the information you should consider, and you should read the entire proxy statement carefully before voting.

**Annual Meeting of Stockholders**

**Date:** May 15, 2014  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time  
**Place:** General Cable Corporation's offices at 4 Tessenear Drive, Highland Heights, Kentucky  
**Record Date:** March 17, 2014  
**Voting:** Stockholders as of the record date are entitled to one vote per share on matters presented at the Annual Meeting.  
**Voting Matters and the Board's Recommendation**

Agenda Item	Board Vote Recommendation	Page Reference
Election of six Directors	<b>FOR each Director Nominee</b>	<b>10</b>
Ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, to audit General Cable's 2014 consolidated financial statements and internal control over financial reporting	<b>FOR</b>	<b>54</b>
Approval on an advisory basis of the compensation of our named executive officers	<b>FOR</b>	<b>55</b>

In addition to these matters, stockholders may be asked to vote on such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

**Director Nominees**

Name	Director		Occupation	Independent	Position/Committee
	Age	Since			Memberships
John E. Welsh, III	63	1997	President of Avalon Capital Partners LLC	Yes	Non-executive Chairman Corporate Governance Committee
Sallie B. Bailey	54	2013	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Louisiana-Pacific Corporation	Yes	Audit Committee
<i>(Newly Appointed Director)</i>					
Gregory B. Kenny	61	1997	President and Chief Executive Officer of General Cable	No	
Gregory E. Lawton	63	1998	Former President and Chief Executive Officer of JohnsonDiversey, Inc.	Yes	Corporate Governance Committee (Chairman) Compensation Committee



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Name	Director		Occupation	Independent	Position/Committee
	Age	Since			Memberships
Craig P. Omtvedt	64	2004	Former Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Fortune Brands, Inc.	Yes	Audit Committee (Chairman)
Patrick M. Prevost	58	2010	President and Chief Executive Officer of Cabot Corporation	Yes	Compensation Committee Audit Committee

**Ratification of Auditors**

As a matter of good governance, we are asking stockholders to ratify the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent auditors for 2014.

**Executive Compensation**

We are asking stockholders to cast an advisory, non-binding vote to approve compensation awarded to our named executive officers. Our philosophy on executive compensation is that we must align the interests of our executive officers with those of our stockholders by incentivizing our executive officers to think and act strategically in order to achieve sustainable, long-term value.

**Executive Compensation Highlights Strong Commitment to Pay for Performance**

Our guiding principle for executive compensation is to align the interests of our executive officers with those of our stockholders by emphasizing performance-based rewards and variable incentives. Set forth below are key highlights of our executive compensation program that are further discussed in the Executive Compensation: Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this proxy statement beginning on page 29:

Our stockholders affirmed their support of our executive compensation program in 2013 by casting 97.3% of the votes in favor of our named executive officers compensation. Our Compensation Committee considers prior Say on Pay voting results as it makes future compensation decisions.

Our executive officers are incentivized to think and act strategically to achieve sustainable, long-term value for our stockholders.

The compensation program offered to our executive officers is comprised of a mix between base salaries that are at or below the market median and variable opportunities that are above market median. Total target compensation mix is reviewed regularly to ensure both external competitiveness and internal equity, and actual awards are dependent upon both the Company's and the individual's performance.

Our fixed compensation is targeted at a market competitive rate using the 50th percentile (or median) of pay levels as a reference point for comparable positions at comparable companies in the market including our comparator peer group. The targeted 2013 fixed compensation for each of our named executive officers constituted 23 percent or less of the total compensation package.

Variable compensation, which is comprised of both a cash bonus and long-term equity, was targeted to constitute at least 77 percent or more of our named executive officers' 2013 total compensation.



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Our cash incentives include both stretch targets that emphasize strong financial performance from operations and foundational goals designed to create and sustain long-term success of the business. In 2013, our annual cash bonus under our Annual Incentive Plan (AIP) paid out at 13.3 percent of target for each of our named executive officers. Our Compensation Committee did not grant any discretionary bonuses despite strong performance by each of our named executive officers.

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Long-term equity awards under our 2005 Stock Incentive Plan ( Incentive Plan ) constituted at least 56 percent of our named executive officers' targeted 2013 total compensation.

Our Chief Executive Officer's total compensation was not increased in 2013. In the last 5 years, our Chief Executive Officer's salary has only been increased once, which was in 2011.

All executive officers are in compliance with our Stock Ownership Guidelines requiring our executive officers to maintain significant ownership levels of General Cable common stock. As of the record date, our Chief Executive Officer owns over 629,608 shares, which equates to more than 19 times his base salary.

We have a Clawback Policy and in 2013, we recouped compensation paid to Mr. Sandoval, our former Executive Vice President, and President and Chief Executive Officer, General Cable Rest of World.

As part of the Company's corporate governance practices, the Compensation Committee determined that it was appropriate to conduct a request for proposals to select an independent compensation consultant to advise on the structure and administration of the Company's executive compensation programs as well as trends and market data. Following a comprehensive review, the Compensation Committee approved the appointment of Hay Group as its independent compensation consultant for 2014.

The Compensation Committee approved significant changes for 2014 compensation including (i) umbrella trigger for the AIP based on earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA) performance; (ii) secondary financial performance metrics for the AIP based on EBITDA and cash conversion; (iii) different performance weightings for corporate and operating executives; (iv) replacing options with performance stock units (PSUs); and (v) an even mix of PSUs and restricted stock units (RSUs). Our Compensation Committee made these changes as it believes they are consistent with our compensation philosophy, pay for performance environment, and market trends.

### **Corporate Governance Highlights Strong Commitment to Best Governance Practices**

Our Board of Directors places great value on strong governance controls and regularly evaluates and implements emerging best practices. Set forth below are key highlights of our corporate governance practices that are further discussed in the Corporate Governance section of this proxy statement beginning on page 14:

We believe our Board is appropriately sized with seven members.

Six of our seven Directors are independent with varying degrees of tenure on Board.

Our Board leadership consists of a non-executive Chairman of the Board and independent Committee Chairs.

Following a comprehensive director search, our Board appointed a new Director, Ms. Sallie B. Bailey, in July 2013.

We value diversity, which is exhibited in our Directors' gender, experience, and skills.

Sixty-six percent of our non-employee Directors are actively employed.

Our Board met ten times in 2013 with executive sessions of independent Directors at each regularly scheduled Board meeting and as deemed necessary.

We have policies governing mandatory Director resignations as well as Director retirement at age 70.

In 2013, our Board reviewed its existing Committee structure and determined to restructure our Board Committee composition from the committee as a whole approach to select members serving on individual Committees.

Directors are elected annually with a majority vote in an uncontested election.

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A robust Director nomination process is used to identify talented and diverse Board members.

Board and committees conduct annual self-evaluations.

Non-employee Directors receive a significant portion of compensation in equity.

All Directors are in compliance with our Stock Ownership Guidelines requiring our Directors to maintain significant ownership levels of General Cable common stock.

A Say on Pay advisory vote is conducted annually. Our Compensation Committee considers prior voting results of the Say on Pay advisory vote as it makes future executive compensation decisions.

Stockholders are asked to ratify the appointment of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm annually.

We adopted a new Code of Ethics and Business Conduct in 2013 and trained approximately 6,000 employees on the Company's new global values and Code of Ethics.

Our Audit Committee, with the support of our Board of Directors, provided significant oversight of the restatement of the Company's financial statements during 2013.

As of December 31, 2012, the Company identified material weaknesses in its internal control over financial reporting resulting in material errors that caused the Company to issue restated financial statements. In response to the material weaknesses identified by the Company, the Company instituted a number of actions and designed and commenced implementation of changes in its internal control over financial reporting. Based on these actions, the Company's management has concluded that the material weaknesses have been remediated as of December 31, 2013. Please refer to Item 9A. of the Company's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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### PROXY STATEMENT

The Board of Directors of General Cable Corporation ( General Cable or the Company ) is providing this Proxy Statement for the solicitation of proxies from holders of outstanding General Cable common stock for the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders ( Annual Meeting ) on May 15, 2014, and at any adjournment of the meeting. The Annual Meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time on Thursday, May 15, 2014, at the Company s offices at 4 Tessenear Drive, Highland Heights, Kentucky. Beginning on or about March 31, 2014, General Cable will send the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials and release its proxy materials, including this Proxy Statement, proxy form, and General Cable s Annual Report to Stockholders for 2013, to all stockholders entitled to receive notice and to vote at the Annual Meeting.

### VOTING PROCEDURES

#### **Your Vote is Very Important**

Our Annual Meeting this year is being held at our offices in Highland Heights, Kentucky, which you are invited to attend. Under rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ), we have elected to provide access to our proxy materials for the Annual Meeting over the Internet. Accordingly, we are sending a **Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials** (the Notice ) beginning on or about March 31, 2014 to our stockholders of record and beneficial owners. The Notice includes instructions on how to access the proxy materials over the Internet or to request a printed copy of the proxy materials. Whether or not you plan to attend our Annual Meeting, please take the time to vote.

**Voting by Stockholders of Record.** If you are a stockholder of record, you may vote in person at the Annual Meeting. We will give you a ballot when you arrive. If you do not wish to vote in person or if you will not be attending the Annual Meeting, you may vote by proxy. You may vote by proxy over the Internet, by mail, or by telephone following the instructions provided in the Notice. If you request printed copies of the proxy materials, you can also vote over the Internet, by mail or telephone.

**Voting by Beneficial Owners.** If your shares are held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, or other similar organization, then you are the beneficial owner of shares held in street name. If you are a beneficial owner and you wish to vote in person at the Annual Meeting, you must obtain a valid proxy from the organization that holds your shares. If you do not wish to vote in person or you will not be attending the Annual Meeting, you may vote by proxy. You may vote by proxy over the Internet, by mail, or by telephone following the instructions provided in the Notice.

#### **Record Date**

Holders of record of General Cable common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, at the close of business on March 17, 2014 (the Record Date ) will be entitled to notice of the Annual Meeting and to vote at the Annual Meeting and at any adjournments. At the Record Date, 48,783,151 shares of General Cable common stock were issued and outstanding.

#### **How to Revoke Your Proxy**

You may revoke your proxy at any time before the final vote at the Annual Meeting. You may do so by (i) voting again on a later date on the Internet or by telephone (only your latest Internet or telephone proxy submitted before the Annual Meeting will be counted); (ii) sending a written statement of revocation to the Secretary of General Cable at the Company s headquarters at 4 Tessenear Drive, Highland Heights, Kentucky 41076; or (iii) submitting a properly signed proxy having a later date. You may also attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person. However, your attendance at the Annual Meeting will not, by itself, revoke your proxy.

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### **Vote Required and Method of Counting Votes**

**Number of Shares Outstanding.** At the close of business on the Record Date, there were 48,783,151 shares of General Cable common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

**Vote Per Share.** You are entitled to one vote per share on matters presented at the Annual Meeting. Stockholders do not have cumulative voting rights in the election of Directors.

**Quorum.** A majority of outstanding shares, present or represented by proxy, makes a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes (*i.e.*, when a broker does not have authority to vote on a specific issue) are counted as present for purposes of determining a quorum.

**Vote Required.** The following is an explanation of the vote required for each of the four items to be voted on at the Annual Meeting, assuming a quorum is present. If you sign and return a proxy but do not specify how you want your shares voted, your shares will be voted FOR the nominee and FOR the other proposals listed below.

#### **Proposal 1 Election of Directors**

In an uncontested election, a nominee will be elected if the votes cast for the nominee exceed the votes cast against the nominee. In the event the number of nominees exceeds the number of Directors to be elected, however, directors receiving the highest number of votes will be elected.

Please note that brokers may no longer use discretionary authority to vote shares on the election of Directors ([Proposal 1](#)) if they have not received instructions from their clients. Please vote your proxy or deliver instructions to your broker so your vote can be counted.

#### **Proposal 2 Ratification of Appointment of Auditors**

The affirmative vote of a majority of shares present, in person or by proxy, is required for approval of the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte and Touche LLP ( Deloitte ) as our independent registered public accounting firm ([Proposal 2](#)).

#### **Proposal 3 Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation**

The affirmative vote of a majority of shares present, in person or by proxy, is necessary for approval on an advisory basis of the compensation of our named executive officers ([Proposal 3](#)). While the result of the advisory vote on this Proposal 3 is not binding on our Board of Directors or Compensation Committee, our Compensation Committee will consider the outcome of the vote when making future compensation decisions for our named executive officers.

Please note that brokers may no longer use discretionary authority to vote shares on Proposal 3 if they have not received instructions from their clients. Please vote your proxy or send an instruction to your broker so your vote can be counted.

**Abstentions and Broker Non-Votes.** Brokers are not entitled to vote on the election of Directors or the advisory proposals to approve the compensation of our named executive officers unless they receive voting instructions from their clients. Abstentions and broker non-votes (shares held by a broker who is a member of the New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE ) that does not have discretionary authority to vote on a particular matter and has not received voting instructions from its client) are counted as present for purposes of determining a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting.

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**Discretionary Voting Power**

The Board knows of no other matters to be presented for stockholder action at the Annual Meeting. In addition, on matters raised at the Annual Meeting that are not covered by this Proxy Statement, the persons named in the proxy card will have full discretionary authority to vote the shares as they deem appropriate unless a stockholder has followed the advance notice procedures discussed below under Director Nomination Process. If the nominee for election as a Director becomes unable to accept nomination or election, which we do not anticipate, the persons named in the proxy will vote for the election of another person recommended by the Board.

**PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

At the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, our stockholders approved the annual election of all of our Directors upon the expiration of remaining current terms for the Class II and Class III Directors, respectively, and until their successors were elected and qualified or until their earlier resignation or removal. At the 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, our Board became fully declassified. All of our current Directors, except Mr. Smialek, who will be retiring per our director retirement policy, are standing for election at the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Until July 20, 2012, the Board was comprised of seven directors. On July 17, 2012, Charles G. McClure, Jr. notified our Board of Directors that he would resign from the Board effective at the close of business on July 20, 2012. Mr. McClure resigned from the Board for personal reasons as a result of demands related to other ongoing business activities and not due to any disagreement with our Company on any matter relating to our operations, policies, or practices. On July 30, 2013, the Board filled the vacancy created by Mr. McClure's resignation and appointed Sallie B. Bailey to serve as a director of our Company until she stands for election at the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until her successor is duly appointed and qualified. Proxies cannot be voted for a greater number of persons than the number of nominees named in this proxy statement.

Set forth on the following pages is certain information relating to the background, experience and qualifications of the individuals nominated by the Board of Directors to stand for election at the Annual Meeting. The new term of office for the nominees will be for a one-year term to expire at the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.



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**Director Nominees for Election at the Annual Meeting**

**John E. Welsh, III**

**Age 63**

**Director since 1997**

**Non-executive Chairman of the Board  
and Member of the Corporate  
Governance Committee**

Mr. Welsh has served as President of Avalon Capital Partners LLC, an investment firm focused on private equity and public securities investments since 2002. From October 2000 to December 2002, he was a Managing Director of CIP Management LLC, the management company for Continuation Investments Group Inc. From November 1992 to December 1999, he served as Managing Director and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of SkyTel Communications, Inc. ( SkyTel ) and as a Director from September 1992 until December 1999. During that period, he served as Chief Financial Officer and President and Chief Executive Officer of the International Division. Prior to 1992, Mr. Welsh was a Managing Director in the Investment Banking Division of Prudential Securities, Inc. and served as Co-Head of the Mergers and Acquisitions Department. Mr. Welsh has served as a director of various public companies, including Spreckels Industries, Inc., SkyTel, York International, and Integrated Electrical Services (NASDAQ: IESC).

Mr. Welsh has (i) a strong financial background in investment banking and investment management; (ii) leadership and collaboration skills; (iii) substantial experience involving acquisitions and strategic alliances; and (iv) a background in telecommunications products and services. Mr. Welsh's investment management and acquisition experience and refined leadership skills have been critical in the creation of a strong, independent Board of Directors.

**Sallie B. Bailey**

**Age 54**

**Director since 2013**

**Member of the Audit Committee**

Ms. Bailey is Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Louisiana-Pacific Corporation (NYSE: LPX), a leading manufacturer of engineered wood building products for residential, industrial, and light commercial construction, and she has served in that position since November 2011. Ms. Bailey previously served as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Ferro Corporation (NYSE: FOE), a global specialty materials company, from January 2007 to July 2010. Before joining Ferro Corporation, she held senior management positions of increasing responsibility with The Timken Company (NYSE: TKR), a global producer of engineered bearings and alloy steel, from 1995 to 2006, lastly as Senior Vice President, Finance and Controller. Prior to her work at Timken, Ms. Bailey held various financial management positions with Tenneco, Inc. from 1988 to 1995 and worked with Deloitte & Touche from 1984 to 1988.

Ms. Bailey has (i) extensive experience as a financial executive with broad knowledge of financial controls and systems; (ii) substantial leadership experience in domestic and international business; (iii) a strong background in acquisition, divestitures, and strategic alliances; and (iv) significant management experience in commodity-based businesses. Ms. Bailey's extensive financial leadership experience in global, publicly traded companies, knowledge of financial controls and systems, and understanding of operating a commodity-based business have made her a valuable addition to the Board and Audit Committee in 2013.

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**Gregory B. Kenny**

**Age 61**

**Director since 1997**

**President and Chief Executive Officer  
of General Cable**

Mr. Kenny has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of General Cable since August 2001. He was President and Chief Operating Officer of General Cable from May 1999 to August 2001. From March 1997 to May 1999, he was Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of General Cable. From June 1994 to March 1997, he was Executive Vice President of the subsidiary of General Cable which was General Cable's immediate predecessor. He also is a director of Cardinal Health Incorporated (NYSE: CAH), Ingredion Incorporated (NYSE: INGR), and the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Cincinnati Branch.

Mr. Kenny has (i) extensive operating and managerial experience in domestic and international businesses, including global wire and cable company operations; (ii) leadership and communication skills; (iii) substantial experience in financial matters; (iv) extensive experience in advancing growth strategies, including acquisitions and strategic alliances; and (v) broad experience in corporate governance. His expertise in the wire and cable industry and continued leadership in addressing the issues facing our Company have provided our Board with the insight necessary to plan strategically for our Company's future success.

**Gregory E. Lawton**

**Age 63**

**Director since 1998**

**Chairman of the Corporate  
Governance Committee and Member  
of the Compensation Committee**

Mr. Lawton has been a consultant since March 2006. From October 2000 to February 2006, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of JohnsonDiversey, Inc. From January 1999 until September 2000, he was President and Chief Operating Officer of Johnson Wax Professional. Prior to joining Johnson Wax, Mr. Lawton was President of NuTone Inc., a subsidiary of Williams plc based in Cincinnati, Ohio, from 1994 to 1998. From 1989 to 1994, Mr. Lawton served with Procter & Gamble (NYSE: PG) where he was Vice President and General Manager of several consumer product groups. He is also a director of Stepan Company (NYSE: SCL).

Mr. Lawton has (i) substantial operating and management experience in manufacturing businesses and in application of technology to business; (ii) a strong background in marketing, sales, and human resources management; and (iii) significant experience involving acquisitions and leading a global business. Mr. Lawton's extensive operational and executive management experience and understanding of corporate governance matters have proven to be valuable to our Board and in his position as Chairman of the Corporate Governance Committee.

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**Craig P. Omtvedt**  
**Age 64**  
**Director since 2004**  
**Chairman of the Audit Committee and Member of the Compensation Committee**

Mr. Omtvedt served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Fortune Brands, Inc., a former leading consumer products company (formerly NYSE: FO), from 2000 until his retirement in October 2011 and as a consultant to Beam Inc. (NYSE: BEAM), the successor to Fortune Brands, during 2012. Previously, he held positions with Fortune Brands as Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer from 1998 to 1999; Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer from 1997 to 1998; Vice President, Deputy Controller and Chief Internal Auditor from 1996 to 1997; Deputy Controller from 1992 to 1996; and Director of Audit from 1989 to 1992. Before joining Fortune Brands, Mr. Omtvedt worked for Pillsbury Company in Minneapolis, Minnesota from 1985 to 1989 in various audit and controller roles. He is also a director of Hillshire Brands Company (NYSE: HSH) and Oshkosh Corporation (NYSE: OSK).

Mr. Omtvedt has (i) extensive experience as a financial executive with broad knowledge of financial controls and systems; (ii) substantial leadership experience in domestic and international business; (iii) an extensive background in acquisitions and strategic alliances; and (iv) experience with major sales channels (retailers and distributors). Mr. Omtvedt's extensive financial leadership experience in global, publicly traded companies, knowledge of audit practices, and proven expertise in acquisitions and strategic alliances have made him a valuable member of the Board and Chairman of the Audit Committee.

**Patrick M. Prevost**  
**Age 58**  
**Director since 2010**  
**Member of the Audit Committee**

Mr. Prevost has been President and Chief Executive Officer of Cabot Corporation (NYSE: CBT), a publicly traded global specialty chemicals company, since January 2008. Mr. Prevost served as President, Performance Chemicals at BASF AG, a publicly traded international chemical company, from October 2005 to December 2007. Prior to that, he was responsible for BASF Corporation's Chemicals and Plastics business in North America. Mr. Prevost previously held senior management positions with increasing responsibility at BP Plc from 1999 to 2003 and Amoco Chemicals from 1983 until 1999.

Mr. Prevost has (i) substantial leadership experience in a variety of complex, international commodity driven businesses, which includes leadership positions that required living overseas; (ii) a chemical engineering background with broad experience in material science and chemistry, which are important to our wire and cable business; (iii) extensive experience involving acquisitions and strategic alliances; and (iv) experience in financial matters. Mr. Prevost brings to our Board demonstrated executive leadership expertise in commodity driven businesses and a keen understanding of the complexity of operating a global manufacturing organization.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BELIEVES THAT THE ELECTION OF THESE DIRECTORS IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF OUR STOCKHOLDERS AND, ACCORDINGLY, RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE NOMINEES.**

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### **Director Retiring at the Annual Meeting**

Pursuant to our director retirement policy, Robert L. Smialek will retire from the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders due to his attaining 70 years of age during his current term. Mr. Smialek has been a member of the Company's Board of Directors since 1997 and most recently served as the Chairman of the Compensation Committee and a member of the Governance Committee. He has been a private investor and consultant since August 2002. He was President and Chief Executive Officer of Applied Innovation Inc. (NASDAQ: AINN) from July 2000 to August 2002. From May 1993 to July 1999, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Insilco Corporation. Prior to 1993, Mr. Smialek served as the Group President and Chief Operating Officer of the Temperature and Appliance Controls Group of Siebe, plc. He was Group Vice President for the Tracor Instruments Group from 1988 to 1990. For the prior 19 years, Mr. Smialek worked for the General Electric Company in various operations management positions.

### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

Our By-laws, Corporate Governance Principles and Guidelines (the "Governance Principles"), charters of our Board committees, Code of Ethics and Business Conduct ("Code of Ethics"), and Related Party Transactions Policy and Procedures are the framework for our corporate governance. They are designed to ensure that our Company complies with SEC rules and regulations and the corporate governance listing standards of the NYSE, the stock exchange on which our common stock is listed. All of these corporate governance documents are available on our website [www.generalcable.com](http://www.generalcable.com) via the Investor Relations page and are available in print to any stockholder on request to the Company's Secretary at 4 Tessenner Drive, Highland Heights, Kentucky 41076. Information on our website does not constitute a part of this proxy statement.

#### **Corporate Governance Principles and Guidelines**

Our Board has adopted a policy that describes our corporate governance practices. The objective of our Governance Principles is to provide guidance to ensure that our Board maintains its independence, objectivity, and effectiveness in fulfilling its responsibilities to our stockholders. The Governance Principles establish criteria and requirements for:

the requisite qualifications, selection process, and retention of Directors;

the responsibilities of the Directors;

procedures and practices governing the operation and compensation of our Board; and

principles under which management shall direct and operate our business.

Our Governance Principles also provide that Directors must be willing to devote sufficient time to carry out their duties and responsibilities effectively, prepare for Board and Committee meetings by reviewing the materials provided to them in advance of the meeting, and should be committed to serve on the Board for an extended period of time. Directors should offer their resignation in the event of any significant change in their personal circumstances, including a change in their principal job responsibilities that would adversely affect their ability to fulfill their duties and responsibilities as Directors. Further, Directors who also serve as Chief Executive Officer or in equivalent positions should not serve on more than two boards of public companies in addition to our Board, and other Directors should not serve on more than four other boards of public companies. Current positions in excess of those limits may be maintained unless the Board determines that doing so would impair the Director's service on our Board. Lastly, our Board's retirement policy is that non-employee Directors should retire at age seventy (70). However, the Board will utilize its own self-evaluation process as an important determinant of Board tenure.

In addition to the above matters, our Governance Principles have a process whereby nominees must agree to tender their irrevocable resignations if they do not receive the required vote at the Annual Meeting at which they

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face re-election. Our Governance Committee reviews the circumstances surrounding the Director nominee's resignation and will submit such recommendation for prompt consideration to the Board. The Governance Committee and the Board may take into consideration any factors deemed relevant, including, without limitation, reported reasons for the "against" votes, the Director's length of service on the Board and contributions to General Cable in such role, and the effect of the Director's resignation on General Cable's compliance with any law, rule, regulation, stock exchange listing standard, or contractual arrangement. After considering the Governance Committee's recommendation, our Board will make a determination with respect to whether the Director should continue to serve.

### **Code of Ethics**

We have adopted a Code of Ethics that applies to all of our Directors, officers, and employees. Our Code of Ethics defines our policies and expectations on various compliance topics, including conflicts of interest, confidentiality, compliance with laws (including insider trading and anti-corruption laws), preservation and use of Company assets, proper accounting and financial integrity, and business ethics. It also sets forth the procedures for communicating and handling any potential violations. We intend to satisfy the SEC's disclosure requirement regarding amendments to or waivers of our Code of Ethics by posting such information on our website at [www.generalcable.com](http://www.generalcable.com) via our Investors Relations page.

### **Our Board and its Committees**

The General Cable Board of Directors meets regularly during each year. In 2013, our Board held ten (10) meetings, including five (5) telephonic meetings. As a matter of policy, Directors are expected to attend each Annual Meeting, and in 2013, all of the Directors, except Ms. Bailey who was not appointed until July, attended the Annual Meeting. Our Board size is currently set at seven members. Our Board believes that its current size facilitates productive Board meetings. With the exception of our Chief Executive Officer, all of our Directors, including our Non-executive Chairman of the Board, are independent based on the application of the rules and standards of the NYSE.

**Private Sessions:** At each regularly scheduled Board meeting, the non-employee Directors meet without management present. The Non-executive Chairman presides at such meetings. The non-employee Directors also may and do meet without management present at other times as deemed necessary.

### **Our Committees**

Our Board has three standing Committees: the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, and the Corporate Governance Committee ( Governance Committee ). Prior to December 10, 2013, all of our non-employee Directors served on each of our Committees. On December 10, 2013, at the recommendation of the Governance Committee, the Board determined to restructure our Board Committee composition from the committee as a whole approach to select members serving on individual Committees. In making this determination to restructure the Committee composition, the Board considered the following:

the increase in the Board size over the last three years now makes Committees of select directors feasible;

Committees of a smaller group of Directors allows the Company to fully leverage each Director's strengths, interests and experience; and

service on fewer Committees may increase the ability of each member to effectively investigate, analyze, and focus on specific areas.

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As part of this change, the Board agreed that all Board members would continue to receive all Committee materials and be welcomed to attend any of the Committee meetings. In 2013, each Director attended at least 75 percent of the total number of Board and Committee meetings, except Ms. Bailey who attended at least 75 percent of the meetings following her appointment to the Board. Each Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board. All of the Committee charters are available on our website at [www.generalcable.com](http://www.generalcable.com) via our Investors Relations page. All of our Committees have the authority to retain outside advisors to assist each Committee, respectively, in meeting their responsibilities, as necessary and appropriate, and to ensure that we provide funding to pay the fees and expenses of such advisors.

The membership, functions, and other relevant information relating to each Committee are described below.

**2013 Committee Membership <sup>(1)</sup>**

<b>Non-Employee Directors <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Audit Committee</b>	<b>Compensation Committee</b>	<b>Governance Committee</b>
Sallie B. Bailey	X		
Gregory E. Lawton		X	X*
Craig P. Omtvedt	X*	X	
Patrick M. Prevost	X		
Robert L. Smialek		X*	X
John E. Welsh, III			X

\* Chairman of the Committee

<sup>(1)</sup> As of December 31, 2013

<sup>(2)</sup> Only our non-employee directors serve as members of our Committees.

**Audit Committee:** The Audit Committee met ten (10) times in 2013, including five (5) telephonic meetings. Our Board of Directors has determined that all of our Audit Committee members are independent and financially literate under the rules of the SEC and NYSE and the Chairman, Craig P. Omtvedt, among other Audit Committee members, qualifies as Audit Committee financial expert under rules of the SEC. The Audit Committee assists the Board in the oversight of the (i) integrity of the Company's financial statements; (ii) Company's compliance with legal requirements; and (iii) performance of the Company's internal audit functions and independent auditors. The Audit Committee evaluates the effectiveness of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm and recommends its appointment to the Board.

The Audit Committee has adopted formal preapproval policies and procedures relating to the services provided by its independent auditor consistent with requirements of the SEC rules. Under the Company's preapproval policy, all audit and permissible non-audit services provided by the independent auditors must be preapproved. The Audit Committee will generally preapprove a list of specific services and categories of services, including audit, audit-related, and other services, for the upcoming or current fiscal year. Any services that are not included in the approved list of services must be separately preapproved by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee delegates to the Audit Committee Chairman the authority to approve permitted audit and non-audit services to be provided by the independent auditor between Audit Committee meetings for the sake of efficiency. The Audit Committee Chairman reports any such interim preapproval at the next meeting of the Audit Committee. In 2013, all audit and permissible non-audit services were preapproved in accordance with the policy.

The Audit Committee has approved Deloitte as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2014 and supports the Board's recommendation to our stockholders for the ratification of Deloitte's appointment.

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**Compensation Committee:** The Compensation Committee met eight (8) times in 2013, including three (3) telephonic meetings. Our Board of Directors has determined that all of our Compensation Committee members are independent under the rules of the NYSE. The Compensation Committee assists our Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to executive performance, compensation, succession planning, and the implementation and administration of the Company's incentive and equity-based compensation plans and programs. The Compensation Committee performs this function by: (i) evaluating our executive officers' performance and establishing and reviewing their compensation; (ii) reviewing appropriate terms for such employee incentive plans and programs with management, including consideration of risks associated with the design and implementation of compensation plans; and (iii) determining the compensation of our Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers. The Compensation Committee has engaged independent compensation consultants, Compensation Strategies, Inc. ( "Compensation Strategies" ) and the Hay Group, who report directly to the Compensation Committee.

**Corporate Governance Committee:** The Governance Committee met five (5) times in 2013. Our Board of Directors has determined that all of our Governance Committee members are independent under the rules of the NYSE. The Governance Committee is responsible for assisting the Board in (i) evaluating and recommending nominees for election as Directors; (ii) succession planning; (iii) evaluating the membership and responsibilities of Board committees; (iv) developing and adopting corporate governance principles; and (v) evaluating our Board and management. In conjunction with the Non-executive Chairman and the Compensation Committee, the Governance Committee conducts an annual performance evaluation of our Chief Executive Officer, sets performance objectives for the Chief Executive Officer, and reviews key management development and succession policies and practices.

### **Director Qualifications**

As described above, the Governance Committee is responsible for considering and recommending nominees for election as Directors of General Cable. In carrying out this duty, our Governance Committee from time to time engages third-party search firms to assist in identifying and assessing qualifications of individual Director candidates. Directors' general qualifications and responsibilities are set out in our Governance Principles. Pursuant to our Governance Principles, our Governance Committee seeks Director candidates who encompass a diverse range of experience, qualifications, attributes, and skills in order to provide sound and prudent guidance on the Company's operations and interests worldwide. We aim to have a Board that is diverse and represents experience in business, finance, technology, global markets, and other disciplines relevant to the scope of the Company's activities over time. The Governance Committee further expects that Directors should possess the highest personal and professional values, ethics and integrity, and should be committed to represent and advance the long-term interests of our stockholders. In considering the nature and scope of experience encompassed by the Directors or nominees for Director, our Board evaluates each individual in the context of the Board as a whole, taking into account relevant factors such as independence, gender and ethnic diversity, personal skills, and industry background. In searching for candidates to fill Board vacancies, our Governance Committee is committed to identifying the most capable candidates who have experience in the areas of expertise needed at that time and meet our criteria for nomination. Our Governance Committee has and will continue to take reasonable steps to ensure that women and minority candidates are considered as part of every Director search.

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### **Board Leadership Structure**

Our Board of Directors' current leadership structure consists of a Non-executive Chairman appointed annually separate from the Chief Executive Officer. Our current Board Chairman is John E. Welsh, III and our President and Chief Executive Officer is Gregory B. Kenny. The duties of our Chairman are set out in our Governance Principles and By-laws and include:

presiding at meetings of stockholders and the Board;

leading the Board in deliberations at and around meetings, including non-employee sessions;

appointing committee chairs for Board Committees;

acting as a liaison between our Board and the Chief Executive Officer; and

providing strategic guidance and counsel relating to our business, management, and personnel development.

This leadership structure has been in place since 2001, when Mr. Kenny was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer. We believe that having an independent Director leading our Board, whether as a Non-executive Chairman or as the Lead Independent Director, contributes to a more independent Board in the long-term and leads to more productive internal Board dynamics between and among Directors and Committees. Independent Board leadership also allows our Chief Executive Officer more time to concentrate on significant business issues and is well suited to our wire and cable business with its extended business cycles.

### **Director Nomination Process**

Each year, the Governance Committee recommends a slate of nominees to the Board, which proposes nominees to the stockholders for election to the Board. In connection with its recommendations, the Governance Committee considers whether the Director candidates have the requisite qualifications and skills that are identified above and the commitment and willingness to serve on the Board in accord with our Governance Principles.

The Governance Committee will consider stockholder suggestions for nominees when submitted in accordance with the provisions of our By-laws. Pursuant to our By-laws, stockholders may present any proposals for stockholder vote, including the election of Directors, by following the advance notice procedure described below. Under this procedure, the candidates eligible for election at a meeting of stockholders will be candidates nominated by or at the direction of the Board of Directors and candidates nominated at the meeting by a stockholder. Stockholders will be given a reasonable opportunity at the Annual Meeting to nominate candidates for the office of Director if, as the By-laws require, the nominating stockholder first gave the Company's Secretary a written nomination notice at least sixty (60) days before the date of the Annual Meeting.

The nomination notice must set forth the following information as to each individual nominated:

The name, date of birth, business address, and residence address of the individual;

The business experience during the past five (5) years of the nominee, including his or her principal occupations and employment during such period, the name and principal business of any corporation or other organization in which those occupations and employment were carried on, and additional information about the nature of his or her responsibilities and level of professional competence which permits an assessment of the candidate's prior experience;



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A description of all direct and indirect compensation and other material monetary and non-monetary agreements, arrangements, and understandings during the past three (3) years, and any other material relationships, between or among the stockholder submitting the nomination notice and any associated person acting in concert with such person, on the one hand, and each proposed nominee and any associated person acting in concert with such nominee, on the other hand, including, without limitation, all information that would be required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404 promulgated under Regulation S-K if the nominating stockholder and any beneficial owner on whose behalf the

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nomination is made, if any, or any associated person acting in concert therewith, were the registrant for purposes of such Item and the nominee were a director or executive officer of such registrant;

Whether the nominee is or has ever been at any time a Director, officer, or owner of five (5) percent or more of any class of capital stock, partnership interests, or other equity interest of any corporation, partnership, or other entity;

Any directorships held by the nominee in any company with a class of securities registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as amended (the Exchange Act), or covered by Section 15(d) of that Act or any company registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended;

Whether, in the last five (5) years, the nominee was convicted in a criminal proceeding or has been subject to a judgment, order, finding, or decree of any federal, state or other governmental entity concerning any violation of federal, state, or other law, or any proceeding in bankruptcy, which conviction, order, finding, decree, or proceeding may be material to an evaluation of the ability or integrity of the nominee; and

Whether, if elected, the nominee intends to tender, promptly following such nominee's failure to receive the required vote for election or reelection at the next meeting at which such nominee would face election or reelection, an irrevocable resignation effective upon acceptance of such resignation by the Board, in accordance with the Governance Principles.

The nomination notice must also provide the following information about the nominating stockholder and any associated person acting in concert with the nominating stockholder: (i) the name and business address of the nominating stockholder(s); (ii) the name and address of the nominating stockholder(s) as appearing in the Company's books; (iii) the class and number of General Cable shares that are beneficially owned by the nominating stockholder(s); and (iv) certain other information about the interests of the nominating stockholder(s) in the Company's securities, including the following:

Any derivative instrument directly or indirectly owned beneficially by the nominating stockholder(s) and associated person(s) and any other direct or indirect opportunity to profit or share in any profit derived from any increase or decrease in the value of shares of stock of the Company;

Any proxy, contract, arrangement, understanding, or relationship pursuant to which the nominating stockholder(s) and any associated person(s) have a right to vote any shares of any security of the Company;

Any short interest in any security of the Company;

Any rights to dividends on the shares of stock of the Company owned beneficially by the nominating stockholder(s) and by any associated person(s) that are separated or separable from the underlying shares of stock of the Company;

Any proportionate interest in shares of stock of the Company or derivative instruments held, directly or indirectly, by a general or limited partnership in which the nominating stockholder(s) or any associated person(s) is a general partner who, directly or indirectly, beneficially owns an interest in a general partner; and

Any performance-related fees (other than an asset-based fee) to which the nominating stockholder(s) or any associated person(s) is entitled to based on any increase or decrease in the value of shares of stock of the Company or derivative instruments, if any, as of the date of such notice, including any such interests held by members of the immediate family of the nominating stockholder(s) or

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any associated person(s) sharing the same household (which information shall be supplemented as would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitation of proxies for, as applicable, the proposal and/or for the election of directors in a contested election pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder).

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The nomination notice must include the nominee's signed written consent to being named in a proxy statement as a nominee and to serve as a Director if elected. A written update of the information provided in the notice must be provided to the Company ten (10) business days prior to the meeting. If the presiding officer at any stockholder's meeting determines that a nomination was not made in accordance with these procedures, he or she will so declare to the meeting and the defective nomination will be disregarded.

### **Board's Role in Risk Oversight**

Our executive officers with the leadership of our Chief Executive Officer are responsible for overall risk management of our Company. The oversight of risk affecting our Company from major to minor and emerging risks is carried out by our Board, as a whole, within the existing leadership structure with the assistance of its standing Committees. Our Board fulfills its risk oversight responsibilities by (i) understanding our Company's risk philosophy and approving our risk tolerance; (ii) knowing the established effective risk management processes that identify, assess, and manage our most significant enterprise-wide risks; (iii) reviewing our risk portfolio in relation to the agreed risk tolerance, including through strategic and operational initiatives that integrate enterprise-wide risk exposures; and (iv) regularly being apprised of the most significant risks and management's response. Important elements in the assessment of risk include reports to the Board and its Committees from the Company's global Operating Committee and three operating regions on a regular basis, the output and actions of the Audit Committee, as well as reports to the Board from the Chief Executive Officer and the functional managers who deal with various specific elements of risk such as the global insurance program. By using a broad approach, the Board believes that it is able to discharge its oversight role and address the major, minor, and emerging risks facing our businesses both in the short and long-term.

### **Stockholder Communication with our Board of Directors**

Our Board has adopted the following procedures for our stockholders and all other interested persons to communicate with our Board, as a whole, and individual Directors on matters of interest. Communications to our Directors will initially be reviewed by the Secretary and routed to the Chairman or a Board Committee, as appropriate. Stockholders and other interested parties may communicate with the Board, our Non-executive Chairman, an individual Director, the non-employee Directors, as a group, or a specific Committee of the Board using the following:

<b>Mail</b> Board of Directors General Cable Corporation Attention: Secretary 4 Tesseneer Drive Highland Heights, Kentucky 41076 Any general information requests can be made using our main telephone number (859) 572-8000 or main email address info@generalcable.com.	<b>Telephone</b> (800) 716-3565  <b>Email</b> Chairman of the Board    chairman@generalcable.com Non-employee Directors    directors@generalcable.com
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### **Transactions with Related Persons**

The Company has adopted written policies and procedures for the review and approval of any related party transactions that meet the minimum threshold for disclosure in the proxy statement under the applicable SEC rules (generally, transactions involving amounts exceeding \$120,000 in which a related person has a direct or indirect material interest). The Company has not entered into any transactions, other than the transaction disclosed below, since the beginning of its last fiscal year with any related person.

Under our current policies and procedures, related parties are expected to seek Audit Committee approval of related party transactions before the transaction is entered into or amended. The Audit Committee may ratify a transaction after it has been entered into, in which case the transaction will be evaluated on the same standards as

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a transaction being pre-approved. In certain circumstances, the Audit Committee Chairman may act on behalf of the Audit Committee. The policy specifically requires approval or ratification if the Company hires a family member of a Director (including a Director nominee), executive officer, or significant stockholder for total compensation in excess of \$120,000 or, after initial approval of the hire, makes any material changes to an employment arrangement.

When seeking approval, the related party will provide the Company's General Counsel with information about the transaction for the General Counsel's evaluation and submission to the Audit Committee. The evaluation information includes:

the related person's relationship to the Company and interest in the transaction;

material facts of the proposed transaction, including the proposed aggregate value of the transaction;

benefits to the Company of the proposed transaction;

availability of other sources of comparable products or services;

an assessment of whether the proposed transaction is on terms that are comparable to terms available to an unrelated third party or to employees generally; and

any effect on a Director's independence if the transaction involves a Director.

After considering the evaluation information, the Audit Committee will approve or ratify only those transactions that are not opposed to the interests of the Company and that are on terms that are fair to the Company. The Audit Committee may make its approval conditional upon revisions to the terms of the transaction.

*Transactions Reviewed by the Audit Committee*

On February 25, 2010, and July 1, 2010, the Company awarded 7,000 and 37,281 restricted stock units (RSUs), respectively (the 2010 Grants), to Mr. Sabonnadiere, who was, at the time, a resident of France. Under the applicable restricted stock unit agreements, the RSUs were payable in shares of Company common stock on the basis of one share per one RSU. In order to provide the Company with certain tax advantages under French law, the RSU agreements provided that, following the vesting of the 2010 Grants on the third anniversary of the date of grant, the shares issued upon vesting were subject to a two year holding period. Subsequent to the 2010 Grants, Mr. Sabonnadiere relocated to Spain and, due to the deemed effect of the vesting of the 2010 grants on Mr. Sabonnadiere's total compensation, Mr. Sabonnadiere became subject to Spanish taxation with respect to the 2010 Grants, which applied at the time of vesting rather than following the post-vesting holding period, as was the case under French law (Mr. Sabonnadiere also remained subject to French taxes with regard to the 2010 grants). On January 20, 2014, in accordance with its statutory obligations under Spanish tax laws, Grupo General Cable Sistemas, S.L., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, paid to Spanish tax authorities 295,754 Euros (approximately \$400,451 on the date of payment) as withholding tax for compensation earned by Mr. Sabonnadiere, including compensation deemed to be earned by Mr. Sabonnadiere upon the vesting of the 2010 Grants. The RSU agreements related to the 2010 Grants required Mr. Sabonnadiere to reimburse the Company for the payment of the withholding taxes paid by the Company or its subsidiaries with respect to the RSUs. In addition, Company policy requires that the Company receive, contemporaneously with its payment of withholding tax on behalf of an executive officer, reimbursement by the executive officer. In order to preserve for the Company certain tax benefits under French tax law, the RSU agreements for Mr. Sabonnadiere, unlike RSU agreements applicable to other executive officers of the Company, did not provide the Company with the ability to withhold shares issuable to Mr. Sabonnadiere in satisfaction of his reimbursement obligation. On January 31, 2014, Mr. Sabonnadiere reimbursed Grupo General Cable Sistemas, S.L. in cash the amount that it paid in withholding taxes.

In response to this situation, Company management undertook efforts to re-educate its executive officers (including Mr. Sabonnadiere) and regional legal counsel regarding the requirement of contemporaneous reimbursement by executive officers of withholding taxes and the Company's related-party transactions policy. Company management also reviewed the eleven day delay in the reimbursement with both the

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and Compensation Committee. The Audit Committee determined that Mr. Sabonnadiere's delay in reimbursing the Company, in accordance with the terms of the RSU agreements and the Company's reimbursement policy for executive officers, and his delay in seeking the approval of the Company's Audit Committee, in accordance with the Company's policy of requiring advance Audit Committee review and approval of related party transactions was due to the unanticipated application of Spanish tax laws, coupled with a misunderstanding that the Spanish employee withholding policy, which permitted reimbursement through payroll deduction of direct periodic payments, was superseded by the Company policy requiring contemporaneous reimbursement by executive officers. As a result of the unique circumstances surrounding this matter, management's re-education efforts and the actions of the Compensation Committee described below, the Audit Committee determined that no further action need be taken at the time. In addition, the Compensation Committee approved (i) amendments to the July 1, 2010 restricted stock unit agreement with Mr. Sabonnadiere to remove the two year restriction on selling vested shares of the common stock following vesting; and (ii) new global restricted stock award agreements, to be used in connection with future awards for our executive officers, that permit, at the Company's discretion, the withholding of shares to reimburse the Company for any tax withholding payments made by the Company on behalf of the executive officer.

**REPORT OF OUR AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Audit Committee provides oversight relating to the integrity of the Company's financial reporting process, its compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, and the quality of its internal and external audit processes. The responsibilities of the Audit Committee are set forth in a written Charter adopted by the Board, which is available on our website at [www.generalcable.com](http://www.generalcable.com) via our Investors Relations page. Our Audit Committee reviews its Charter annually.

Our management is responsible for the internal controls and financial reporting process of our Company. Our independent registered public accounting firm, Deloitte & Touche LLP, is responsible for performing an independent audit of our consolidated financial statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (the "PCAOB") and issuing a report thereon.

The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the Company's overall financial reporting process. In fulfilling its responsibilities for the fiscal year end 2013, the Audit Committee:

reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013, with management and Deloitte & Touche LLP, the member firms of Deloitte & Touche Tohmatsu, and their respective affiliates (together, "Deloitte"), the Company's independent auditors;

discussed with Deloitte the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 16, as amended or modified, relating to the conduct of the audit;

received written disclosures and the letter from Deloitte, required by the applicable requirements of the PCAOB, regarding the independent accountant's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence and has discussed with Deloitte its independence;

evaluated and discussed Deloitte's internal quality control procedures and other matters, as required by the NYSE listing requirements; and

exercised oversight in other areas relating to the financial reporting and audit process that the Audit Committee determined appropriate, including the Company's compliance program, relating to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and the Company's risk assessment and risk management programs.

As previously reported, the Company identified material weaknesses in its internal control over financial reporting resulting in material errors that caused the Company to issue restated financial statements (collectively, the "Restatements"). The Audit Committee diligently fulfilled its duties and oversight responsibilities in connection with the Restatements and specifically, among other actions:

conducted an in-depth investigation of the underlying causes of accounting errors;



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performed a comprehensive review of the impact to the Company's financial statements due to the accounting errors;

reviewed and discussed with management, internal auditor, and the independent auditor results of the investigation, restated financial statements, and related periodic reports filed with the SEC;

discussed with management the processes they have undertaken to evaluate the accuracy and fair presentation of the Company's financial statements and the effectiveness of the Company's system of internal control over financial reporting;

reviewed and discussed with management, the internal auditor and the independent auditor management's assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting; and

reviewed the Company's risk management process and assessed the steps management is taking to control these risks.

Based on the Audit Committee's review of the audited financial statements and discussions with management and Deloitte as discussed above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that the audited financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, for filing with the SEC.

### **Audit Committee**

Craig P. Omtvedt, Chairman

Sallie B. Bailey

Patrick M. Prevost

The information above in the Report of our Audit Committee shall not be deemed to be soliciting material or to be filed with the SEC or subject to Regulation 14A or 14C or to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 (the Securities Act) or the Exchange Act, except to the extent that our Company specifically requests that the information be treated as soliciting material or specifically incorporates the information by reference.

### **REPORT OF OUR COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

The Compensation Committee assists our Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to executive performance, compensation, and the implementation and administration of the Company's incentive and equity-based compensation plans and programs, and director compensation. The responsibilities of the Compensation Committee are set forth in a written Charter adopted by the Board, which is available on our website at [www.generalcable.com](http://www.generalcable.com) via our Investors Relations page. Our Compensation Committee reviews its Charter annually.

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section appearing in this Proxy Statement with the Company's management. Based on its review and discussions with management, the Compensation Committee recommended to our Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in General Cable's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 and in this Proxy Statement, filed pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

### **Compensation Committee**

Robert L. Smialek, Chairman

Gregory E. Lawton

Craig P. Omtvedt



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All of our non-employee Directors are independent and none of our non-employee Directors, including the Directors who serve as members of our Compensation Committee and Governance Committee, are or have been an officer or employee of our Company or any of our subsidiaries. In addition, none of our non-employee Directors has or has had any relationships with our Company or any other entity that would require disclosure under Item 404 of Regulation S-K. During fiscal 2013, none of our executive officers have served on the compensation committee (or equivalent) or board of another entity whose executive officers served on our Board or any of its committees.

**Risk-Related Compensation Policies and Practices**

In connection with the annual compensation review by our management and Compensation Committee, management and the Compensation Committee evaluated our current compensation practices and philosophy to determine whether any of our compensation plans are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on our Company. Our Compensation Committee sought counsel from management, compensation experts, and legal counsel in making its risk determination. The evaluation process included a discussion of the Company's compensation philosophy and structure of our compensation plans, an analysis of the factors and processes used by our Compensation Committee in evaluating performance under each plan, and a review of our internal controls. Based on its evaluation, our Compensation Committee concluded that the risks arising out of our compensation plans for all employees were not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

**BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SHARES**

The following Table sets forth information, as of March 17, 2014, concerning the beneficial ownership of General Cable common stock by: (i) each Director and Director nominee; (ii) each current executive officer named in the Summary Compensation Table; and (iii) all current Directors and executive officers as a group. This information is based on data furnished by the named persons.

Name of Beneficial Owners <sup>(1)</sup>	Direct Ownership <sup>(2),</sup> (3), (4)	Indirect Ownership (5)	Percent of Class <sup>(6)</sup>
<b>Directors</b>			
Sallie B. Bailey	1,900	0	*
Gregory B. Kenny ( <i>President and Chief Executive Officer</i> )	942,495	419,902	2.79%
Gregory E. Lawton	19,500	27,411	*
Craig P. Omtvedt	30,667	11,061	*
Patrick M. Prevost	8,000	4,600	*
Robert L. Smialek	18,850	30,127	*
John E. Welsh, III ( <i>Chairman of the Board</i> )	59,800	91,671	*
<b>Other Named Executive Officers</b>			
Gregory J. Lampert	288,225	34,849	*
Brian J. Robinson	278,519	0	*
Emmanuel Sabonnadiere	152,162	0	*
Robert J. Siverd	241,234	92,567	*
All other executive officers as a group	42,210	0	*
<b>All Directors and Executive Officers, as a Group</b>	<b>2,083,562</b>	<b>712,188</b>	<b>5.73%</b>

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- (1) Beneficial ownership is determined under SEC rules and includes voting or investment power with respect to the shares. The beneficial owners listed above have sole investment and voting power for these shares.
- (2) Includes shares that could be acquired by the exercise of stock options granted under the General Cable Corporation 2005 Stock Incentive Plan ( Incentive Plan ) that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 17, 2014, as follows: 0 shares for Ms. Bailey; 733,179 shares for Mr. Kenny; 2,500 shares for Mr. Lawton; 9,167 shares for Mr. Omtvedt; 0 Shares for Mr. Prevost; 7,500 shares for Mr. Smialek; 15,000 shares for Mr. Welsh; 204,097 shares for Mr. Lampert; 199,528 shares for Mr. Robinson; 48,497 shares for Mr. Sabonnadiere; 170,716 shares for Mr. Siverd; and 1,390,184 shares for the group.
- (3) Includes unvested shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to our Incentive Plan as to which the beneficial owner has the right to vote and receive dividends, if any are paid, as follows: 0 shares for Ms. Bailey, 20,000 shares for Mr. Kenny; 6,000 shares for Mr. Lampert; 6,000 shares for Mr. Robinson; 4,395 shares for Mr. Siverd; and 36,395 shares for the group.
- (4) Includes unvested shares of restricted stock units granted pursuant to our Incentive Plan as to which the beneficial owner has the right to receive dividend equivalent rights, if any are paid, as follows: 1,900 shares for Ms. Bailey, 133,310 shares for Mr. Kenny; 8,000 shares for Mr. Lawton; 8,000 shares for Mr. Omtvedt; 8,000 shares for Mr. Prevost; 8,000 shares for Mr. Smialek; 13,950 shares for Mr. Welsh; 46,870 shares for Mr. Lampert; 65,870 shares for Mr. Robinson; 76,010 shares for Mr. Sabonnadiere; 33,290 shares for Mr. Siverd; and 444,410 shares for the group.
- (5) Indirect ownership includes shares: (a) owned by the director or executive officer in the General Cable Corporation Executive Deferred Compensation Plan; and (b) owned by the executive officer in the General Cable Corporation Retirement Savings Plan.
- (6) The percentages shown are calculated based on the total outstanding shares on the Record Date 48,783,151. The \* symbol means less than 1 percent.

**SIGNIFICANT STOCKHOLDERS**

The following Table sets forth information about each person known to General Cable to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of General Cable's common stock as of December 31, 2013. We obtained this information from records and statements filed with the SEC under Sections 13(d) and 13(g) of the Exchange Act.

Name and Business Address of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership <sup>(1)</sup>	
	Number	Percent of Class
Cadian Capital Management, LP <sup>(2)</sup> 535 Madison Avenue, 36 <sup>th</sup> Floor New York, New York 10022	4,841,152	9.76%
BlackRock, Inc. <sup>(3)</sup> 40 East 52 <sup>nd</sup> Street New York, NY 10022	4,307,766	8.60%
Dimensional Fund Advisors LP <sup>(4)</sup> Palisades West, Building One 6300 Bee Cave Road Austin, Texas 78746	3,615,177	7.27%
The Vanguard Group <sup>(5)</sup> 100 Vanguard Boulevard Malvern, Pennsylvania 19355	2,651,344	5.32%

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- (1) Beneficial ownership is determined under SEC rules and includes voting or investment power with respect to the shares.
- (2) These shares of General Cable common stock are beneficially owned by Cadian Capital Management, LP ( Cadian ). Of the shares listed, (i) Cadian Capital Management, LP has shared power to vote and shared dispositive power over 4,841,152 shares of General Cable common stock, (ii) Eric Bannasch has shared power to vote and shared dispositive power over 4,841,152 shares of General Cable common stock, and

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- (iii) Cadian Fund, LP has shared power to vote and shared dispositive power over 2,493,193 shares of General Cable common stock. Information relating to this reporting stockholder is based on the stockholder's Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on January 28, 2014.
- (3) These shares of General Cable common stock are beneficially owned by BlackRock, Inc. ( BlackRock ). Of the shares listed, BlackRock has sole power to vote 4,145,263 shares of General Cable common stock and sole dispositive power over 4,307,766 shares of General Cable common stock. Information relating to this reporting stockholder is based on the stockholder's Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 10, 2014.
- (4) These shares of General Cable common stock are beneficially owned by Dimensional Fund Advisors LP ( Dimensional ). Of the shares listed, Dimensional has sole power to vote 3,561,762 shares of General Cable common stock and sole dispositive power over 3,615,177 shares of General Cable common stock. Information relating to this reporting stockholder is based on the stockholder's Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 10, 2014.
- (5) These shares of General Cable common stock are beneficially owned by The Vanguard Group ( Vanguard ). Of the shares listed, Vanguard has sole power to vote 72,636 shares of General Cable common stock, sole dispositive power over 2,583,108 shares of General Cable common stock, and shared dispositive power over 68,236 shares of General Cable common stock. Information relating to this reporting stockholder is based on the stockholder's Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 11, 2014.

**DIRECTOR COMPENSATION**

Our Compensation Committee annually reviews and establishes the compensation of our non-employee Directors and makes a recommendation to our Board for final approval. Our Director compensation program is designed to compensate our non-employee Directors for their service to our Company and the level of responsibility they have assumed in today's corporate governance environment.

Our Board of Directors, in conjunction with our Compensation Committee, retains the services of our independent compensation consultant to review our non-employee Director compensation program in comparison with market data on a bi-annual basis. Our non-employee Director compensation program for 2013 is the same as our 2012 non-employee Director compensation program.

Our non-employee Director compensation program in 2013 included the following components:

An annual retainer of \$85,000;

An additional annual retainer for the Chairman of \$85,000;

Cash retainers for service as a Committee Chair as follows:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Annual Retainer</b>
	(\$) <sup>(1)</sup>
Chair of Audit Committee	15,000
Chair of Compensation Committee	10,000
Chair of Corporate Governance Committee	10,000

An annual award of RSUs with a grant date value of approximately \$175,000 for the Chairman and \$100,000 for our other non-employee Directors. These RSUs will vest at the end of three (3) years and our non-employee Directors will be entitled to receive one share of common stock for each RSU.

Non-employee Directors are reimbursed for related out-of-pocket expenses for attendance at Board and Committee meetings. In order to be eligible to receive the retainer, a Director must have attended at least 75 percent of the Board meetings in the prior year, unless attendance was excused by the Chairman.

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Our Directors are covered by our Stock Ownership Guidelines ( Guidelines ) adopted in March 2005 and amended by our Board on December 14, 2010. Under the approved Guidelines, non-employee Directors are required to obtain ownership of common stock equal to five (5) times the amount of the annual cash retainer paid to non-employee Directors for their service as Directors within five (5) years from the later of December 2005 or from their date of appointment. All non-employee Directors were in compliance with these Guidelines as of March 17, 2014.

Our non-employee Directors may also defer any portion of their annual retainers and RSU awards into the General Cable Corporation Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, which was adopted in 1996 (the DCP ). The DCP permits our non-employee Directors to elect to defer all or a portion of their annual retainers and restricted stock unit awards into the DCP on an annual basis before the beginning of each plan year. Deferrals must remain in the DCP until the Director retires or no longer serves on our Board. Cash retainers deferred and dividends paid on deferred shares of stock may be invested in any of the investment vehicles provided under the DCP. Deferred shares of stock representing Director fees may not be reinvested into other vehicles, but must remain in the DCP as whole shares and will be distributed as such in accord with distribution elections made by each participant. The DCP assets are held in a rabbi trust, and as such, are subject to the claims of general creditors of the Company. Operation of the DCP and distributions are also subject to Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code, which imposes procedural restrictions on the DCP and on any future changes in distribution elections.

**Director Compensation Table**

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Stock Awards (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Option Awards (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	Change in Pension Value and Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Sallie B. Bailey <sup>(3)</sup>	42,500	59,888	0	0	0	0	102,388
Gregory E. Lawton	95,000	121,258	0	0	0	0	216,258
Craig P. Omtvedt	100,000	121,258	0	0	0	0	221,258
Patrick M. Prevost	85,000	121,258	0	0	0	0	206,258
Robert L. Smialek	95,000	121,258	0	0	0	0	216,258
John E. Welsh, III	170,000	210,606	0	0	0	0	380,606

<sup>(1)</sup> Each non-employee Director received an annual retainer of \$85,000. The Chair of our Audit Committee received an additional annual retainer of \$15,000 and the Chairs of our Compensation Committee and Governance Committee received an additional annual retainer of \$10,000. In his capacity as Chairman of the Board, Mr. Welsh received an additional annual retainer of \$85,000 during 2013.

<sup>(2)</sup> Represents the grant date fair value of the RSUs granted to the non-employee Directors as determined under FASB ASC Topic 718 using assumptions set forth in the footnotes of the financial statements in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for calendar year 2013. Mr. Prevost deferred his 2013 RSU grant into our DCP.

<sup>(3)</sup> Ms. Bailey was appointed to serve as a director on July 30, 2013 and only received a portion of her annual retainer.

**Table of Contents****Director s Outstanding Equity Awards**

Our non-employee Directors have been previously granted equity awards in the form of stock options, restricted stock, and RSUs pursuant to our Incentive Plan. The following table presents the outstanding stock options, restricted stock, and RSUs held by each of our non-employee Directors as of December 31, 2013.

Name	OPTION AWARDS					STOCK AWARDS		
	Options Grant Date	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Shares and Units Grant Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#) <sup>(1)</sup>	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>
S. Bailey		0	0			7/31/2013	1,900	\$ 55,879
G. Lawton	2/14/2007	2,500	0	50.68	2/14/2017	2/9/2011 2/9/2012 2/26/2013	3,350 4,200 3,800	\$ 98,524 \$ 123,522 \$ 111,758
C. Omtvedt	8/3/2004	1,667	0	9.40	8/3/2014	2/9/2011	3,350	\$ 98,524
	1/26/2005	2,500	0	11.94	1/26/2015	2/9/2012	4,200	\$ 123,522
	2/7/2006	2,500	0	22.97	2/7/2016	2/26/2013	3,800	\$ 111,758
	2/14/2007	2,500	0	50.68	2/14/2017			
P. Prevost		0	0			2/9/2011 2/9/2012 2/26/2013	3,350 4,200 3,800	\$ 98,524 \$ 123,522 \$ 111,758
R. Smialek	1/26/2005	2,500	0	11.94	1/26/2015	2/9/2011	3,350	\$ 98,524
	2/7/2006	2,500	0	22.97	2/7/2016	2/9/2012	4,200	\$ 123,522
	2/14/2007	2,500	0	50.68	2/14/2017	2/26/2013	3,800	\$ 111,758
J. Welsh	1/26/2005	5,000	0	11.94	1/26/2015	2/9/2011	5,850	\$ 172,049
	2/7/2006	5,000	0	22.97	2/7/2016	2/9/2012	7,350	\$ 216,164
	2/14/2007	5,000	0	50.68	2/14/2017	2/26/2013	6,600	\$ 194,106

<sup>(1)</sup> The RSUs vest at the end of three (3) years and our non-employee Directors will be entitled to receive one share of common stock for each RSU.

<sup>(2)</sup> The market value of the RSUs is based on the closing price of General Cable common stock on December 31, 2013 of \$29.41.



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**EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION: COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

**Overview of our Executive Compensation Philosophy and Program**

At General Cable, our philosophy on executive compensation is that we must align the interests of our executive officers with those of our stockholders by incentivizing them to think and act strategically in order to achieve sustainable, long-term value. In setting annual compensation for our executive officers, our Compensation Committee considers the following implementation principles that are governed by our executive compensation philosophy:

Total compensation should be comprised of a mix between fixed salaries and variable opportunities and ensure both external competitiveness and internal equity;

Fixed compensation should be targeted at a market competitive rate using the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile (or median) of pay levels as a reference point for comparable positions at comparable companies in the market, including our comparator peer group;

Cash incentives should include both stretch targets that emphasize strong financial performance from operations and foundational goals designed to create and sustain long-term success of the business;

Variable compensation should be comprised of both cash and long-term equity incentives and provide opportunities for our executives to earn above market median rewards for outstanding performance; and

Actual compensation should be dependent upon many factors, including, but not limited, to the Company's financial results, the executive's level of responsibilities, growth potential, performance, tenure, and internal equity.

Our Compensation Committee regularly reviews our executive compensation program and market trends to ensure we are accomplishing the objectives of our executive compensation program. Annually, our Compensation Committee reviews and establishes target compensation levels for each of our executive officers as it deems appropriate in its sole discretion.

Each of our named executive officer's total compensation for 2013 is consistent with our compensation philosophy and, for reference, does not exceed the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile (or median) of pay levels of comparable positions at comparable companies in the market, including our comparator peer group.

**Table of Contents****Components of Our Total Compensation**

Consistent with our executive compensation philosophy, our executive compensation program includes both fixed and variable components. The fixed compensation components, which consist of base salary and benefits, are designed to attract and retain executive talent. The variable compensation components, which consist of an annual cash bonus opportunity and long-term equity incentives, depend upon both our Company's and the individual's performance, thus aligning the executive's interests with those of our stockholders. Individual compensation and the mix of base salary, annual cash bonus opportunity, and long-term incentive opportunities vary depending on the executive's level of responsibilities, growth potential, performance, tenure with the Company, and internal pay equity. However, the at-risk portion of total compensation generally increases as an executive's level of responsibilities increases. The main elements of the Company's 2013 executive officer compensation program are outlined in the table below.

	<b>Compensation Element <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Purpose</b>
<b>Annual Cash Compensation</b>	<i>Base Salary</i>	Represents pay for an individual's primary duties and responsibilities. Base salaries are reviewed annually and are established based on scope of responsibility, individual performance, potential, and competitiveness versus the relevant external market and the Company's operating performance.
	<i>Annual Incentives</i>	Provides a performance-based cash incentive opportunity. Rewards achievement of specific financial goals, including consolidated and business team results. The amount actually earned will vary relative to the targeted level based on our actual results.
<b>Long-Term, Equity-Based Compensation</b>	<i>Restricted Stock</i>	Provides awards under a plan designed to enhance executive stock ownership, as well as an incentive for retention and sustaining stockholder value. Value of awards is directly dependent on our stock price.
	<i>Units</i>	
	<i>Stock Options</i>	Provides awards under a plan that rewards participants if the value of our stock increases.
<b>Benefits and Retirement</b>	<i>Retirement Benefits and Deferred Compensation</i>	Provides benefits to our U.S.-based executive officers at retirement from our Company. Our core plan is a defined contribution retirement and savings plan, including a 401(k) employee contribution with matching Company contributions ( Retirement Plan ). The Retirement Plan is identical to the plan provided to U.S.-based non-executive employees.
		Our DCP permits U.S.-based participants to defer salary, incentive bonuses or stock awards until retirement. Within the DCP, we have a non-qualified supplemental or excess retirement plan ( BEP ), which provides benefits in excess of IRS limits under the Retirement Plan.
	<i>Welfare Plans and Other Benefits</i>	Provide for basic health care, life, and income security needs, including life, medical, dental, disability, and other employee welfare benefits, severance protection, fringe benefits, and limited perquisites.

<sup>(1)</sup> We believe these compensation elements are consistent with relevant competitive market practice and further our goal of attracting and retaining executive management.



**Table of Contents****Mix of Total Compensation**

Our 2013 executive compensation is substantially focused on variable compensation, which includes a bonus opportunity under our Annual Incentive Plan ( AIP ) and the economic value of stock options and RSUs granted under our 2005 Stock Incentive Plan ( Incentive Plan ). At least 56 percent of each of our named executive officer s target 2013 total compensation was awarded in long-term incentives, which we believe encourages our executive officers to think and act strategically to achieve our sustainable long-term objectives and create long-term stockholder value. The following table illustrates the value of each compensation element based on target total compensation for each of our named executive officer for 2013. The percentage of compensation is calculated by dividing (i) the value of the target compensation element by (ii) the amount of target total compensation.

Name and Title	Target/ Actual	Salary	AIP Bonus <sup>(1)</sup>	Long-Term Incentives <sup>(2)</sup>	Total Compensation
Gregory B. Kenny, President and Chief Executive Officer	Target	15%	21%	64%	100%
	Actual	19%	3%	78%	100%
Brian J. Robinson, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	Target	19%	20%	61%	100%
	Actual	23%	3%	74%	100%
Gregory J. Lampert, Executive Vice President, President and Chief Executive Officer, General Cable Americas	Target	19%	19%	62%	100%
	Actual	23%	3%	74%	100%
Emmanuel Sabonnadiere, Executive Vice President, President and Chief Executive Officer, General Cable Europe and Mediterranean	Target	20%	22%	58%	100%
	Actual	25%	4%	71%	100%
Robert J. Siverd, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	Target	23%	21%	56%	100%
	Actual	28%	3%	69%	100%

<sup>(1)</sup> Value represents the 2013 AIP target bonus for each of our named executive officers. Each named executive officer received an AIP bonus payout of 13.3 percent of the target. Due to the low payouts under the AIP, the percentage of salary and long-term incentives increased for each executive officer.

<sup>(2)</sup> The long-term incentive percentages are based on the grant date fair value of the total long-term incentives granted in 2013.

**Our Compensation Committee Process**

Our Compensation Committee reviews total target compensation levels annually. In preparation for the annual determination of each executive officer s total compensation, our Committee periodically meets to consider market trends, the competitiveness of our compensation program, and the performance of our executive officers individually and in relation to the Company s overall performance. In making its final total compensation determinations, our Compensation Committee applies a consistent approach for all of our executive officers.

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**Chief Executive Officer Compensation.** Our Chief Executive Officer's overall compensation is set by our Compensation Committee, in consultation with the Governance Committee, based on its assessment of our Chief Executive Officer's individual performance and our Company's overall performance, as well as the financial and operating performance of a comparator group and other relevant market data.

**Other Named Executive Officers.** Compensation for our other named executive officers is based on recommendations by our Chief Executive Officer and Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resource Officer to our Compensation Committee. Our Compensation Committee considers these recommendations based on each executive's individual responsibility, experience, and overall performance, including the attainment of their individual performance objectives and internal pay comparisons among our executive group.

None of our named executive officers, except our European based executive officer, Mr. Sabonnadiere, has an employment agreement. Mr. Sabonnadiere's employment agreement includes the essential terms required by French law and provides for change in control and other severance benefits that are, to the extent legally permissible, closely aligned with our Executive Officer Severance Benefit Plan for U.S.-based executive officers, which was adopted in December 2007 ( "Severance Plan" ) and is discussed under "Change in Control and Other Post-Employment Payments and Benefits" on page 47.

## **Role of Our Compensation Consultant**

To assist our Compensation Committee in discharging its responsibilities with regard to our executive compensation program for 2013, our Compensation Committee retained Compensation Strategies, an outside compensation consultant. Compensation Strategies was engaged by and reported directly to our Compensation Committee and provided independent counsel on executive compensation matters. Our Compensation Committee regularly evaluated Compensation Strategies' performance and determined that it was independent and that no conflicts of interest existed.

For our 2013 executive compensation program, Compensation Strategies, at our Compensation Committee's direction:

presented current trend information, such as market practices for each compensation component (*i.e.*, salary increases, structure and use of long-term incentives, prevalence of certain equity incentive vehicles, stock ownership guidelines, etc.), regulatory changes, accounting and tax changes, the economic and political climate, and other relevant topics for the current year;

developed information and guidance concerning best practices in the retention and motivation of employees related to all aspects of executive compensation;

reviewed the comparator peer group with our Compensation Committee, Chief Executive Officer, and Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resource Officer to determine if any updates were appropriate for 2013;

discussed individual tally sheets for each executive officer that detailed annual pay, both target and actual bonus amounts, and prospective wealth under various performance and economic assumptions; and

provided an analysis of market and peer group data regarding base pay, bonus opportunity targets, long-term incentive grants, the mix and weighting of various forms of compensation, and the competitiveness of current compensation for our named executive officers.

## **Competitive Market Pay Information**

Our Compensation Committee reviews comparative analysis prepared by our compensation consultant as well as survey data and trend information for each of our named executive officers. While the Compensation



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Committee reviews a full comparative analysis from our compensation consultant for our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer on an annual basis, our Compensation Committee has not historically had a full comparative analysis completed for our other executive officers on an annual basis. In the years where our Compensation Committee does not have a full comparative analysis completed for our other executive officers, it reviews survey data and current compensation trend information that it and our compensation consultant deems relevant. In addition, our compensation consultant, at the Compensation Committee's request, provides an annual review of long-term incentive award trends as a reference point for setting long-term incentive awards for each executive officer. In determining 2013 compensation, our Compensation Committee requested and reviewed a full comparative analysis for all of our executive officers.

The primary reference points for the determination of pay practices are the compensation levels (base salary and short-term and long-term incentives) for companies with revenues, market capitalization, rates of return (total stockholder return and return on invested capital), and business activities that are generally consistent with our Company in manufacturing, durable goods, and other relevant sectors. We believe that pay levels should reflect the complexity and size of our business, our employee headcount and market capitalization, and that revenues and rates of return are good surrogates for these factors. In this regard, our Compensation Committee relies, for general information purposes, on compensation data prepared by our compensation consultant, which summarizes external market practices. The data is derived from pay surveys available to our compensation consultant and our Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resource Officer.

In 2013, our Compensation Committee reviewed survey data for the following twenty (20) companies:

AK Steel Holding Corporation	Cooper Industries plc	Mueller Industries, Inc.
Allegheny Technologies Incorporated	Corning Incorporated	Thomas & Betts Corporation
Amphenol Corporation	Dover Corporation	The Timken Company
Anixter International Inc.	Eaton Corporation	Vishay Intertechnology, Inc.
Ball Corporation	Hubbell Incorporated	WESCO International, Inc.
Belden Inc.	ITT Corporation	Worthington Industries, Inc.
Carlisle Companies Incorporated	Molex Incorporated	

Our Compensation Committee selected this comparator group after considering the revenues, market capitalization, and industry of each company as well as the recommendations of Compensation Strategies. The 2013 comparator group is the same as the 2012 comparator group. In setting 2013 compensation, our Compensation Committee evaluated our comparator group and determined that the current comparator group continued to be a relevant comparison tool. Information from this comparator group is used to validate data from other surveys and as a frame of reference for decision making. However, it is not the sole benchmark used to set compensation for our executive officers. Target total compensation of our executive officers, including our Chief Executive Officer, is determined after reviewing the executive's performance, long-term potential, responsibilities, and experience within the context of the market data. In addition to these factors, the Company also considers internal comparisons of pay within the executive group.

In addition to reviewing broad-based data and information from a comparator group, our Compensation Committee also reviews executive pay tally sheets. The tally sheets contain information showing the executive officers' annual pay, both target and actual bonus amounts, and prospective wealth under various performance and economic assumptions. Data from the tally sheets are considered as a guide by the Compensation Committee when establishing pay levels and opportunities.

**Annual Cash Compensation**

**Base Salary.** Base salaries are an important element of compensation and provide our executive officers with a base level of income. In determining base pay, our Compensation Committee considers the executive's responsibilities, growth potential, individual performance against predetermined objectives, base salary





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competitiveness, as compared to the external market, and our Company's operating performance. From 2009 through 2012, the Compensation Committee only made a salary adjustment in 2011, even though our executive officers' performance, Company performance, and the results of the external market review supported salary increases. Our Compensation Committee made this determination in 2009, 2010, and 2012 because it believed that salary increases for executive officers were not appropriate in the context of a global economic recession that impacted our business. In January 2013, the Compensation Committee authorized an increase in Mr. Lampert's salary due to his promotion to Executive Vice President, President and Chief Executive Officer, Americas, which expanded his management responsibilities to include both the Company's North American and Latin American businesses. In May 2013, the Compensation Committee authorized an increase in Mr. Robinson's salary due to his strong leadership of the Company's global finance organization and to align his salary with the market median for a chief financial officer.

The 2013 approved annual salaries for our named executive officers:

Name	2013 Base Salary (1)	Salary Changes
G. Kenny	\$ 900,000	No increase since 2011
B. Robinson (2)	\$ 480,000	Increase in May 2013
G. Lampert (3)	\$ 450,000	Increase in January 2013
E. Sabonnadiere (4)	260,000	Voluntarily decreased in 2012 and 2013
R. Siverd	\$ 390,000	No increase since 2011

(1) The 2013 base salaries for each of our named executive officers are consistent with our compensation philosophy and do not exceed the median base salary of the comparator pay data for each position.

(2) Due to Mr. Lampert's increase becoming effective in January, his actual 2013 salary was \$442,692.

(3) Due to Mr. Robinson's increase becoming effective in May, his actual 2013 salary was \$440,019.

(4) Mr. Sabonnadiere's base salary for 2013 was 260,000. However, in 2012, Mr. Sabonnadiere voluntarily requested a temporary decrease in both his 2012 and 2013 base salary, as well as a decrease in his vacation days for those years, to exhibit his commitment to reducing expenses in our European and Mediterranean Region, consistent with salary decreases imposed on our Spanish employees. The overall reduction in Mr. Sabonnadiere's base salary of 10,751, as well as vacation days, results in a total decrease of 10 percent in 2013. Our Compensation Committee accepted his temporary decrease at the recommendation of our Chief Executive Officer.

**Annual Incentives.** Annual AIP cash bonuses are intended to reward individual performance during the year and, therefore, can be highly variable from year to year. At the outset of the year, our Compensation Committee approves a target incentive award for each executive officer and Company performance targets for the year. At this time, individual performance objectives also are set for each of the executive officers with the input from our Chief Executive Officer. At the end of the fiscal year, our Compensation Committee measures actual performance against the predetermined Company performance targets, reviews individual performance, and determines whether negative adjustments are appropriate.

After careful consideration, the Compensation Committee approved and implemented an umbrella plan in connection with our annual AIP cash bonuses at the recommendation of Compensation Strategies. The umbrella structure provides a ceiling on the maximum bonus amount that any executive officer may receive, and the actual bonus paid to each executive officer, below the ceiling, will be guided by the achievement of the established secondary financial and individual performance goals. The Compensation Committee determined that given the cyclical nature of the Company's business and unusual non-recurring charges, an umbrella plan would give it a certain level of flexibility while providing objective performance goals that are intended to allow deductibility under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code. The 2013 umbrella plan established an initial performance goal of one dollar of operating income, which establishes a maximum bonus that may be provided to each executive officer under the AIP. Then under the AIP, a secondary set of goals are established consisting of threshold, target and maximum financial performance goals and individual strategic goals.

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The secondary performance goals for each of our named executive officers included the attainment of earnings per share ( EPS ) and working capital efficiency ( WCE ) and individual performance goals. The EPS performance is measured principally under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles exclusive of extraordinary gains and losses, nonrecurring charges, and any mark to market accounting adjustments on commodity and foreign currency financial derivatives related to large multi-year projects. The WCE performance is measured as a thirteen (13) point average of receivables, inventories and pre-paid assets less accounts payable and accrued liabilities divided by full year revenues. In evaluating the use of the WCE goal in 2011, our Compensation Committee determined that the WCE goal provided a comprehensive method to evaluate our working capital management, rather than focusing on individual components of working capital management metrics.

In setting the 2013 goals, our Compensation Committee consulted with its compensation consultant, our Chief Executive Officer, and our Chief Financial Officer and determined that operating income, EPS, and WCE were the appropriate financial metrics by which to measure our named executive officers' performance. If the operating income performance goal is met, EPS amounts to 80 percent and WCE amounts to 20 percent of the financial goals, respectively. The weightings of the EPS and WCE metrics were changed from 70 percent and 30 percent, respectively in 2011, to 80 percent and 20 percent, respectively in 2012, and payouts for threshold and fair performance were increased to 50 percent and 75 percent, respectively, in 2012, from 25 percent and 50 percent, respectively, in 2011, to better align the AIP with market norms and in acknowledgement that our Company's Business Plan was approved with aggressive target levels. The 2013 EPS and WCE metrics and weighting were the same as 2012.

The 2013 target level was set at a level which accounted for the current economic conditions in the Company's three (3) operating regions, the high level of volatility of raw materials which the Company anticipated would affect our operations in 2013, and the incorporation of the Company's 2012 acquired entities into its financial results. Overall, the 2013 target EPS of \$2.25 represents a targeted improvement of 19 percent over 2012 adjusted results. The target WCE of 19.6 percent represents a targeted improvement of 40 basis points or approximately \$25 million versus 2012 working capital levels including acquisitions. The AIP had a cap in 2013 of 200 percent of target as a maximum award level for executive officers. Under the AIP goals, no bonuses would be paid to our named executive officers under the AIP unless the Company's earned income was positive. 2013 AIP performance targets and payouts are set forth in the following table.

Performance Level	Actual Level% of Goal Achieved		% of Target Payout
	EPS: 80% Weighting	WCE: 20% Weighting	
Maximum	\$2.92/130%	18.7%/105.0%	200%
Excellent	\$2.70/120%	19.3%/102.0%	150%
Target <sup>(1)</sup>	\$2.25/100%	19.6%/100.0%	100%
Fair	\$2.09/93%	19.9%/99.0%	75%
Threshold	\$1.94/86%	20.2%/97.0%	50%
< Threshold	< \$1.94/86%	> 20.2%/97.0%	0%

<sup>(1)</sup> Target EPS of \$2.25 represents a 19% improvement over the 2012 AIP EPS of \$1.89. Performance levels on the working capital component provided a reasonable level of stretch and improvement over 2012.

The individual performance goals for each of our named executive officers were established by our Compensation Committee with input from the Chief Executive Officer for the other executive officers to provide evaluation criteria for each of their overall 2013 performance. These individual performance goals serve as additional criteria to the global EPS and WCE financial metrics discussed above in measuring individual performance. Each of our named executive officers had individual goals associated with their specific function or

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regional group related to (i) growing our wire and cable business; (ii) driving a global *One Company* culture; (iii) improving safety performance (not applicable for our EVP, General Counsel); and (iv) developing talent globally. Messrs. Kenny and Robinson also had goals focused on enhancing the Company's internal control environment. Messrs. Lampert and Sabonnadiere also had financial goals related to their respective regions' 2013 operating income, return on capital employed, and working capital efficiency.

Award levels at target under the AIP generally reflect the median of the competitive market (including the comparator group of companies listed earlier) with the opportunity to earn more or less depending on actual financial performance of the Company and individual performance. Target AIP levels for our named executive officers in 2013 were as follows:

Name	Target AIP Level
G. Kenny	\$ 1,250,000
B. Robinson	\$ 460,000
G. Lampert	\$ 450,000
E. Sabonnadiere <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 362,400
R. Siverd	\$ 360,000

<sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Sabonnadiere's target bonus was 265,000 and has been converted into U.S. dollars in this table.

The umbrella plan's operating income performance goal was achieved at the maximum amount for 2013. The Compensation Committee reviewed the achievement of the secondary financial goals of EPS and WCE and individual performance goals to determine the level of negative discretion to exercise with regards to payouts under the AIP. EPS was below expectations and did not achieve the threshold performance level for 2013. Under the WCE performance goal, the Company achieved 20 percent which was in between threshold and fair performance and resulted in achievement of 13.3 percent of the target payout of the secondary financial goals. Our Compensation Committee, with input from our Chief Executive Officer on the other named executive officers, evaluated the 2013 performance of our named executive officers in relation to their established individual performance goals. Beyond evaluating the individual performance goals, our Compensation Committee considered the overall performance of our Company and our executive officers as a group in light of the economic and financial conditions affecting our global wire and cable business as well as the restatement of our financial statements. Our Compensation Committee concluded that our named executive officers, both individually and as a group, were performing at the high level required to fulfill our Company's overall short and long-term strategic goals. However, the Compensation Committee decided to exercise negative discretion under the umbrella plan and determined that the amount paid to each executive should only be based on the percentage achievement of the WCE goal. The payouts for each of our named executive officers for 2013 were as follows:

Name	Actual AIP Payout
G. Kenny	\$ 166,250
B. Robinson	\$ 61,180
G. Lampert	\$ 59,850
E. Sabonnadiere <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 46,550
R. Siverd	\$ 47,880

<sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Sabonnadiere's bonus was paid in Euros ( 35,245) but has been converted using the December 31, 2013 exchange rate of \$1.38.

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### **Long-Term Equity Incentives**

Long-term incentive awards are granted to our executive officers under our Incentive Plan approved by our stockholders in 2005 and 2010. Long-term equity incentive grant date values for total equity awards are based on a review of current market practices provided to our Compensation Committee by our compensation consultant and our Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resource Officer. The actual grant for each executive officer is determined by our Compensation Committee taking into consideration our Company's performance in the past year and the contributions made by our executive officers as a whole, within the context of market practices. The individual performance goals used in determining AIP performance are also taken into account for purposes of making long-term equity incentive awards. Grants of stock options, RSUs and other stock awards for executive officers generally are approved on an annual basis on the date of the first previously scheduled meeting of the Compensation Committee. Such grants have historically been made effective on the day after the date of the earnings release to ensure that award values reflect all material information about our Company. Due to the grant process, the targeted economic value for the equity awards for 2013 is based on an average twenty day stock price as of the date of our Compensation Committee meeting, which is approximately one week in advance of the grant date. Awards also may be granted at the time of a special event, such as upon employment or a significant promotion. Option exercise prices are computed based on the fair market value of our common stock on the date of grant.

Each year, our Compensation Committee, with input from our compensation consultant, reviews the relative equity incentive mix for our executive officers and makes a final determination. Our Compensation Committee determined that the mix of the grant date value in equity incentive should be comprised of 75 percent stock options and 25 percent restricted stock units. Our Compensation Committee considered the primary purpose of stock options, which is the alignment of our executive officers and stockholders' interests, and restricted stock units, which is the retention of executive officers, to determine the appropriate mix of equity incentives for our Company based on our needs and compensation philosophy. Our Compensation Committee believes that providing combined grants of stock options and RSUs creates a better balance between risk and reward for its U.S.-based executive officers than either type of equity incentive can achieve alone. Consistent with the structure of our equity incentive awards in 2012, our U.S.-based named executive officer awards for 2013 were structured to provide 75 percent of the grant date value in the form of stock options and 25 percent of the grant date value in the form of RSUs.

In March 2013, our U.S.-based named executive officers received non-qualified stock option grants and awards of RSUs. Mr. Sabonnadiere received his entire long-term incentive award as RSUs for tax efficiency reasons in Europe. The stock option grants have the following characteristics: (i) an exercise price equal to the market value of General Cable stock on the date of grant; (ii) a three-year vesting period; (iii) a term of ten years from the date of grant; and (iv) a retirement provision that provides for a continued exercise period for stock options granted in 2013 upon retirement for the earlier of (a) three (3) years from the date of retirement or (b) the original expiration date. The 2013 grants of RSUs to our U.S.-based named executive officers vest five years from the date of grant if the performance condition of \$1.00 of cumulative earnings per share over the vesting period is achieved and include prorated vesting upon retirement. The RSUs granted to Mr. Sabonnadiere in 2013 have the same performance condition as the U.S.-based named executive officers and cliff vest three (3) years after the date of the grant with a two (2) year holding period. The grant date fair value of these stock option grants and RSU awards (under FASB ASC Topic 718) is shown in the Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards During Fiscal 2013 Table.

On July 30, 2013, at a joint meeting of the Board of Directors and the Compensation Committee, the Compensation Committee approved amendments to the restricted stock unit award agreement to provide dividend equivalent rights during the vesting period for restricted stock units. The dividend equivalent rights will be accrued as cash dividends and will be subject to the same vesting and forfeiture provision as the restricted stock units. The payment of dividend equivalent rights became effective for restricted stock units granted beginning on January 1, 2014.

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### **Compensation Recoupment Policy**

In December 2011, our Board of Directors adopted an incentive compensation recoupment policy ( Clawback Policy ) that allows us to recover incentive-based compensation from our executive officers in the event we are required to prepare an accounting restatement due to our material noncompliance with any financial reporting requirement under the securities laws or from executive officers or key employees if the individual materially violates our Code of Ethics. Upon the restatement of our financial statements due to material noncompliance, our Board of Directors may, to the fullest extent permitted by law, require each current and former executive officer to reimburse the Company for any amount paid within the last thirty-six (36) months in excess of the amounts that would have been paid under our restated financial statements. In the event of a material violation of our Code of Ethics by an executive officer or key employee, our Board of Directors can recover any incentive-based compensation paid to such individual within the last twelve (12) months. Our Board of Directors has the sole discretion to determine the form and timing of the recovery, which may include repayment and an adjustment to future incentive-based compensation payouts or grants. The remedies under our Clawback Policy are in addition to, and not in lieu of, any legal and equitable claims we may have or any actions imposed by law enforcement agencies, regulators or other authorities. Our Clawback Policy was effective and applies to all incentive-based compensation payouts or grants, including grants, awards or amounts paid under the AIP or Incentive Plan, after January 1, 2012.

In March 2013 at a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, our Board, at the recommendation of our Compensation Committee, determined to seek recoupment, under our Clawback Policy, of the 2011 AIP bonus award paid to Mr. Sandoval, our former Executive Vice President, and President and Chief Executive Officer, General Cable Rest of World, in February 2012 for the 2011 performance year. Mr. Sandoval resigned on November 13, 2012 in connection with the internal investigation of certain accounting matters, which were the subject of the Restatement. The determination to pursue recoupment of Mr. Sandoval's 2011 AIP bonus and the subsequent action were taken after careful consideration of the results of the internal investigation of certain accounting matters in Brazil and the resulting Restatement. As a result of his resignation, Mr. Sandoval forfeited all of his unvested RSUs and stock options.

At the same Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, our Board, at the recommendation of our Compensation Committee, determined not to recoup incentive compensation paid or granted to our named executive officers based on the internal investigation and facts surrounding the Restatement. Our Compensation Committee did exercise negative discretion in regard to the 2012 AIP awards for Messrs. Kenny and Robinson that were paid in 2013.

### **Accounting Considerations**

The accounting standards applicable to the various forms of long-term incentive plans under Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 718 (formerly FASB Statement 123R) is one factor that the Compensation Committee and the Company consider in the design of its long-term equity incentive programs. The Compensation Committee and the Company monitor FASB ASC Topic 718 expense to ensure that it is reasonable, but expense will not be the most important factor in making decisions about our long-term incentive plans.

### **Deductibility of Executive Compensation**

Our Compensation Committee takes into account the estimated accounting (pro forma expense) and the tax impact of all material changes to our executive compensation program and discusses such matters periodically during the year. Generally, an accounting expense is accrued over the relevant service period for the particular pay element (generally equal to the performance period) and the Company realizes a tax deduction upon the payment to the executive officer. Our Compensation Committee has been advised that, based on current interpretations, equity incentives awarded under the Incentive Plan and granted in 2011, 2012, and 2013 which

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vest based on continued employment with our Company and the achievement of a pre-determined performance metric, should satisfy the requirements for performance-based compensation under Internal Revenue Code Section 162(m). Our Compensation Committee has also been advised that restricted stock awards granted prior to February 2009, which vest based on continued employment with the Company, do not qualify as performance-based compensation, and so may not be tax deductible under Code Section 162(m). In general, our policy is to optimize the tax deductibility of executive compensation so long as deductibility is consistent with more important objectives (as determined by the Compensation Committee, in the exercise of its business judgment) of maintaining competitive, motivational performance-based compensation that is aligned with stockholder interests and retaining executive officers.

### **Retirement Plans and Other Company Benefits**

Our U.S.-based named executive officers participate in the full range and scope of retirement and welfare and other plans as all other U.S.-based employees of General Cable do, except as noted below. In this area, as in other aspects of our compensation program, we target these types of benefits to be competitive within the relevant market identified.

**Retirement Benefits.** General Cable and our subsidiaries sponsor Retirement and Savings Plans ( Retirement Plans ) for salaried and hourly employees in the United States. The Plans are tax-qualified, defined contribution plans under which fixed contributions are made for the account of each participating employee each year. For salaried employees, under the retirement component, a contribution of four percent of eligible compensation is made, and under the savings or 401(k) component, a matching contribution is made in the amount of two percent of eligible compensation so long as the employee has contributed at least four percent of compensation through our payroll deduction program. The federal statutory limit for eligible compensation in 2013 was \$255,000. These contribution and matching percentages are intended to reflect competitive market terms and conditions for plans of this type. Participating employees may direct the investment of Company and individual contributions into one or more of the investment options offered by the Retirement Plans.

General Cable and our subsidiaries also maintain the DCP, which permits deferral of salary, incentive bonuses, and stock awards by U.S.-based participants, including our U.S.-based named executive officers. We offer the DCP because it allows us to have a more competitive benefits program. In 2007, we combined this plan with the BEP and our former Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan ( SERP ). The BEP is designed to make up benefits on certain wages, which are not eligible for Company matching or retirement contributions because of Internal Revenue Service limits on inclusion of these amounts in our Retirement Plans. The BEP has investment options and vesting requirements similar to the Retirement Plan. The SERP was adopted in 2000 in which a limited number of key managers, including certain of our named executive officers, participated. In 2007, benefit accruals under the SERP were frozen and converted to an account balance plan subject to vesting to better align our total retirement related benefits with the objectives of these plans and their costs. The value of accounts of our eligible named executive officers from the SERP is included in the DCP. Participants may receive their vested benefits under the Retirement Plans and the DCP on termination or retirement.

Messrs. Kenny and Siverd are participants in the Retirement Income Guarantee Plan ( RIGP ) established by General Cable's predecessor. RIGP benefits are principally funded under the General Cable Master Pension Plan, a qualified defined benefit plan. Benefit accruals under the RIGP were frozen in 1993. Under the RIGP, a target benefit is calculated using pay and service through 1993 and adjusted for certain defined contribution account balances. In prior years, these defined contribution accounts provided projected balances in excess of the target benefit for Messrs. Kenny and Siverd, the only executive officers eligible for this benefit. Because of investment performance in the value of the offset accounts in 2013, Mr. Kenny is not currently projected to receive a benefit under the RIGP. Mr. Siverd is projected to be entitled to a qualified benefit of approximately \$46,000 from the RIGP as well as a non-qualified RIGP payment of \$80,000 upon reaching his normal retirement date. The amount of the RIGP benefit will fluctuate from year to year based on the value of the offsetting accounts and will depend on Messrs. Kenny and Siverd's respective actual retirement date.

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Mr. Sabonnadiere, a French national based in Spain, is not eligible to participate in the Retirement Plans or the DCP. Under French law, Mr. Sabonnadiere receives statutory retirement and medical benefits.

**Other Benefits.** We believe that our employee benefit plans, including retirement plans, deferred compensation, perquisites and welfare plans, are of the type commonly offered by other employers. These benefits form part of our compensation philosophy and we continue to offer them because we believe they are necessary in order to attract, motivate, and retain talented executive officers.

**Severance and Change-in-Control Arrangements**

None of our named executive officers have an employment agreement or a change in control agreement other than Mr. Sabonnadiere. Mr. Sabonnadiere's employment agreement includes the essential terms required by French law and provides for change in control and other severance benefits that are, to the extent legally permissible, closely aligned with our Executive Officer Severance Benefit Plan. Our U.S. based named executive officers may be eligible for post-employment payments and benefits in certain circumstances upon termination or a change in control of the Company. These post-employment payments and benefits arise under the Severance Plan and the Incentive Plan and its predecessor plans. These potential severance benefits are discussed under Change in Control and Other Post-Employment Payments and Benefits beginning at page 47.

**Stock Ownership Guidelines**

Consistent with our executive compensation philosophy and the principle of aligning executive and stockholder interests, we require our executive officers to maintain minimum ownership levels of General Cable common stock. The following Stock Ownership Guidelines were established by our Board in 2005 and amended in December 2010.

<b>Executive</b>	<b>Ownership Multiple of Base Salary</b>
Chief Executive Officer	6 times
Chief Financial Officer	3 times
Executive Vice Presidents	3 times

Shares that are counted for purposes of satisfying ownership requirements are shares directly owned, grants and awards under incentive plans, and shares held in the DCP and Retirement Plans. All of our executive officers must comply with these ownership requirements by the later of a five-year period starting from December 2005 or their appointment as an executive officer.

The foregoing stock ownership requirements are measured annually on the last day of the calendar year unless our Board determines otherwise. For purposes of the measurement, the individual's stock ownership shall be valued based on the average daily close price of our common stock during the prior thirty-six (36) full calendar months. All executive officers were in compliance with these Guidelines as of March 17, 2014.

**2013 Say on Pay Vote**

Consistent with our pay for performance culture, our Compensation Committee annually reviews our executive compensation program to ensure it addresses our human resource needs and reflects our corporate culture, which includes our values and the way we operate our business. As part of our annual review, our Compensation Committee also considered the voting results on our executive compensation proposal at our Annual Meeting of Stockholders held in May 2013. Our stockholders affirmed their support of our executive compensation program in 2013 by casting 97.3 percent of the votes in favor of our named executive officer's compensation. The approval of our named executive officer's compensation by our stockholders reflects the continued support for our executive compensation program and related compensation decisions. Our

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Compensation Committee has considered and intends to continue considering the voting results on future executive compensation programs as it makes future executive compensation decisions.

### **Changes in 2014 Executive Compensation**

As part of the Company's corporate governance practices, the Compensation Committee determined that it was appropriate to conduct a request for proposals to select an independent compensation consultant to advise on the structure and administration of the Company's executive compensation programs as well as trends and market data. Following a comprehensive review, the Compensation Committee approved the appointment of Hay Group as its independent compensation consultant for 2014. As part of Hay Group's appointment, the Compensation Committee requested a comprehensive review of the Company's executive compensation program. For 2014, the Compensation Committee approved the following changes to our executive compensation program (i) umbrella trigger for the AIP based on EBITDA performance; (ii) secondary financial performance metrics for the AIP based on EBITDA and cash conversion cycles in days; (iii) different performance weightings for corporate and operating executives; (iv) the use of both performance stock units (PSUs) and RSUs; and (v) an even mix of PSUs and RSUs. Our Compensation Committee made these changes as it believes they are consistent with our compensation philosophy, pay for performance environment and market trends.

### **Changes in 2014 Executive Officers**

On February 18, 2014, Robert J. Siverd announced his intention to retire from his role as Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of General Cable Corporation upon the successful completion of an executive search, which is expected to be completed in the second half of 2014.

On March 20, 2014, the Company announced that Emmanuel Sabonnadiere, Executive Vice President, President and Chief Executive Officer, Europe & Mediterranean, will transition from his current position for a period of up to six months. The Company has launched a formal search for a successor to Mr. Sabonnadiere. During the transition period, Mr. Sabonnadiere will facilitate an orderly transfer of his duties while continuing in his current position. After the transition period, it is contemplated that Mr. Sabonnadiere will continue to represent the Company as Chairman of the Board of its majority-owned, Algerian joint venture as well as assist the Company in technology, strategy, and customer development.

### **Forward Looking Statements**

The information discussed in our Compensation Discussion and Analysis contains statements regarding future individual and Company performance measures, targets, and other goals. These goals are disclosed in the limited context of our Company's executive compensation program and should not be understood to be statements of management's expectations or estimates of results or other guidance. We specifically caution investors not to apply these statements to other contexts.



**Table of Contents****EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION: COMPENSATION TABLES****Summary Compensation Table**

The following table presents compensation paid to or earned by each of our named executive officers for the fiscal years ended 2013, 2012 and 2011. Our named executive officers are members of our executive management team who are required to be disclosed due to their overall compensation or position in our Company.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Bonus (\$)	Awards (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Awards (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	Compensation (\$) <sup>(4)</sup>	Change in Pension Value and Non- Non-Equity Incentive	Qualified Deferred All	Total (\$)
							Compensation	Earnings	
Gregory B. Kenny President and Chief Executive Officer	2013	900,000							
	2012	900,000	0	845,760	2,942,007	166,250	0	112,106	4,966,123
	2011	891,346	0	728,790	2,627,543	568,400	0	143,026	4,959,105
Brian J. Robinson Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2013	440,019	0	317,160	1,117,218	61,180	0	42,391	1,977,968
	2012	375,000	0	260,000	855,409	135,000	0	47,715	1,673,124
	2011	368,077	0	1,028,880	723,177	159,250	0	53,598	2,332,982
Gregory J. Lampert Executive Vice President, President and Chief Executive Officer, General Cable Americas	2013	442,692	0	317,160	1,117,218	59,850	0	53,700	1,990,620
	2012	355,000	0	260,000	855,409	180,000	0	47,660	1,698,069
	2011	350,384	0	214,350	723,177	159,250	0	52,741	1,499,902
Emmanuel Sabonnadiere Executive Vice President, President and Chief Executive Officer, General Cable Europe & Mediterranean	2013	331,931	0	951,480	0	48,676	0	57,601	1,389,688
	2012	328,339	0	1,007,500	0	174,900	0	75,649	1,586,388
	2011	363,532	0	0	0	168,182	0	6,488	538,202
Robert J. Siverd Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	2013	390,000	0	211,440	763,432	47,880	0	67,582	1,480,334
	2012	390,000	0	227,500	746,208	180,000	0	62,311	1,606,019
	2011	388,835	0	171,480	554,436	159,250	0	64,881	1,338,882

(1) Our Compensation Committee authorized a salary increase for (i) Mr. Lampert in recognition of his expanded role leading the Americas in January 2013 and (ii) Mr. Robinson in recognition of his strong leadership of the Company's global financial organization and to align his salary with the market median for a chief financial officer in May 2013. None of our other named executive officers received a base salary

increase for 2013. Mr. Sabonnadiere voluntarily requested and our Compensation Committee approved a temporary pay decrease for the years 2012 and 2013 as he requested, to exhibit his commitment to reducing expenses in our Europe and Mediterranean Region.

- (2) On March 18, 2013, our Compensation Committee granted Messrs. Kenny, Robinson, Lampert, Sabonnadiere and Siverd 24,000, 9,000, 9,000, 27,000, and 6,000 RSUs, respectively. The RSUs granted to the U.S.-based executive officers during 2013 cliff vest five (5) years after the date of grant provided the performance condition of \$1.00 of cumulative net income over the vesting period is achieved. The RSUs granted to Mr. Sabonnadiere in 2013 have the same performance condition as the U.S.-based executives and cliff vest three (3) years after the date of the grant with a two (2) year holding period. The values represents the grant date fair value of the restricted common stock or RSU grants shown in the Table under FASB ASC Topic 718 using assumptions set forth in the footnotes to the financial statements in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for 2013.
- (3) On March 18, 2013, our Compensation Committee granted Messrs. Kenny, Robinson, Lampert and Siverd 158,000, 60,000, 60,000, and 41,000 stock options, respectively. These options vest and become exercisable ratably three (3) years from the date of grant. The values represent the grant date fair value of the common stock option grants shown in the Table under FASB ASC Topic 718 using assumptions set forth in the footnotes to the financial statements in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for 2013.

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- (4) Represents awards paid under our AIP after the fiscal year with respect to that fiscal year's performance. Mr. Sabonnadiere's bonus was paid in Euros (35,245) but has been converted using an exchange rate of \$1.32.
- (5) Perquisites and other personal benefits in 2013 included the following:

Name	Contributions to the Retirement and Savings and Excess Benefit Plans (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Perquisites (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>
G. Kenny	72,750	39,356
B. Robinson	26,401	15,990
G. Lampert	37,362	16,338
E. Sabonnadiere	0	57,601
R. Siverd	34,200	33,382

- (1) Represents contributions to our U.S.-based named executive officers under our Retirement Savings and Excess Benefits Plans. For further discussion of these contributions, see the Compensation Discussion & Analysis - Retirement Benefits on page 39. Mr. Sabonnadiere does not receive benefits under these plans as he receives statutory retirement benefits pursuant to French law, which are provided to all of our French employees. We are unable to calculate the value of such statutory benefits for Mr. Sabonnadiere.
- (2) Each of our U.S.-based named executive officers receives a fixed payment perquisite in the amount noted as well as a small amount of imputed income for Company provided life insurance. These benefits do not receive tax gross ups. Mr. Sabonnadiere has a Company vehicle, as is consistent with the competitive market in Europe, the use of which is valued at \$14,506. He also received certain relocation assistance for housing valued at \$30,915 and tax preparation assistance valued at \$12,179.

**Narrative Disclosure for Summary Compensation Table**

We have no employment agreements with our named executive officers, except Mr. Sabonnadiere as is required pursuant to French law, to provide for specific base salary, bonus, and benefits. Certain aspects of the compensation and equity awards reported in these tables are subject to terms and conditions set forth in policies and plans as follows:

Form of Compensation	Subject to	For Additional Information
Cash Incentives	Annual Incentive Plan	See discussion at pages 33-36.
Equity Awards	2005 Stock Incentive Plan	See discussion below and at page 37.
Other Compensation -	Retirement and Savings Plan	See discussion at page 39.
	Deferred Compensation Plan	See discussion at page 39.
Company Contributions in Retirement Accounts		

**Table of Contents****Grants of Plan-Based Awards During Fiscal Year 2013 Table**

The following table details the grants of plan-based awards awarded to our named executive officers in 2013.

Name	Grant Date	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards			All Other Awards: Number of Shares of Stock	Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options	Exercise Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh)	Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>
		Threshold	Target	Maximum	Threshold	Target	Maximum				
G. Kenny	3/18/2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	24,000			845,760
	3/18/2013								158,000	35.24	2,942,007
B. Robinson	3/18/2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,000			317,160
	3/18/2013								60,000	35.24	1,117,218
G. Lampert	3/18/2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	9,000			317,160
	3/18/2013								60,000	35.24	1,117,218
E. Sabonnadiere	3/18/2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	27,000			951,480
									0		0
R. Siverd	3/18/2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,000			211,440
	3/18/2013								41,000	35.24	763,432

<sup>(1)</sup> Restricted stock unit awards were made under our Incentive Plan on March 18, 2013.

<sup>(2)</sup> Stock option awards were made under our Incentive Plan. The exercise price of the options is the closing price of General Cable common stock on the grant date of March 18, 2013, which was \$35.24.

<sup>(3)</sup> Amounts reflect the aggregate grant date fair value of the equity award computed in accordance with ASC 718, except no assumption for forfeitures was included. The grant date fair value of the restricted stock unit grants was based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on the grant date of \$35.24. See Note 14 – Stock-based Compensation Plans of the consolidated financial statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, regarding assumptions underlying the valuation of such equity awards.

**Narrative Disclosure for Grants of Plan Based Awards**

The restricted unit stock awards granted to our U.S.-based named executive officers vest 100 percent, five (5) years from the date of grant provided the performance condition of \$1.00 of cumulative earnings per share over the vesting period is achieved. Restricted stock unit awards granted prior to January 1, 2014 are not eligible for dividends or dividend equivalents to the extent paid to our other stockholders. We currently pay dividends to our common stockholders. Under the Incentive Plan, U.S. based participants, including our U.S. based named executive

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officers, are permitted to defer awards under our DCP, which is described at pages 39. Stock options granted to our named executive officers shown in the Table vest ratably three (3) years from the date of grant and cannot be deferred. Both RSUs and stock option vesting would be accelerated in case of a change in control as defined in the Incentive Plan, which is described beginning at page 52.

**Table of Contents****Outstanding Equity Awards at December 31, 2013**

Our named executive officers have been previously granted equity awards in the form of stock options, restricted stock and RSUs pursuant to our Incentive Plan. This Table shows our named executive officers' outstanding awards as of December 31, 2013.

Name	OPTION AWARDS					STOCK AWARDS	
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Unearned Options	Option Exercise Price	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock that Have not Vested	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock that Have not Vested
	(#)	(#)	(#)	(\$)		(#) (2)	(\$)
G. Kenny	43,331	0	0	11.94	1/26/2015	33,000	970,530
	28,896	0		22.97	2/7/2016	20,000	588,200
	28,725	0		50.68	2/14/2017	17,000	499,970
	68,560	0		64.51	2/13/2018	28,000	823,480
	180,000	0		19.59	2/11/2019	24,000	705,840
	108,000	0		24.44	2/12/2020		
	72,667	36,333		42.87	2/9/2021		
	57,000	114,000		32.50	2/9/2022		
	158,000		35.24	3/18/2023			
B. Robinson	2,410	0	0	22.97	2/7/2016	10,000	294,100
	3,205	0		50.68	2/14/2017	6,000	176,460
	21,580	0		64.51	2/13/2018	24,000	705,840
	60,000	0		19.59	2/11/2019	8,000	235,280
	31,000	0		24.44	2/12/2020	9,000	264,690
	20,000	10,000		42.87	2/9/2021		
	15,667	31,333		32.50	2/9/2022		
	0	60,000		35.24	3/18/2023		
G. Lampert	4,984	0	0	11.99	4/6/2015	10,000	294,100
	3,480	0		22.97	2/7/2016	6,000	176,460
	3,016	0		50.68	2/14/2017	5,000	147,050
	20,284	0		69.29	11/5/2017	8,000	235,280
	60,000	0		19.59	2/11/2019	9,000	264,690
	31,000	0		24.44	2/12/2020		
	20,000	10,000		42.87	2/9/2021		
	15,667	31,333		32.50	2/9/2022		
	60,000		35.24	3/18/2023			
E. Sabonnadiere	48,497	0	0	27.64	7/1/2020	31,000	911,710
	0					27,000	794,070
R. Siverd	6,260	0	0	50.68	2/14/2017	10,000	294,100
	17,000	0		64.51	2/13/2018	4,395	129,257
	60,000	0		19.59	2/11/2019	4,000	117,640
	23,456	0		24.44	2/12/2020	7,000	205,870
	15,333	7,667		42.87	2/9/2021	6,000	176,460
	13,667	27,333		32.50	2/9/2022		
	0	41,000		35.24	3/18/2023		

(1) Unvested stock options vest ratably over three years except the grants expiring February 9, 2021, which vest three (3) years from the date of grant and expire on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the grant.



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(2) The vesting schedule for restricted stock that has not vested is as follows:

Name	Grant Date	Unvested Shares/Units	Vesting Schedule
G. Kenny	2/11/2009	33,000	33,000 shares vest on 2/11/2014
	2/12/2010	20,000	20,000 shares vest on 2/12/2015
	2/9/2011	17,000	17,000 shares vest on 2/9/2016
	2/9/2012	28,000	28,000 shares vest on 2/9/2017
	3/18/2013	24,000	24,000 shares vest on 3/18/2018
B. Robinson	2/11/2009	10,000	10,000 shares vest on 2/11/2014
	2/12/2010	6,000	6,000 shares vest on 2/12/2015
	2/9/2011	24,000	24,000 shares vest on 2/9/2016
	2/9/2012	8,000	8,000 shares vest on 2/9/2017
	3/18/2013	9,000	9,000 shares vest on 3/18/2018
G. Lampert	2/11/2009	10,000	10,000 shares vest on 2/11/2014
	2/12/2010	6,000	6,000 shares vest on 2/12/2015
	2/9/2011	5,000	5,000 shares vest on 2/9/2016
	2/9/2012	8,000	8,000 shares vest on 2/9/2017
	3/18/2013	9,000	9,000 shares vest on 3/18/2018
E. Sabonnadiere	2/9/2012	31,000	31,000 shares vest on 2/9/2017
	3/18/2013	27,000	27,000 shares vest on 3/18/2016
R. Siverd	2/11/2009	10,000	10,000 shares vest on 2/11/2014
	2/12/2010	4,395	4,395 shares vest on 2/12/2015
	2/9/2011	4,000	4,000 shares vest on 2/9/2016
	2/9/2012	7,000	7,000 shares vest on 2/9/2017
	3/18/2013	6,000	6,000 shares vest on 3/18/2018

(3) The closing price of General Cable common stock on December 31, 2013 was \$29.41.

**Option Exercises and Stock Vested During Fiscal Year 2013**

The following table provides information on exercises of stock options and restricted stock vesting in 2013 by our named executive officers. The value realized on the exercise of options and vesting of restricted stock does not account for the personal tax liability incurred by our named executive officers.

Name	OPTION AWARDS		STOCK AWARDS	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise	Value Realized on Exercise	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting	Value Realized on Vesting
	(#)	(\$)	(#)	(\$)
G. Kenny	0	0	12,720	\$ 441,384
B. Robinson	4,519	\$ 102,713	4,010	\$ 139,147
G. Lampert	0	0	0	0
E. Sabonnadiere	0	0	44,281	\$ 1,386,887
R. Siverd	18,392	\$ 311,492	3,160	\$ 109,652



**Table of Contents****Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Table**

The following table provides information on benefits for U.S. based executive officers under our Deferred Compensation Plan.

Name	Plan Name	Executive Contributions in Last FY (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Registrant Contributions in Last FY (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Aggregate Earnings in Last FY (\$)	Aggregate Withdrawals/ Distributions (\$)	Aggregate Balance at Last FYE (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>
G. Kenny	DCP	0	57,450	1,808,727	0	21,907,329
B. Robinson	DCP	0	11,101	130,821	0	575,848
G. Lampert	DCP	0	22,062	20,680	0	257,887
E. Sabonnadiere	DCP	0	0	0	0	0
R. Siverd	DCP	0	18,900	501,414	0	4,481,591

(1) There were no executive contributions during 2013.

(2) Includes amounts contributed by our Company to the DCP. Registrant contributions represent the amount of our Company's contribution for 2013 to the DCP for the BEP component, and these amounts are included in the All Other Compensation column of the Summary Compensation Table.

(3) Includes amounts reported as compensation for our named executive officers in the Summary Compensation Table for previous years. Of the DCP balances shown, 45.71 percent for Mr. Kenny and 49.91 percent for Mr. Siverd represents the value of General Cable stock awards received by each of them over a period of many years that each of them has elected to defer into the DCP. General Cable's year-end common stock price in 2013 and 2012 was \$29.41 and \$30.41, respectively.

**Narrative Disclosure to Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan Table**

The DCP permits key U.S.-based executive officers to elect to defer salary into the DCP on an annual basis before the beginning of each plan year and to elect to defer bonus payments at least six (6) months before the end of each year. With regard to salary and bonuses for years prior to 2012, employee participants are permitted to defer up to 100 percent of net pay after certain mandatory payroll taxes and preauthorized distributions are deducted. Beginning in 2012, employee participants are permitted to defer up to 75 percent of their base salary and 85 percent of their annual cash bonus. The DCP also permits employee participants to defer any stock based awards under the Incentive Plan (and predecessor plans). Deferrals must be made until termination of employment. Cash deferred and dividends paid on deferred shares of stock may be invested in any of the investment vehicles provided under the DCP. Shares of stock representing employee stock awards may not be reinvested into other vehicles, but must remain in the DCP as whole shares and will be distributed as such in accord with distribution elections made by each participant. The DCP assets are held in a rabbi trust, and as such, are subject to the claims of general creditors of our Company. Operation of the plan and distributions are also subject to Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code, which imposes procedural restrictions on the DCP and on any future changes in distribution elections.

The BEP provides excess benefits that make up benefits on certain wages that are not eligible for contribution under federal IRS limitations relating to our Retirement Plans. Under the BEP component of the DCP, our Company makes discretionary Company matching and Company retirement contributions similar to the matching and retirement contributions made under the Company's retirement and savings plan. BEP contributions are made annually by our Company.

**Change in Control and Other Post-Employment Payments and Benefits**

Our named executive officers may be eligible for post-employment payments and benefits in certain circumstances upon termination or a change in control of our Company. These post-employment payments and benefits arise under the Executive Officer Severance Benefit Plan for U.S.-based executive officers (Severance

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Plan ). Additionally, all participants, including our named executive officers, are entitled to certain payments and benefits upon termination or change in control as specified in our Incentive Plan and its predecessor plans. The following information describes the payments or benefits that would be available under these plans.

### **Executive Officer Severance Benefit Plan**

The Severance Plan was adopted in December 2007 and applies to our U.S. executive officers, provided they are full-time employees. The Severance Plan provides for severance benefits in case of involuntary termination of employment and in case of termination of employment by the employer or termination by the employee for good reason resulting from a change in control as defined in the Severance Plan. The Severance Plan may be amended or terminated at any time with the approval of our Compensation Committee. However, any amendment or termination requires consent of a majority of the eligible employees at that time. The potential severance benefits upon these termination events are discussed below.

***Involuntary Termination without Change in Control.*** A named executive officer may be entitled to severance and benefits in the event of an involuntary termination of the executive officer's employment. An involuntary termination will not include any of the following circumstances:

the executive officer is offered or agrees to assume another position with our Company or a successor owner of our Company;

the executive officer receives an offer of reemployment with our Company or a successor owner after the executive officer's termination but before the full payment of severance benefits; and

the executive officer's termination is due to a voluntary termination or resignation, including retirement, death, disability or the failure to return from a leave of absence.

If the executive officer's involuntary termination qualifies, the severance benefits would be the following:

**Chief Executive Officer:** two (2) years of base pay and target level bonus under our Annual Incentive Plan, a bonus for the year of termination based on relevant performance, continued participation in employer health and life insurance plans or the equivalent premium cost of the employer for two (2) years, and limited outplacement assistance; and

**Other Named Executive Officers:** one and one-half (1.5) years of base pay and target level bonus under our Annual Incentive Plan, a bonus for the year of termination based on relevant performance, continued participation in employer health and life insurance plans or the equivalent premium cost of the employer for one and one-half (1.5) years, and limited outplacement assistance.

***Termination in Connection with Change in Control.*** In the event of an involuntary termination, including a termination for good reason, in connection with a change in control of General Cable, the Severance Plan operates using what is commonly called a "double trigger." This means that for the executive officer to receive payments or benefits under the Severance Plan, both a change in control and a triggering event must occur. A change in control is deemed to occur if:

any outside person or other entity beneficially owns more than 50 percent of all classes of our capital stock that are normally entitled to vote upon the election of our Directors;

we sell all or substantially all of our property or assets;

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we consolidate or merge with a third party whereby persons who were our stockholders immediately before the consolidation or merger together own less than 60 percent of the voting stock of the surviving entity; or

our Directors who served as such on January 1, 2008 (the Incumbent Directors ) no longer constitute a majority of our Board of Directors; however, a subsequently elected Director will also be an Incumbent Director if that Director's nomination was supported by at least two-thirds of the then Incumbent Directors.

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After a change in control, one of the following events will be considered the second trigger that will require us to provide a named executive officer with specified benefits:

if we or our successor terminates the executive officer's employment without cause within twenty-four (24) months (as to our Chief Executive Officer) or eighteen (18) months (as to our other named executive officers) after a change in control.

Cause is generally defined to mean any of the following with respect to an executive officer:

willful or continuous neglect of or refusal to perform duties and responsibilities;

insubordination, dishonesty, fraud, gross neglect or willful malfeasance by the executive officer in the performance of duties and responsibilities;

conviction or entry into a plea of nolo contendere to any felony; and

serious violation of our Company rules or regulations.

if the executive officer terminates employment for good reason within twenty-four (24) months (as to our Chief Executive Officer) or eighteen (18) months (as to our other named executive officers) after a change in control. Good reason is generally defined to mean the occurrence of any of the following without the executive officer's consent:

any material diminution in the executive officer's position, authority, duties or responsibilities;

a reduction in the executive officer's annual base salary or incentive compensation opportunities; and

a significant relocation of the executive officer's principal place of employment.

In the event of a change in control followed by a triggering event, we (or our successor) would be required to pay each of our U.S.-based named executive officers the following:

**Chief Executive Officer:** three (3) years of base pay and target level bonus and bonus for the year of termination based on relevant performance, continued participation in employer's health and life insurance plans or the equivalent premium cost of the employer for three years, and limited outplacement assistance; and

**Other U.S.-Based Named Executive Officers:** two (2) years of base pay and target level bonus and bonus for the year of termination based on relevant performance, continued participation in employer's health and life insurance plans or the equivalent premium cost of the employer for two years, and limited outplacement assistance.

The Severance Plan also contains a modified tax gross-up provision that may apply if an executive officer becomes entitled to receive the payments described above in connection with his termination of employment following a change in control. Under this provision, the executive officer may be entitled to receive tax gross-up payment if the severance payments and other benefits that he receives in connection with the change in control would be subject to an excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code. If the excise taxes can be eliminated by reducing the severance payments and benefits payable to the executive by an amount that does not exceed the lesser of: (i) 10 percent of the

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executive officer's base salary and target bonus or (ii) \$50,000, then the executive's severance payment and benefits will be reduced to the largest amount that will not result in the imposition of an excise tax under Section 4999. Otherwise, the executive will be entitled to receive the entire amount of his severance payments and benefits (without any reduction) and a tax gross-up payment.

**Conditions to Severance Benefits.** Our U.S.-based executive officers will not be eligible for benefits under the Severance Plan if the executive officer is covered by an employment, severance, or separation agreement that entitles the executive officer to severance benefits after termination of employment. As a condition to receiving severance benefits, an eligible executive officer will be required to enter into a customary separation agreement in which the executive officer will agree to the following:

a release and waiver of any claims against our Company;

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non-compete and non-solicit limitations unless otherwise approved by our Board; and

performance or satisfaction of any remaining obligations to our Company.

**Mr. Sabonnadiere's Change in Control and Other Severance Benefits**

Mr. Sabonnadiere is a French national residing in the European Union. His change in control and other severance benefits are, to the extent legally permissible under French law, closely aligned with our Severance Plan. Mr. Sabonnadiere's employment agreement provides for severance payments and payments in exchange for agreeing not to compete with our Company for a period of two (2) years from his termination as follows:

*Involuntary Termination*

*Severance Payment-* one and one-half (1.5) years of 50 percent of base pay, one and one-half (1.5) times the higher of the current target bonus or the average of the annual bonuses paid in the prior three (3) years, and a pro rata payment of his current target bonus for the year of termination.

*Non-compete Payment-* for a period up to twenty-four (24) months of 50 percent of base pay.

*Termination due to a Change in Control*

*Severance Payment-* two (2) years of 50 percent of base pay, two times the higher of the current target bonus or the average of the annual bonuses paid in the prior three (3) years, and a pro rata payment of his current target bonus for the year of termination.

*Non-compete Payment-* for a period up to twenty-four (24) months of 50 percent of base pay.

**Table of Contents****Quantification of Severance and Change in Control Benefits.**

The table below includes a description and the amount of estimated payments and benefits that would have been provided by us (or our successor) to our named executive officers under the Severance Plan or in Mr. Sabonnadiere's case, his employment agreement and non-compete agreement, assuming that a termination circumstance occurred as of December 31, 2013:

Executive	Severance Benefit	Involuntary Termination without Change in Control	Termination in Connection with Change in Control
G. Kenny	Salary Continuation <sup>(1)</sup>	1,800,000	2,700,000
	Target Bonus <sup>(2)</sup>	2,500,000	3,750,000
	A pro rata portion of bonuses payable in the year of termination <sup>(3)</sup>	166,250	166,250
	Outplacement <sup>(4)</sup>	50,000	50,000
	Continued coverage under our insurance plans <sup>(5)</sup>	18,624	27,936
	Excise tax and related tax gross-up payment <sup>(6)</sup>	N/A	2,813,045
	<i>Total</i>	<i>4,534,874</i>	<i>9,507,231</i>
B. Robinson	Salary Continuation <sup>(1)</sup>	720,000	960,000
	Target Bonus <sup>(2)</sup>	690,000	920,000
	A pro rata portion of bonuses payable in the year of termination <sup>(3)</sup>	61,180	61,180
	Outplacement <sup>(4)</sup>	25,000	25,000
	Continued coverage under our insurance plans <sup>(5)</sup>	20,160	26,880
	Excise tax and related tax gross-up payment <sup>(6)(7)</sup>	N/A	1,211,089
	<i>Total</i>	<i>1,516,340</i>	<i>3,204,149</i>
G. Lampert	Salary Continuation <sup>(1)</sup>	675,000	900,000
	Target Bonus <sup>(2)</sup>	675,000	900,000
	A pro rata portion of bonuses payable in the year of termination <sup>(3)</sup>	59,850	59,850
	Outplacement <sup>(4)</sup>	25,000	25,000
	Continued coverage under our insurance plans <sup>(5)</sup>	20,916	27,888
	Excise tax and related tax gross-up payment <sup>(6)</sup>	N/A	912,252
	<i>Total</i>	<i>1,455,766</i>	<i>2,824,990</i>
E. Sabonnadiere	Salary Continuation <sup>(1)</sup>	269,295	359,060
	Target Bonus <sup>(2)</sup>	548,948	731,930
	A pro rata portion of bonuses payable in the year of termination <sup>(3)</sup>	48,676	48,767
	Non-compete payment	359,060	359,060
	<i>Total</i>	<i>1,225,979</i>	<i>1,498,726</i>
R. Siverd	Salary Continuation <sup>(1)</sup>	585,000	780,000
	Target Bonus <sup>(2)</sup>	540,000	720,000
	A pro rata portion of bonuses payable in the year of termination <sup>(3)</sup>	47,880	47,880
	Outplacement <sup>(4)</sup>	25,000	25,000
	Continued coverage under our insurance plans <sup>(5)</sup>	20,916	27,888
	Excise tax and related tax gross-up payment <sup>(6)</sup>	N/A	0
	<i>Total</i>	<i>1,218,796</i>	<i>1,600,768</i>

<sup>(1)</sup> Salary continuation was calculated using the following base salaries for 2013: \$900,000 for Mr. Kenny, \$480,000 for Mr. Robinson, \$450,000 for Mr. Lampert, 260,000 for Mr. Sabonnadiere (converted to approximately \$331,931 based on the exchange rate of 1.38 on

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December 31, 2013) and \$390,000 for Mr. Siverd. This severance amount would be paid in equal installments based on regularly scheduled payroll periods over the applicable term.



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- (2) Target Bonus is the higher of our named executive officer's current target or the average of the AIP bonuses paid to the named executive officer in the prior three years. The relevant performance goals and target award percentages related to this award are set forth in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis at page 29.
- (3) Awards under the AIP are determined based on a calendar year. Accordingly, awards, if any, would be earned under the AIP on the assumed date of termination and become payable under the Severance Plan and Mr. Sabonnadiere's employment agreement, respectively. These amounts reflect the 2013 AIP awards, which were paid in February 2014, for each of our named executive officers.
- (4) This amount represents the maximum outplacement benefits that are available under the Severance Plan.
- (5) This amount represents the cost to us to provide our named executive officer with the same coverage provided as of December 31, 2013 under all of these plans as they existed on that date on a non-employee basis for the full stated period of time required by Severance Plan and assuming no acquisition of equivalent benefits or coverage under the plans, programs, or arrangements of a subsequent employer during that period.
- (6) Payments and other benefits received by the executive in connection with a change in control may be subject to the excess parachute payment excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code. If this excise tax applies, we must pay the executive officer a gross-up payment equal to such excise tax plus related federal, state and local income, excise and employment taxes. Messrs. Kenny, Lampert and Robinson, would be subject to the excess parachute payment excise tax.
- (7) Because each of Messrs. Kenny, Lampert and Robinson's severance benefits upon a change in control would exceed the limits of Section 280G of the Code by more than the \$50,000 Payment Adjustment, the Payment Adjustment does not apply and Messrs. Kenny, Lampert and Robinson would have each been entitled to a gross-up payment upon termination on December 31, 2013 due to a change in control.

**Potential Benefits under General Cable Stock Incentive and Stock Option Plans**

Our Incentive Plan and its predecessor plans provide for specified benefits to our named executive officers who hold awards granted under these plans, either upon a change in control or a termination of their employment. The potential benefits upon these termination events are discussed below.

***Change in Control Payments and Benefits.*** Under our Incentive Plan, upon a change in control, all unvested awards granted under our Incentive Plan will become fully vested immediately upon the occurrence of the change in control and such awards shall be paid out or settled, as applicable, within sixty (60) days after the occurrence of the change in control, subject to applicable law. Our Compensation Committee may, in its discretion, also determine that, upon a change in control, each stock option and stock appreciation right outstanding under our Incentive Plan may be terminated and automatically exchanged for an amount of cash, other property, or a combination thereof, equal to the excess of the fair market value of such shares of common stock immediately prior to the change in control over the exercise price per share of such stock option or stock appreciation right.

In May 2005, our Incentive Plan replaced the 1997 Stock Incentive Plan and the 2000 Stock Option Plan, which did not cover executive officers. Upon a change in control, these plans provided for outstanding awards to become vested, paid and settled on terms similar to our Incentive Plan.

The change in control provisions under these plans operate using a single trigger. This means that any change in control will permit the named executive officer to receive payments or benefits under these plans, even if the named executive officer's employment is unaffected as a result of the change in control. Under our Incentive Plan, change in control is defined as the occurrence of any of the following events:

any person becomes the beneficial owner of more than 35 percent of our voting stock;

we sell all or substantially all of our property or assets;

our stock ceases to be publicly traded;

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we consolidate or merge with a third party whereby persons who were our stockholders immediately before the consolidation or merger together own less than 51 percent of the voting stock of the surviving entity; or

our Directors who served as such on May 10, 2005 (the 2005 Incumbent Directors ) no longer constitute a majority of our Board; however, a subsequently elected Director will also be a 2005 Incumbent Director if that Director's nomination was supported by at least two-thirds of the then 2005 Incumbent Directors.

**Other Termination Events.** Outstanding vested and unvested awards under our Incentive Plan will be subject to the following treatment, subject to our Compensation Committee's discretion:

Reason for Termination	Effect on Awards under the Plan
Death or Disability	Unvested stock awards and units will become vested. Unexercisable stock options and stock appreciation rights will become vested and exercisable for one year unless the expiration date is earlier. Exercisable stock options will be exercisable for one year unless the expiration date is earlier. Unearned performance awards will become earned and vested based on the award recipient's performance immediately prior to death or disability.
For Cause Termination	All awards, whether or not vested, will be forfeited.
Other Termination Events, including Retirement <sup>(1)</sup>	Unvested, unearned or unexercisable awards will be forfeited. Exercisable stock options will be exercisable for a 90-day period unless the expiration date is earlier.

<sup>(1)</sup> Beginning with equity incentive awards granted in February 2011, our Compensation Committee approved the addition of retirement provisions that provide for (i) prorated vesting of the RSUs granted and (ii) a continued exercise period for stock options upon retirement for the earlier of (a) three years from the date of retirement or (b) the original expiration date.

**Quantification of Payments and Benefits.** The table below provides an estimate of the value of the potential benefits that each named executive officer might be entitled to receive upon the occurrence of certain events under our Incentive Plan and its predecessor plans as if the triggering event had occurred on December 31, 2013.

Name	Estimated Potential Benefit (\$)		
	Upon Change in Control or Upon Death or Disability	Upon Change in Control	Upon Change in Control
	Acceleration and settlement of previously unvested stock options granted under our Incentive Plan (\$) <sup>(1), (2), (4)</sup>	Acceleration and settlement of the unvested portion of restricted stock and other stock awards granted under our Incentive Plan (\$) <sup>(1), (3)</sup>	Settlement of previously vested stock options granted under Stock Incentive Plans (\$) <sup>(4), (5)</sup>
G. Kenny	0	3,588,020	3,247,443
B. Robinson	0	1,676,370	758,790
G. Lampert	0	1,117,580	852,502
E. Sabonnadiere	0	1,705,780	85,840
R. Siverd	0	923,327	705,776

<sup>(1)</sup> In the event of death or disability, unvested stock awards will become vested, and unexercisable stock options will become exercisable for one year unless the expiration date is earlier, but it is assumed that the awards are settled as of the assumed triggering date.



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- (2) As of December 31, 2013, there would be no value derived from the acceleration and settlement of unvested stock options as the strike prices for three outstanding unvested stock options are \$32.50, \$35.24, and \$42.87, which is below the \$29.41 market close price on the trigger date.
- (3) This amount represents the unrealized value of the unvested restricted stock and RSUs granted under our Incentive Plan: 122,000 for Mr. Kenny; 57,000 for Mr. Robinson; 38,000 for Mr. Lampert; 58,000 for Mr. Sabonnadiere; and 31,395 for Mr. Siverd, based upon the closing price of our common stock of \$29.41 on December 31, 2013.
- (4) Assumes that our Compensation Committee approved the granting of the settlement benefit as required under the terms of the stock plans.
- (5) This amount represents the unrealized value of the aggregate vested portion of stock options, which had value based on the closing price of our common stock of \$29.41 on December 31, 2013: 587,179 for Mr. Kenny; 153,862 for Mr. Robinson; 158,431 for Mr. Lampert; 48,497 for Mr. Sabonnadiere, and 135,716 for Mr. Siverd. The unrealized value of vested stock options was calculated by multiplying (a) the number of shares underlying the vested stock options by (b) the difference between \$29.41 and the applicable per share exercise price of the stock options. The option exercise price for certain of these options was lower than the applicable per share exercise price and therefore, those stock options had no value.

**PROPOSAL 2: RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP**

On January 27, 2014, our Audit Committee appointed Deloitte, an independent registered public accounting firm, to audit the consolidated financial statements of General Cable and our subsidiaries for 2014 and its internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014. Our Board of Directors ratified that appointment and is submitting it to our stockholders for a vote at the Annual Meeting.

**Principal Accounting Firm Fees.** Aggregate fees billed to our Company for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 by Deloitte and its affiliates were as follows:

	Fiscal Year Ended	
	2013	2012
Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 7,714,000	\$ 4,886,000
Audit-related Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	364,000	100,000
Tax Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	852,000	489,000
All Other Fees	0.00	45,000
	<b>\$ 8,930,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,520,000</b>

(1) Includes foreign and statutory audit fees, reviews of registration statements, including related consents and comfort letters, and \$2,196,000 relates to audit fees associated with the financial statement restatements.

(2) Includes employee benefit plan audits and consultation concerning financial accounting and reporting standards.

(3) Includes fees for tax compliance, consultation and planning.

Deloitte has served as our independent auditor since we became a publicly traded company in 1997 and prior to that, served as the independent auditor for our predecessor companies. No relationship exists between Deloitte and our Company other than the usual relationship between independent auditor and client. We expect representatives of Deloitte to attend the Annual Meeting to respond to appropriate questions from stockholders. Deloitte will also have the opportunity to make a statement if they so desire. If Deloitte's appointment is not ratified by our stockholders, our Audit Committee will consider whether it is appropriate to select another independent registered public accounting firm for the 2015 fiscal year. Additionally, even if the appointment is

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ratified, the Audit Committee, in its discretion, may direct the appointment of a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the 2014 fiscal year if it determines that such a change would be in the best interests of our Company and stockholders.

### **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP.**

#### **PROPOSAL 3: ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

In accordance with Section 14A of the Exchange Act, we are providing our stockholders with an opportunity to cast a non-binding, advisory vote on our executive compensation program as described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis beginning on page 29 of this Proxy Statement. In the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section, we discuss our executive compensation program and the compensation decisions our Compensation Committee has made with regards to each of our named executive officers. In evaluating our executive compensation program, our Board of Directors requests that our stockholders consider the following key highlights of our executive compensation program:

Our executive officers are incentivized to think and act strategically to achieve sustainable, long-term value for our stockholders.

The compensation program offered to our executive officers is comprised of a mix between base salaries that are at or below the market median and variable opportunities that are above market median. Total target compensation mix is reviewed regularly to ensure both external competitiveness and internal equity, and actual awards are dependent upon both the Company's and the individual's performance.

Our fixed compensation is targeted at a market competitive rate using the 50th percentile (or median) of pay levels as a reference point for comparable positions at comparable companies in the market including our comparator peer group. The targeted 2013 fixed compensation for each of our named executive officers constituted 23 percent or less of the total compensation package.

Variable compensation, which is comprised of both a cash bonus and long-term equity, was targeted to constitute at least 77 percent or more of our named executive officers' 2013 total compensation.

Our cash incentives include both stretch targets that emphasize strong financial performance from operations and foundational goals designed to create and sustain long-term success of the business. In 2013, our annual cash bonus under our Annual Incentive Plan (AIP) paid out at 13.3 percent of target for each of our named executive officers. Our Compensation Committee did not grant any discretionary bonuses despite strong performance by each of our named executive officers.

Long-term equity awards under our 2005 Stock Incentive Plan ( Incentive Plan ) constituted at least 56 percent of our named executive officers' targeted 2013 total compensation.

Our Chief Executive Officer's total compensation was not increased in 2013. In the last 5 years, our Chief Executive Officer's salary has only been increased once, which was in 2011.

All executive officers are in compliance with our Stock Ownership Guidelines requiring our executive officers to maintain significant ownership levels of General Cable common stock. As of the record date, our Chief Executive Officer owns over 629,608 shares, which equates to more than 19 times his base salary.

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We have a Clawback Policy and in 2013, we recouped compensation paid to Mr. Sandoval, our former Executive Vice President, and President and Chief Executive Officer, General Cable Rest of World.

Our Board of Directors believes that our executive compensation program is effective in incentivizing our named executive officers to achieve our Company's short and long-term strategic goals, aligning our named executive officers' interests with those of our stockholders and competitively compensating our named executive

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officers. In accordance with the recently adopted Section 14A of the Exchange Act and as a matter of good corporate governance, our Board of Directors requests that our stockholders approve the following non-binding resolution at our 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders:

**RESOLVED**, that the stockholders of General Cable Corporation approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the named executive officers as disclosed pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, including in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section, compensation tables and any related material disclose in the 2014 Proxy Statement.

While the result of the advisory vote on this Proposal 3 is not binding on our Board of Directors or Compensation Committee, our Compensation Committee will consider the outcome of the vote when making future compensation decisions for our named executive officers.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE APPROVAL OF OUR COMPANY'S EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.**

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Solicitation of Proxies**

Solicitation of proxies is being made by management at the direction of our Board of Directors, without additional compensation, through the mail, in person or by telephone. The cost will be borne by us. In addition, we will request brokers and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries to forward proxy soliciting material to the beneficial owners of shares held of record by them and we will reimburse them for their expenses in so doing. We have retained D. F. King & Co., Inc. to aid in the solicitation of proxies for a fee of \$5,000 plus out-of-pocket expenses.

### **Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance**

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our Directors and executive officers, and persons who own more than 10 percent of a registered class of equity securities, to file initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of General Cable common stock with the SEC. These persons are required by SEC regulations to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms which they file. Based on review of the copies of forms furnished to us and filed with the SEC, we believe that all such SEC filings during 2013 complied with the reporting requirements, except that (i) each of Messrs. Kenny, Siverd, Smialek and Welsh filed late one Form 4 related to shares of General Cable common stock acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of our DCP (which was initiated in May 2013), (ii) each of Messrs. Kenny, Lampert, Robinson, and Siverd filed late one Form 4 related to the grant of stock options and restricted stock units, and (iii) Mr. Sabonnadiere filed late one Form 4 related to the grant of a restricted stock unit. We have since rectified this process.

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**Stockholder Proposals for 2015 Annual Meeting**

Stockholder proposals under Rule 14a-8 of the Exchange Act for the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders must be received by General Cable no later than December 1, 2014, in order to be considered for inclusion in our 2015 proxy statement and a form of proxy for that meeting. Stockholder proposals not made under Rule 14a-8 must be made in accordance with the sixty (60) day advance notice procedure described on pages 17-20. All proposals must be communicated in writing to the Secretary of General Cable at our offices at 4 Tesseneer Drive, Highland Heights, Kentucky 41076.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

ROBERT J. SIVERD

*Secretary*

Highland Heights, Kentucky

March 31, 2014



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***GENERAL CABLE CORPORATION***

***4 TESSENEER DRIVE***

***HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KY 41076***

**VOTE BY INTERNET - [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)**

Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time the day before the cut-off date or meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions to obtain your records and to create an electronic voting instruction form.

**ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF FUTURE PROXY MATERIALS**

If you would like to reduce the costs incurred by our company in mailing proxy materials, you can consent to receiving all future proxy statements, proxy cards and annual reports electronically via e-mail or the Internet. To sign up for electronic delivery, please follow the instructions above to vote using the Internet and, when prompted, indicate that you agree to receive or access proxy materials electronically in future years.

**VOTE BY PHONE - 1-800-690-6903**

Use any touch-tone telephone to transmit your voting instructions up until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time the day before the cut-off date or meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you call and then follow the instructions.

**VOTE BY MAIL**

Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we have provided or return it to Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717.

TO VOTE, MARK BLOCKS BELOW IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS FOLLOWS:

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Please sign exactly as your name(s) appear(s) hereon. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, or other fiduciary, please give full title as such. Joint owners should each sign personally. All holders must sign. If a corporation or partnership, please sign in full corporate or partnership name by authorized officer.

Signature [PLEASE SIGN  
WITHIN BOX]

Date

Signature (Joint Owners)

Date

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**GENERAL CABLE CORPORATION**

**4 Tesseneer Drive, Highland Heights, Kentucky 41076**

**Telephone (859) 572-8000**

**NOTICE OF THE 2014 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

The 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of General Cable Corporation ( General Cable ) will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the offices of General Cable at 4 Tesseneer Drive, Highland Heights, Kentucky 41076, to consider and act upon the proposals listed on the reverse side.

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting:**

The Annual Report, Notice and Proxy Statement and Form 10-K are available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

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**GENERAL CABLE CORPORATION**

**This Proxy is Solicited on Behalf of the Board of Directors**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

**MAY 15, 2014**

The stockholder(s) hereby appoint(s) Gregory B. Kenny, Brian J. Robinson, Robert J. Siverd, Diana C. Toman and Emerson C. Moser or any of them, as proxies, each with the power to appoint his/her substitute, and hereby authorize(s) them to represent and to vote, as designated on the reverse side of this card, all of the shares of Common stock of General Cable Corporation that the stockholder(s) is/are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time on May 15, 2014, in Highland Heights, Kentucky, and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

**This proxy, when properly executed, will be voted as directed by the stockholders. If no such directions are made, this proxy will be voted for the election to the Board of Directors of the nominees listed on the reverse side and for each remaining proposal.**

**Please mark, sign, date and return this proxy card promptly using the enclosed reply envelope.**

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