BELDEN INC.

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

A Babel Wolfgang

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

02/21/2008

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

BELDEN INC. [BDC]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

President, Belden EMEA

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

BELDEN INC., Â 7701

FORSYTH BLVD., SUITE 800

(Street)

Director _X__ Officer

10% Owner Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

ST. LOUIS, MOÂ 63105

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership Form: Direct (D)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Belden Common Stock

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and

(Instr. 4)

Expiration Date

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

Conversion or Exercise

6. Nature of Ownership **Indirect Beneficial** Form of Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable

Title

Price of Derivative Derivative Security: Direct (D) Security

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Expiration Amount or or Indirect
Date Number of (I)
Shares (Instr. 5)

Stock Appreciation Rights $02/20/2009_{\underline{(1)}} 02/20/2018 \frac{\text{Common}}{\text{Stock}} 14,200 \$ 40.96$ D \hat{A}

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Babel Wolfgang

BELDEN INC.

A Â Â President, Belden EMEA Â

7701 FORSYTH BLVD., SUITE 800 ST. LOUIS, MOÂ 63105

Signatures

/s/Wolfgang Babel 02/21/2008

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Stock Appreciation Rights (SARs) will vest in equal amounts over three years and will expire ten years after the grant date.

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