

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

PETER STANFIELD, Individually and on)	
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	Case No.
v.)	
)	CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR
GENERAL CABLE CORPORATION,)	VIOLATIONS OF SECTIONS 14(a) AND
JOHN E. WELSH III, MICHAEL T.)	20(a) OF THE SECURITIES
McDONNELL, SALLIE B. BAILEY,)	EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
EDWARD C. HALL, GREGORY E.)	
LAWTON, CRAIG P. OMTVEDT,)	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
and PATRICK M. PREVOST,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

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20(a) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

Plaintiff Peter Stanfield (“Plaintiff”), by his undersigned attorneys, alleges upon personal knowledge with respect to himself, and information and belief based upon, *inter alia*, the investigation of counsel as to all other allegations herein, as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This action is brought as a class action by Plaintiff on behalf of himself and the other public holders of the common stock of General Cable Corporation (“General Cable” or the “Company”) against the Company and the members of the Company’s board of directors (collectively, the “Board” or “Individual Defendants,” and, together with General Cable, the “Defendants”) for their violations of Sections 14(a) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”), 15 U.S.C. §§ 78n(a), 78t(a), SEC Rule 14a-9, 17 C.F.R. 240.14a-9, and Regulation G, 17 C.F.R. § 244.100 in connection with the proposed merger (the “Proposed Merger”) between General Cable and a subsidiary of Prysmian S.p.A. (“Prysmian”).

2. On December 3, 2017, the Board caused the Company to enter into an agreement and plan of merger (“Merger Agreement”), pursuant to which the Company’s shareholders stand

to receive \$30.00 in cash for each share of General Cable stock they own (the “Merger Consideration”) for a total value of approximately \$3 billion.

3. On December 22, 2017, in order to convince General Cable shareholders to vote in favor of the Proposed Merger, the Board authorized the filing of a materially incomplete and misleading preliminary proxy statement (the “Proxy”) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), in violation of Sections 14(a) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act. The materially incomplete and misleading Proxy independently violates both Regulation G (17 C.F.R. § 244.100) and SEC Rule 14a-9 (17 C.F.R. 240.14a-9), each of which constitutes a violation of Section 14(a) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act.

4. While touting the fairness of the Merger Consideration to the Company’s shareholders in the Proxy, Defendants have failed to disclose certain material information that is necessary for shareholders to properly assess the fairness of the Proposed Merger, thereby violating SEC rules and regulations and rendering certain statements in the Proxy materially incomplete and misleading.

5. In particular, the Proxy contains materially incomplete and misleading information concerning the financial forecasts for the Company that were prepared by the Company and relied upon by the Board in recommending the Company’s shareholders vote in favor of the Proposed Merger. The financial forecasts were also utilized by General Cable’s financial advisor, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC (“J.P. Morgan”), in conducting the valuation analyses in support of its fairness opinion.

6. It is imperative that the material information that has been omitted from the Proxy is disclosed prior to the forthcoming stockholder vote to allow the Company’s stockholders to make an informed decision regarding the Proposed Merger.

7. For these reasons, and as set forth in detail herein, Plaintiff asserts claims against Defendants for violations of Sections 14(a) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act, based on Defendants' violation of (i) Regulation G (17 C.F.R. § 244.100) and (ii) Rule 14a-9 (17 C.F.R. 240.14a-9). Plaintiff seeks to enjoin Defendants from holding the stockholders vote on the Proposed Merger and taking any steps to consummate the Proposed Merger unless, and until, the material information discussed below is disclosed to General Cable shareholders sufficiently in advance of the vote on the Proposed Merger or, in the event the Proposed Merger is consummated, to recover damages resulting from the Defendants' violations of the Exchange Act.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

8. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to Section 27 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. § 78aa) and 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question jurisdiction) as Plaintiff alleges violations of Section 14(a) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act.

9. Personal jurisdiction exists over each Defendant either because the Defendant conducts business in or maintains operations in this District, or is an individual who is either present in this District for jurisdictional purposes or has sufficient minimum contacts with this District as to render the exercise of jurisdiction over Defendant by this Court permissible under traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

10. Venue is proper in this District under Section 27 of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78aa, as well as under 28 U.S.C. § 1391, because General Cable is incorporated in this District.

PARTIES

11. Plaintiff is, and at all relevant times has been, a holder of General Cable common stock.

12. Defendant General Cable is incorporated in Delaware and maintains its principal executive offices at 4 Tesseneer Drive, Highland Heights, KY 41076. The Company's common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "BGC".

13. Individual Defendant John E. Welsh, III has served as Chairman of the Board since 1997.

14. Individual Defendant Michael T. McDonnell has served as Chief Executive Officer and as a director of the Company since 2015.

15. Individual Defendant Sallie B. Bailey has served as a director of the Company since 2013.

16. Individual Defendant Edward C. Hall has served as a director of the Company since 2014.

17. Individual Defendant Gregory E. Lawton has served as a director of the Company since 1998.

18. Individual Defendant Craig P. Omtvedt has served as a director of the Company since 2004.

19. Individual Defendant Patrick M. Prevost has served as a director of the Company since 2010.

20. The Individual Defendants referred to in paragraphs 13-19 are collectively referred to herein as the "Individual Defendants" and/or the "Board."

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

21. Plaintiff brings this class action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 on behalf of himself and the other public shareholders of General Cable (the "Class"). Excluded from the Class are

Defendants herein and any person, firm, trust, corporation, or other entity related to or affiliated with any Defendant.

22. This action is properly maintainable as a class action because:

a. The Class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. As of December 18, 2017, there were approximately 50,492,189 shares of General Cable common stock outstanding, held by hundreds of individuals and entities scattered throughout the country. The actual number of public shareholders of General Cable will be ascertained through discovery;

b. There are questions of law and fact that are common to the Class that predominate over any questions affecting only individual members, including the following:

- i) whether Defendants disclosed material information that includes non-GAAP financial measures without providing a reconciliation of the same non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable GAAP equivalent in violation of Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act;
- ii) whether Defendants have misrepresented or omitted material information concerning the Proposed Merger in the Proxy in violation of Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act;
- iii) whether the Individual Defendants have violated Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act; and
- iv) whether Plaintiff and other members of the Class will suffer irreparable harm if compelled to vote their shares regarding the

Proposed Merger based on the materially incomplete and misleading Proxy.

c. Plaintiff is an adequate representative of the Class, has retained competent counsel experienced in litigation of this nature, and will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class;

d. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the other members of the Class and Plaintiff does not have any interests adverse to the Class;

e. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Class would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual members of the Class, which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the party opposing the Class;

f. Defendants have acted on grounds generally applicable to the Class with respect to the matters complained of herein, thereby making appropriate the relief sought herein with respect to the Class as a whole; and

g. A class action is superior to other available methods for fairly and efficiently adjudicating the controversy.

SUBSTANTIVE ALLEGATIONS

I. The Proposed Merger

23. General Cable develops, designs, manufactures, markets, and distributes copper, aluminum, and fiber optic wire and cable products for the energy, specialty, and communications markets. The Company's segments include North America, Europe, Latin America, and Africa/Asia Pacific. General Cable also engages in the design, integration, and installation on a turnkey basis for products, such as high and extra-high voltage terrestrial and submarine systems.

The Company produces and sells to a range of end markets, including markets for electric utility, electrical infrastructure, communications, construction, and rod mill products.

24. On December 4, 2017, General Cable and Prysmian issued a press release announcing the Proposed Merger, which states in pertinent part:

MILAN & HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Prysmian Group (BIT: PRY) and General Cable Corporation (NYSE: BGC) today announced that they have entered into a definitive merger agreement under which Prysmian will acquire General Cable for \$30.00 per share in cash. The transaction values General Cable at approximately \$3 billion, including debt and certain other General Cable liabilities, and represents a premium of approximately 81% to the General Cable closing price of \$16.55 per share on July 14, 2017, the last day of trading before General Cable announced its review of strategic alternatives.

The transaction, which has been unanimously approved by each company's Board of Directors and recommended to its shareholders by General Cable's Board of Directors, is expected to close by the third quarter of 2018, subject to the approval of General Cable's shareholders representing at least a majority of the outstanding shares, regulatory approvals, and other customary conditions.

"The acquisition of General Cable represents a landmark moment for Prysmian Group and a strategic and unique opportunity to create value for our shareholders and customers," said Valerio Battista, Prysmian Group CEO. "Through the combination of two of the premier companies in the cable industry we will be enhancing our position in the sector, by increasing our presence in North America and expanding our footprint in Europe and South America."

John E. Welsh, III, Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of General Cable, said, "Today's announcement is the culmination of a thorough and robust review of strategic alternatives undertaken by the General Cable Board of Directors. We are confident that this transaction maximizes value for our shareholders."

Michael T. McDonnell, General Cable President and Chief Executive Officer, said, "This combination is an ideal strategic fit and ensures we are well-positioned to meet the future opportunities and challenges in the dynamic and evolving wire and cable industry. Together, we will be able to deliver a robust portfolio of products and services and new product innovation across the full breadth of the wire and cable industry globally. Importantly, Prysmian and General Cable have a shared vision and highly compatible cultures founded on similar values."

Mr. McDonnell continued, "I am extremely proud of our people's efforts to transform our business over the past several years,

including rationalizing the asset base and refocusing on core businesses, streamlining our supply chain, and accelerating profitable growth and innovation in key segments. Today's announcement is a testament to the team's hard work and tireless dedication."

25. The Merger Consideration appears inadequate in light of the Company's recent restructuring efforts and prospects for future growth. More specifically, the Company has been engaged in a significant restructuring process, including improving its margins and operational efficiency while also improving internal controls and resolving two separate government investigations, since Defendant McDonnell took over as CEO in 2015.

26. As is common when restructuring a business, the plan has impacted the Company's recent short-term financial performance in order to set the Company on a trajectory for future long-term growth. For instance, the Company's quarterly operating income for three of the past four quarters was significantly impacted by certain non-reoccurring charges, several of which were non-cash charges relating to the sale of non-core operations. Moreover, the Company reported a 16% increase operating income for Q1 2017---the only quarterly results unaffected by non-reoccurring charges---compared to Q1 2016. In other words, the Company's restructuring plan, while costly in the short-term, is working, and the Company is likely to reap the benefits of those efforts in the future.

27. In sum, it appears that General Cable is well-positioned for financial growth, and the Merger Consideration fails to adequately compensate the Company's shareholders. It is imperative that Defendants disclose the material information they have omitted from the Proxy, discussed in detail below, so that the Company's shareholders can properly assess the fairness of the Merger Consideration for themselves and make an informed decision concerning whether or not to vote in favor of the Proposed Merger.

II. The Materially Incomplete and Misleading Proxy

28. On December 22, 2017, Defendants caused the Proxy to be filed with the SEC in connection with the Proposed Merger. The Proxy solicits the Company's shareholders to vote in favor of the Proposed Merger. Defendants were obligated to carefully review the Proxy before it was filed with the SEC and disseminated to the Company's shareholders to ensure that it did not contain any material misrepresentations or omissions. However, the Proxy misrepresents and/or omits material information that is necessary for the Company's shareholders to make an informed decision concerning whether to vote in favor of the Proposed Merger, in violation of Sections 14(a) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act.

Financial Forecasts that Violate Regulation G and SEC Rule 14a-9

29. The Proxy discloses certain financial forecasts for the Company on pages 44-45 of the Proxy. However, the Proxy fails to provide material information concerning the Company's financial forecasts, which were developed by the Company's management and relied upon by the Board in recommending that the shareholders vote in favor of the Proposed Merger. Proxy 44.

30. Specifically, the Proxy provides values for non-GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) financial metrics such as Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBIT, and Unlevered FCF, but fails to provide: (i) any of the line items used to calculate these non-GAAP measures, nor (ii) a reconciliation of these non-GAAP metrics to their most comparable GAAP measures, in direct violation of Regulation G and consequently Section 14(a). Proxy 45.

31. When a company discloses non-GAAP financial measures in a proxy statement that were relied on by a board of directors to recommend that shareholders exercise their corporate suffrage rights in a particular manner, the company must, pursuant to SEC regulatory mandates, also disclose all forecasts and information necessary to make the non-GAAP measures not misleading, and must provide a reconciliation (by schedule or other clearly understandable

method) of the differences between the non-GAAP financial measure disclosed or released with the most comparable financial measure or measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP. 17 C.F.R. § 244.100.

32. Indeed, the SEC has increased its scrutiny of the use of non-GAAP financial measures in communications with shareholders. Former SEC Chairwoman Mary Jo White has stated that the frequent use by publicly traded companies of unique company-specific non-GAAP financial measures (as General Cable included in the Proxy here), implicates the centerpiece of the SEC's disclosures regime:

In too many cases, the non-GAAP information, which is meant to supplement the GAAP information, has become the key message to investors, crowding out and effectively supplanting the GAAP presentation. Jim Schnurr, our Chief Accountant, Mark Kronforst, our Chief Accountant in the Division of Corporation Finance and I, along with other members of the staff, have spoken out frequently about our concerns to raise the awareness of boards, management and investors. And last month, the staff issued guidance addressing a number of troublesome practices *which can make non-GAAP disclosures misleading*: the lack of equal or greater prominence for GAAP measures; exclusion of normal, recurring cash operating expenses; individually tailored non-GAAP revenues; lack of consistency; cherry-picking; and the use of cash per share data. I strongly urge companies to carefully consider this guidance and revisit their approach to non-GAAP disclosures. I also urge again, as I did last December, that appropriate controls be considered and that audit committees carefully oversee their company's use of non-GAAP measures and disclosures.¹

33. The SEC has repeatedly emphasized that disclosure of non-GAAP forecasts can be inherently misleading, and has therefore heightened its scrutiny of the use of such forecasts.²

¹ Mary Jo White, *Keynote Address, International Corporate Governance Network Annual Conference: Focusing the Lens of Disclosure to Set the Path Forward on Board Diversity, Non-GAAP, and Sustainability* (June 27, 2016), <https://www.sec.gov/news/speech/chair-white-icgn-speech.html>. (emphasis added)

² See, e.g., Nicolas Grabar and Sandra Flow, *Non-GAAP Financial Measures: The SEC's Evolving Views*, Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation (June 24, 2016), <https://corpgov.law.harvard.edu/2016/06/24/non-gAAP-financial-measures-the->

Indeed, the SEC's Division of Corporation Finance released a new and updated Compliance and Disclosure Interpretation ("C&DIs") on the use of non-GAAP financial measures to clarify the extremely narrow and limited circumstances, known as the business combination exemption, where Regulation G would not apply.³

34. More importantly, the C&DI clarifies when the business combination exemption does not apply:

There is an exemption from Regulation G and Item 10(e) of Regulation S-K for non-GAAP financial measures disclosed in communications subject to Securities Act Rule 425 and Exchange Act Rules 14a-12 and 14d-2(b)(2); it is also intended to apply to communications subject to Exchange Act Rule 14d-9(a)(2). This exemption does not extend beyond such communications. Consequently, if the same non-GAAP financial measure that was included in a communication filed under one of those rules is also disclosed in a Securities Act registration statement, proxy statement, or tender offer statement, this exemption from Regulation G and Item 10(e) of Regulation S-K would not be available for that non-GAAP financial measure.

Id.

35. Thus, the C&DI makes clear that the so-called "business combination" exemption from the Regulation G non-GAAP to GAAP reconciliation requirement applies solely to the extent that a third-party such as financial banker has utilized projected non-GAAP financial measures to render a report or opinion to the Board. To the extent the Board also examined and relied on internal financial forecasts to recommend a transaction, Regulation G applies.

36. Because the Proxy explicitly discloses that the forecasts were provided by the Company to the Board "in connection with the Company's evaluation of strategic alternatives and

secs-evolving-views/; Gretchen Morgenson, *Fantasy Math Is Helping Companies Spin Losses Into Profits*, N.Y. Times, Apr. 22, 2016, http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/24/business/fantasy-math-is-helping-companies-spin-losses-into-profits.html?_r=0.

³ *Non-GAAP Financial Measures*, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (Oct. 17, 2017), available at <https://www.sec.gov/divisions/corpfin/guidance/nongaapinterp.htm#101>. To be sure, there are other situations where Regulation G would not apply but are not applicable here.

a possible transaction involving the Company”, no exemption from Regulation G is applicable. Proxy 44.

37. Thus, to bring the Proxy into compliance with Regulation G as well as cure the materially misleading nature of the forecasts under SEC Rule 14a-9 as a result of the omitted information on page 45, Defendants must provide a reconciliation table of the non-GAAP measures to the most comparable GAAP measures.

38. At the very least, the Company must disclose the line item forecasts for the financial metrics that were used to calculate the aforementioned non-GAAP measures. Such forecasts are necessary to make the non-GAAP forecasts included in the Proxy not misleading. Indeed, the Defendants acknowledge the misleading nature of non-GAAP forecasts, as General Cable stockholders are cautioned in a press release announcing the Company’s Q3 2017 financial results that “non-GAAP measures may be inconsistent with similar measures presented by other companies and should only be used in conjunction with the Company’s results reported according to GAAP.”⁴

39. Clearly, shareholders would find this information material since the Board’s unanimous recommendation that shareholders vote in favor the Proposed Merger was based, in part on the following:

- the Board’s analyses, after conducting a review of strategic alternatives, that the merger is more favorable to the Company’s stockholders than the possible alternatives to the merger, including the execution of the Company management’s standalone plan, a recapitalization, a sale for cash, stock of an acquiror or a combination thereof to an acquiror other than Parent, and a going-private transaction with a financial sponsor;

⁴ General Cable Corp., Current Report (Form 8-K), Exhibit 99.1 (Nov. 1, 2017), *available at* <https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/886035/000088603517000078/q32017earningsrelease.htm>

Proxy 35.

40. In sum, the Proxy independently violates both (i) Regulation G, which requires a presentation and reconciliation of any non-GAAP financial to its most directly comparable GAAP equivalent, and (ii) Rule 14a-9, since the material omitted information renders certain statements, discussed above, materially incomplete and misleading. As the Proxy independently contravenes the SEC rules and regulations, Defendants violated Section 14(a) and Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act by filing the Proxy to garner votes in support of the Proposed Merger from General Cable shareholders.

41. Absent disclosure of the foregoing material information prior to the special shareholder meeting to vote on the Proposed Merger, Plaintiff and the other members of the Class will not be able to make a fully-informed decision regarding whether to vote in favor of the Proposed Merger, and they are thus threatened with irreparable harm, warranting the injunctive relief sought herein.

COUNT I

(Against All Defendants for Violations of Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act and 17 C.F.R. § 244.100 Promulgated Thereunder)

42. Plaintiff incorporates each and every allegation set forth above as if fully set forth herein.

43. Section 14(a)(1) of the Exchange Act makes it “unlawful for any person, by the use of the mails or by any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce or of any facility of a national securities exchange or otherwise, in contravention of such rules and regulations as the Commission may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors, to solicit or to permit the use of his name to solicit any proxy or consent or

authorization in respect of any security (other than an exempted security) registered pursuant to section 78l of this title.” 15 U.S.C. § 78n(a)(1).

44. As set forth above, the Proxy omits information required by SEC Regulation G, 17 C.F.R. § 244.100, which independently violates Section 14(a). SEC Regulation G among other things, requires an issuer that chooses to disclose a non-GAAP measure to provide a presentation of the “most directly comparable” GAAP measure, and a reconciliation “by schedule or other clearly understandable method” of the non-GAAP measure to the “most directly comparable” GAAP measure. 17 C.F.R. § 244.100(a).

45. The failure to reconcile the numerous non-GAAP financial measures included in the Proxy violates Regulation G and constitutes a violation of Section 14(a).

COUNT II

(Against All Defendants for Violations of Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act and Rule 14a-9 Promulgated Thereunder)

46. Plaintiff incorporates each and every allegation set forth above as if fully set forth herein.

47. SEC Rule 14a-9 prohibits the solicitation of shareholder votes in proxy statements that contain “any statement which, at the time and in the light of the circumstances under which it is made, is false or misleading with respect to any material fact, or which omits to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein not false or misleading.” 17 C.F.R. § 240.14a-9.

48. Regulation G similarly prohibits the solicitation of shareholder votes by “mak[ing] public a non-GAAP financial measure that, taken together with the information accompanying that measure, contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the presentation of the non-GAAP financial measure...not misleading.” 17

C.F.R. § 244.100(b).

49. Defendants have issued the Proxy with the intention of soliciting shareholder support for the Proposed Merger. Each of the Defendants reviewed and authorized the dissemination of the Proxy, which fails to provide critical information regarding, amongst other things, the financial forecasts for the Company and Prysmian.

50. In so doing, Defendants made untrue statements of fact and/or omitted material facts necessary to make the statements made not misleading. Each of the Individual Defendants, by virtue of their roles as officers and/or directors, were aware of the omitted information but failed to disclose such information, in violation of Section 14(a). The Individual Defendants were therefore negligent, as they had reasonable grounds to believe material facts existed that were misstated or omitted from the Proxy, but nonetheless failed to obtain and disclose such information to shareholders although they could have done so without extraordinary effort.

51. The Individual Defendants knew or were negligent in not knowing that the Proxy is materially misleading and omits material facts that are necessary to render it not misleading. The Individual Defendants undoubtedly reviewed and relied upon the omitted information identified above in connection with their decision to approve and recommend the Proposed Merger.

52. The Individual Defendants knew or were negligent in not knowing that the material information identified above has been omitted from the Proxy, rendering the sections of the Proxy identified above to be materially incomplete and misleading.

53. The Individual Defendants were, at the very least, negligent in preparing and reviewing the Proxy. The preparation of a proxy statement by corporate insiders containing materially false or misleading statements or omitting a material fact constitutes negligence. The

Individual Defendants were negligent in choosing to omit material information from the Proxy or failing to notice the material omissions in the Proxy upon reviewing it, which they were required to do carefully as the Company's directors. Indeed, the Individual Defendants were intricately involved in the process leading up to the signing of the Merger Agreement and the preparation of the Company's financial forecasts.

54. General Cable is also deemed negligent as a result of the Individual Defendants' negligence in preparing and reviewing the Proxy.

55. The misrepresentations and omissions in the Proxy are material to Plaintiff and the Class, who will be deprived of their right to cast an informed vote if such misrepresentations and omissions are not corrected prior to the vote on the Proposed Merger.

56. Plaintiff and the Class have no adequate remedy at law. Only through the exercise of this Court's equitable powers can Plaintiff and the Class be fully protected from the immediate and irreparable injury that Defendants' actions threaten to inflict.

COUNT III

(Against the Individual Defendants for Violations of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act)

57. Plaintiff incorporates each and every allegation set forth above as if fully set forth herein.

58. The Individual Defendants acted as controlling persons of General Cable within the meaning of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act as alleged herein. By virtue of their positions as officers and/or directors of General Cable, and participation in and/or awareness of the Company's operations and/or intimate knowledge of the incomplete and misleading statements contained in the Proxy filed with the SEC, they had the power to influence and control and did influence and control, directly or indirectly, the decision making of the Company, including the content and

dissemination of the various statements that Plaintiff contends are materially incomplete and misleading.

59. Each of the Individual Defendants was provided with or had unlimited access to copies of the Proxy and other statements alleged by Plaintiff to be misleading prior to and/or shortly after these statements were issued and had the ability to prevent the issuance of the statements or cause the statements to be corrected.

60. In particular, each of the Individual Defendants had direct and supervisory involvement in the day-to-day operations of the Company, and, therefore, is presumed to have had the power to control or influence the particular transactions giving rise to the Exchange Act violations alleged herein, and exercised the same. The Proxy at issue contains the unanimous recommendation of each of the Individual Defendants to approve the Proposed Merger. They were thus directly involved in preparing the Proxy.

61. In addition, as the Proxy sets forth at length, and as described herein, the Individual Defendants were involved in negotiating, reviewing, and approving the Merger Agreement. The Proxy purports to describe the various issues and information that the Individual Defendants reviewed and considered. The Individual Defendants participated in drafting and/or gave their input on the content of those descriptions.

62. By virtue of the foregoing, the Individual Defendants have violated Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act.

63. As set forth above, the Individual Defendants had the ability to exercise control over and did control a person or persons who have each violated Section 14(a) and Rule 14a-9 by their acts and omissions as alleged herein. By virtue of their positions as controlling persons, these Defendants are liable pursuant to Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. As a direct and proximate

result of Individual Defendants' conduct, Plaintiff and the Class will be irreparably harmed.

64. Plaintiff and the Class have no adequate remedy at law. Only through the exercise of this Court's equitable powers can Plaintiff and the Class be fully protected from the immediate and irreparable injury that Defendants' actions threaten to inflict.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment and relief as follows:

A. Declaring that this action is properly maintainable as a Class Action and certifying Plaintiff as Class Representative and his counsel as Class Counsel;

B. Enjoining Defendants and all persons acting in concert with them from proceeding with the shareholder vote on the Proposed Merger or consummating the Proposed Merger, unless and until the Company discloses the material information discussed above which has been omitted from the Proxy;

C. Directing the Defendants to account to Plaintiff and the Class for all damages sustained as a result of their wrongdoing;

D. Awarding Plaintiff the costs and disbursements of this action, including reasonable attorneys' and expert fees and expenses;

E. Granting such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Dated: January 2, 2018

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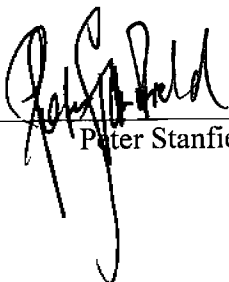
CERTIFICATION OF PROPOSED LEAD PLAINTIFF

I, Peter Stanfield (“Plaintiff”), declare, as to the claims asserted under the federal securities laws, that:

1. Plaintiff has reviewed a draft complaint against General Cable Corporation (“General”) and its board of directors and has authorized the filing of a complaint substantially similar to the one I reviewed.
2. Plaintiff selects Faruqi & Faruqi, LLP and any firm with which it affiliates for the purpose of prosecuting this action as my counsel for purposes of prosecuting my claim against defendants.
3. Plaintiff did not purchase the security that is the subject of the complaint at the direction of Plaintiff’s counsel or in order to participate in any private action arising under the federal securities laws.
4. Plaintiff is willing to serve as a representative party on behalf of a class, including providing testimony at deposition and trial, if necessary.
5. Plaintiff’s transactions in General securities that are the subject of the complaint during the class period specified in the complaint are set forth in the chart attached hereto.
6. In the past three years, Plaintiff has not sought to serve nor has served as a representative party on behalf of a class in an action filed under the federal securities laws, except as specified below:
7. Plaintiff will not accept any payment for serving as a representative party on behalf of a class beyond plaintiff’s pro rata share of any recovery, except such reasonable costs and expenses (including lost wages) directly relating to the representation of the Class as ordered or approved by the Court.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed this 28th day of December 2017.


Peter Stanfield

Transaction (Purchase or Sale)	Trade Date	Quantity
Purchase	08/18/16	200

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

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DEFENDANTS

General Cable Corporation; Welsh III, John E.; McDonnell, Michael T.; Bailey, Sallie B.; Hall, Edward C.; Lawton, Gregory E.; Omtvedt, Craig P.; Prevost, Patrick M.

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Campbell County, KY (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

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Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff, 2 U.S. Government Defendant, 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party), 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

Table with columns for Plaintiff (PTF) and Defendant (DEF) citizenship: Citizen of This State, Citizen of Another State, Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country, Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State, Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State, Foreign Nation.

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

Large table with categories: CONTRACT, REAL PROPERTY, CIVIL RIGHTS, TORTS, PRISONER PETITIONS, FORFEITURE/PENALTY, LABOR, IMMIGRATION, BANKRUPTCY, SOCIAL SECURITY, FEDERAL TAX SUITS, OTHER STATUTES.

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 Original Proceeding, 2 Removed from State Court, 3 Remanded from Appellate Court, 4 Reinstated or Reopened, 5 Transferred from Another District (specify), 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer, 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity): Sections 14(a) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78n(a), 78t(a)
Brief description of cause: Violation of Securities Exchange Act in Acquisition of General Cable Corporation

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P. DEMAND \$ CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND: Yes No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

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