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Corning & Meta Break Ground on Cable Manufacturing Expansion in North Carolina to Support AI Build Out

Corning Incorporated, Corning, NY, USA, and **Meta Platforms, Inc.** recently began construction on a significant expansion of Corning's optical cable manufacturing capacity in Hickory, NC, USA, reinforcing their collaboration to support the build out of advanced AI data centers using technology developed and manufactured in the United States.

The ground breaking marks a milestone in the multiyear, up to US\$6 billion agreement between Corning and Meta to accelerate deployment of the most advanced data centers in the USA and to support Meta's apps, technologies and AI objectives. Under the agreement, announced in January of this year, Corning will supply Meta with its newest innovations in optical fiber, cable and connectivity solutions. Meta will serve as the anchor customer for the Hickory expansion, which will produce optical cable critical to AI infrastructure. Corning's expansion could increase Corning employment levels in the state by 15% to 20% reinforcing North Carolina's role as a manufacturing hub for optical fiber and cable. www.corning.com



Fiber Optics Leaders Collaborate to Define a New Multicore Fiber Design Optimized for AI Data Centers

America Fujikura Ltd., **Corning**, **Sumitomo Electric Industries** and **TeraHop Pte.** are collaborating to develop the SDM4 MCF MSA Multi-Source Agreement that outlines critical four-core multicore fiber design, performance and interoperability requirements for passive optical connections in data center applications. As AI network scale-out creates unprecedented demand for higher density optical infrastructure and traditional single-core fiber solutions approach their limitations, the industry, including hyperscalers, looks to new technologies like multicore fiber to deliver more capacity and connectivity within the same physical infrastructure.

The collaboration will define operating procedures, scope, technical requirements and other terms of the SDM4 MCF MSA to facilitate multicore fiber adoption across diverse environments, such as intra-campus networks and other short-reach interconnect applications operating in the O-band. www.AFLglobal.com • www.corning.com www.sumitomoelectric.com • www.terahop.com



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WIRE & CABLE STOCK INDEXES			
		% CHANGE since last issue	% CHANGE YTD 2026
OVERVIEW Total	13,258	-3.4	-4.0
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Nexans Achieves Record Depth of 3000 m for MI HVDC Subsea Cable

Nexans set a new world record by successfully installing and testing a 525 kV mass impregnated (MI) high-voltage direct current (HVDC) subsea cable at a depth of 3000 m during a deep-water sea trial. Following recovery of the cable with joint, comprehensive electrical testing and visual inspection confirmed the integrity of the cable system and its ability to perform under extreme deep-water conditions.

www.nexans.com

LS Eco Energy Signs Cables Agreement in Japan

LS Eco Energy reports that its Vietnamese production subsidiary, **LS-VINA**, signed an annual supply agreement for 6.6 kV CVT power distribution cables with **Kitanihon Electric Cable** in Japan. A subsidiary of **Tohoku Electric Power**, Kitanihon Electric Cable supplies distribution cables to major utility companies across Japan.

This contract was secured in collaboration with **LS Cable & System Japan (LSCJ)**, and marks LS Eco Energy's its full-scale entry into the Japanese power infrastructure market.

www.lscns.co.kr

NEMA Applauds Introduction of Legislation to Speed Grid Expansion, Modernize Power Transmission System

NEMA Senior VP of Public Affairs, **Spencer Pederson**, said in response to the introduction of S.3947, the Reconductoring Existing Wires for Infrastructure Reliability and Expansion (REWIRE) Act: "With economy-wide energy demand poised to increase 55% by 2050, the expansion and modernization of America's power generation and delivery capacity represent an urgent economic and national security priority."

"This is not lost on America's electrical manufacturers, which have mobilized nearly US\$200 billion toward expanded domestic production capacity for transformers, switch gear, conductors, electric wire and cable and other critical grid equipment including Grid Enhancing Technologies (GETs) since 2018.

"But continued acceleration in the deployment of growth-driving infrastructure including power systems, data centers, and advanced manufacturing facilities depends upon immediate and durable additions to the country's electric transmission capacity."

"NEMA applauds the introduction of the bipartisan Reconductoring Existing Wires for Infrastructure Reliability and Expansion (REWIRE) Act, which will not only cut red tape to accelerate deployment of new poles and wires, but also support adoption of GETs and advanced conductors that enable transmission system operators to maximize the value of existing networks."

Find more information at: www.makeitelectric.org

JDR names former UK Trade Commissioner Jonathan Knott CMG as Deputy CEO

Hartlepool, UK, based, JDR Cable Systems (JDR), the global subsea cable supplier and service provider, part of the TFKable Group, appointed former UK Trade Commissioner Jonathan Knott CMG



as Deputy Chief Executive Officer, marking a significant step in the company's continued expansion and long-term growth strategy. The newly created role supports JDR's accelerated international expansion and operational scaling, building on its capabilities to meet increasing demand for subsea cable and energy infrastructure solutions in offshore markets.

Bringing extensive senior leadership experience from across international trade and diplomacy, Knott previously served as HM Trade Commissioner for Latin America and the Caribbean and as British Ambassador to Poland and Hungary. He also held the role of Deputy Head of Mission at the British Embassy in South Korea

www.jdr cables.com

Southwire makes strategic investment in Verdigris

Southwire Company LLC, Carrollton, GA, USA, North America's leading wire and cable manufacturer, announced a strategic investment in Verdigris Technologies, Inc, an AI-native electrical intelligence company focused on AI-scale data center infrastructure.



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Metro Wire & Cable Promotes Tallman; Turns 50

Metro Wire & Cable Corporation, Sterling Heights, MI, USA, a leading distributor of electrical wire, cable and electrical components, named **Nathan (Nate) Tallman** Chief Operating Officer (COO). He will provide oversight of sales and operations, lead strategic initiatives and advance the company's customer-focused approach across all markets. Tallman joined Metro Wire in 2012 and has held progressive senior leadership roles, playing an integral role in the company's growth, operational excellence and market expansion. His deep knowledge of the wire and cable distribution industry, with a strong commitment to customer relationships and team development, positions him to help lead Metro into its next phase of growth. "Nate's nearly 15 years of experience



with Metro Wire & Cable and increasing levels of leadership have been a major contributing factor for our growth," said **Devin H. Ezop**, CEO and Owner of Metro Wire & Cable. "I look forward to seeing him align our strategic plan, focusing on our core values of relationships built on reliability, value-added services and market awareness, with our internal Team as well as our customers and vendors." According to Tallman, "Metro Wire & Cable has a strong foundation built on great people and strong customer and manufacturing partner relationships." This year, Metro Wire & Cable celebrates its 50th anniversary. www.metrowire.net



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TiniFiber® Promotes Michelle Dinkel; Launches New Fiber Optic Cable

TiniFiber®, named **Michelle Dinkel** Regional Sales Manager for the Northeast Region. She brings over 20 years of sales and account management experience in the telecommunications industry.



Also, TiniFiber launched an Outside Plant Fiber Optic Cable for use in harsh environments. Its



strong outer jacket made for underground duct and aerial installations, delivering long-term durability against chemicals, harsh weather, temperature fluctuations and UV exposure.

www.tinifiber.com

Advanced Digital Cable Named CDA Member

The **Copper Development Association (CDA)** named **Advanced Digital Cable LLC (ADC)** as its newest member. Founded in 1997, ADC began manufacturing coaxial cable during the booming digital cable market. For over 30 years, ADC has expanded to become a leading producer of a wide range of wire and cable products.



www.adcable.com

The investment reflects Southwire's commitment to advancing power delivery for next-generation computing environments.

Verdigris delivers a cloud-first platform that captures high-frequency electrical data at the circuit level. Its sensors install inside existing electrical panels and sample thousands of times/second for sub-second visibility into load behavior, power quality and early fault conditions.

www.southwire.com

Cross-Sound Plans System Redevelopment to Upgrade Connectivity in the Northeast

Argo Infrastructure Partners, LP, a mid-market investment manager of 18 essential infrastructure assets in North America, announced that Cross-Sound Cable Company, LLC is initiating a project to significantly upgrade and expand its electric transmission system, Cross-Sound Cable (CSC), a critical high-voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission

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CBSA Investigates Cable Dumping from China

The **Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)** is launching investigations into the alleged dumping and subsidizing of un-armoured building cables from China. The investigations focus on imports that can harm Canadian industries by undercutting prices, which undermines fair competition. The CBSA's investigations follow a complaint filed by **PTI Cables Inc.** A preliminary decision will be made by June 15, 2026.

www.canada.ca

Credo Settlements with TE and Molex

Credo Technology Group Holding Ltd. and **TE Connectivity** reached a license and settlement agreement relating to AEC technology. Based on this agreement, all lawsuits between the two companies will be promptly dismissed. Credo Technology Group also reached a cross-license and settlement agreement with **Molex, LLC.**

Based on this agreement, the lawsuits will be promptly dismissed, bringing an end to all patent disputes between the two companies. The terms of both agreements remain confidential.

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Philatron Debuts Halogen-Free Power Cables

Philatron introduced Philaflex-HF-125™ halogen-free power cables for +125°C continuous operating temperature for AI data center applications. Due to data centers shifting from traditional IT environments to AI data centers high-density, industrial-power demands, there is an increasing need for continuous +125°C temperature rated wire and cable. While standard data center ambient temperatures are between 18°C and 27°C (64°F and 81°F), the specific requirements for AI infrastructure drive the need for higher thermal ratings including:

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- **UL 62** Flexible Cords and Cables
- **UL 758** Appliance Wiring Material

Philatron cable systems deliver the highest value-to-cost ratio for operators of mission-critical electrical infrastructure. By combining high-temp insulation performance, LSZH safety and robust mechanical durability, Philaflex-HF-125 cables reduce maintenance cycles, replacement costs and operational downtime. www.philatron.com



system connecting the electric grids of New England and Long Island. CSC is an established 24-mile submarine transmission cable having

330 megawatts of bi-directional capacity linking the ISO New England electric grid with New York ISO's Zone K, with HVDC converter stations located in New Haven, Connecticut and Shoreham, New York.

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Hellenic Cables Signs Long-Term Framework Agreement with Alliander for MV & LV Power Cables

Hellenic Cables S.A., the cables segment of **Cenergy Holdings**, has signed a long-term framework agreement with **Alliander N.V.**, one of the leading network companies in the Netherlands, for the supply of medium-voltage (MV) and low-voltage (LV) power cables. The agreement forms part of Alliander's largest cable tender to date, supporting its multi-year investment program to expand and reinforce the Dutch electricity grid.

The framework agreement has a duration of up to eight years (2026-2034). Under the agreement, Hellenic Cables will undertake the design, production and delivery of MV and LV cables. The cables will be manufactured at Hellenic Cables' state-of-the-art facility in Thiva, Greece, where the company upholds high-quality and sustainability stan-



dards. Following recent investments, the plant now operates at more than double its previous capacity. This collaboration supports the accelerating energy transition in the Netherlands by contributing to the upgrade and modernization of distribution networks. As electricity demand rises and renewable energy integration grows, high-quality and reliable cable systems are essential to strengthen network resilience and ensure long-term security of supply. www.hellenic-cables.com

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Republic Wire Builds New HQ in Ohio

Republic Wire constructed a new 311,867 ft² headquarters and distribution center building in West Chester Township, OH, USA. The new facility construction project received a 2026 CoStar Impact Award for Commercial Development of the Year for Cincinnati and Dayton, as judged by real estate professionals familiar with the market.

www.republicwire.com

Prysmian Creates New Negative-Carbon-Footprint Cable Categories

Prysmian, Milan, Italy, says it has set a world's first by creating a negative-carbon-footprint cable, which is a significant breakthrough to reducing carbon emissions. This assessment uses a cradle-to-gate approach, meaning the cable's sourcing and manufacturing processes remove more carbon emissions than they release, delivering a real positive climate benefit. Prysmian will now begin the industrialization process of the patent-pending technology using its manufacturing footprint across the world for power grid customers.

www.prysmian.com

Ethisphere, a global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices.

In 2026, Ethisphere recognized 138 companies spanning 17 countries and 40 industries. 2026 marks the third consecutive year that Southwire has been recognized. This year, Southwire is one of only five honorees in the electronics and components industry.

www.southwire.com

Amphenol prices euro-dominated senior notes offering

Amphenol Corp. priced an offering of €500 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes due 2031 to be issued by its wholly owned **Amphenol** subsidiary Amphenol Technologies Holding GmbH, a German limited liability company. The notes will be guaranteed by the company and will have an interest rate of 3.625%

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Fisk Alloy Acquires Thermo-Technologies Special Wire Business

Fisk Alloy, Inc. has acquired **Thermo-Technologies' Special Wires** business, including 100% of the share capital of **FSPone** (France) and its distribution subsidiaries **IWT** (USA) and **TSI** (China). This strategic transaction represents a major milestone for Fisk Alloy, Inc. and the Special Wires business of Thermo-Technologies, creating the worldwide leader in high-end specialty conductors for critical no-fail applications in aerospace, defense, electronics and medical technologies. www.fiskalloy.com



Greenbelt Capital Invests in American Wire Group (AWG)
American Wire Group (AWG) and **Greenbelt Capital Management** announced Greenbelt's investment to support AWG's continued growth across the electrification landscape. The partnership will reinforce AWG's leadership in the energy market and position it to further expand its portfolio across evolving industry demands. All key members of AWG's management team will remain in their roles.



www.buyawg.com

3M Announces Investment in EBO Production

3M, St. Paul, MN, USA, announced a planned expansion of USA manufacturing capacity for its 3M™ Expanded Beam Optical (EBO) interconnect technology, a high-performance optical connectivity solution engineered to improve deployment speed, reliability and operational efficiency within next-gen AI data centers. The expansion will include adding new advanced manufacturing equipment and additional production space to support increasing

global demand for high-speed interconnects in AI data centers.



The capacity expansion reflects accelerating adoption of optical interconnect technologies designed for high-density computing environments. This investment will also strengthen 3M's ability to support customers across the data center ecosystem including hyperscalers, optical network equipment providers and cable assembly partners.

www.3m.com

Obituary

Peter J. Olsta
 1947 - 2026

Peter J. Olsta of Eastham, MA, USA, and Glenmont, NY, USA, died March 12, 2026. He was born in Webster, MA, USA, the son of the late **Juliet (Rulli) Olsta** and the late **Joseph Jarmolowicz**. He received a bachelor's degree from **Lowell Tech** and a master's degree from **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**. He is survived by his daughters, **Lisa (Michael) Sullivan** and **Michelle (Anthony) Marino**; sister **Mary (Ed) Kunkel**; and predeceased by his wife of 49 years, **Carol (Nadeau) Olsta**. Peter was a business executive in the plastics manufacturing industry, spending his career at **DuPont**, **Albany International**, **Crellin Plastics**, **Sonoco Plastics** and **Pittsfield Plastics**. More recently, Peter spent his time volunteering for **Nauset Neighbors** on Cape Cod, where he made many new friends while driving seniors to medical appointments. He was recently awarded Volunteer of the Year. Peter was devoted to his family, especially his grandkids (and grand-dogs). Through the years, he was a fixture on the sidelines and bleachers of all the grandchildren's sporting events and performances. He loved to build custom furniture for his family and friends. Peter loved bringing people together, especially at his home on Cape Cod. Peter was a gifted athlete, having success in football, basketball and most significantly, baseball. A Mass of Christian burial was held at **Sacred Heart Of Jesus Church**, Webster, MA, USA.



per year. Amphenol Technologies will use the net proceeds from the offering to repay Amphenol Technologies' outstanding 0.750% Euro Senior Notes due 2026 and for general corporate purposes.

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Prysmian & Alliander to strengthen dutch power grid

Prysmian, Milan, Italy, won a framework agreement from Alliander to



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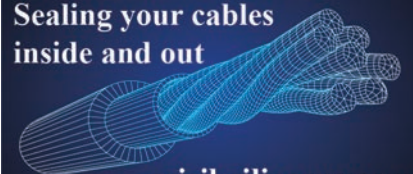
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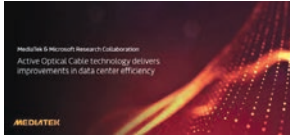
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MediaTek & Microsoft Collaborate to Develop Optical Cable Technology for Improvements in Data Center Efficiency

A collaborative team of researchers from **MediaTek**, **Microsoft Research** and other suppliers designed a next-generation Active Optical Cable (AOC) powered by miniaturized MicroLED light sources. This new design of an Active MicroLED Cable significantly boosts power efficiency in data centers. The use of an Active MicroLED Cable also delivers high-reliability like copper, but at a much farther reach. Today's data center networks compromise between reach, power and reliability.



Electrical copper links are energy-efficient, but limited to less than 2 m. Laser-based optical links reach farther, but are power hungry and have failure rates up to 100 times higher than copper. By combining MediaTek's engineering with Microsoft's MOSAIC technology, this new Active MicroLED Cable design helps solve this trade-off by replacing traditional "Narrow-and-Fast" (NaF) laser channels with hundreds of parallel, low-speed MicroLED channels ("wide-and-slow"). www.mediatek.com

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CRU Wire & Cable

Connection Summit

CRU's CRU Wire & Cable Connections Summit takes place from June 23 to 25, 2026, in Hanover, Germany. This year's agenda is designed to reflect the rapid market changes and volatility shaping the global wire and



cable manufacturing sector. The *CRU Wire & Cable Connections Summit* provides the perfect opportunity to share your products, services and insights directly with a global audience of industry decision makers. Learn the full event agenda at:

www.crugroup.com

IWMA Boosts Executive Management Committee

The **IWMA** welcomes **Pemika Nakornsri (Bangkok Cable)** and **Sebastian Eckert (AFH-Antriebstechnik GmbH)** to its Executive Management Committee (EMC). Nakornsri brings insight in marketing, sustainability and strategic growth, alongside a strong international outlook. Eckert brings extensive technical and commercial experience, offering practical industry knowledge across both established markets and emerging opportunities.

www.iwma.org

supply medium and low-voltage power cables for the development and modernization of the Dutch electricity grid. The award covers eight years and could be worth up to some €500 million. Prysmian won this agreement



as the Netherlands is currently expanding, reinforcing and future-proofing its electricity distribution network, while integrating adoption of renewable energy within the Dutch power grid.

Prysmian will make use of its proprietary P-Laser technology, which is a fully recyclable solution with conventional XLPE solutions for the cables' insulation. It will also use recycled materials such as recycled copper, low carbon and partly recycled aluminum and recycled PVC in low-voltage cables. Transparency will be enhanced through raw material passports.

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Extensive Forum Program at wire 2026

An extensive and high-caliber forum program will complement the exhibits at *wire 2026*, the world's leading trade fairs for the wire, cable, tube and pipe industries. Visitors will find a combination of technology, market and future topics currently driving the industry.



A special feature at *wire 2026* will be the premiere of the special exhibition World of Cables, presenting the entire range of high-performance cable end products with impressive demonstrations of their key role in challenging applications. There will also be many exciting daily forums and discussion panels, jointly organized by international associations and partners.

Another highlight will be the wire Day, which will be jointly organized by the **IWCEA**, **VDKM**, **VÖDKM** and **IWCEA-France** associations. The focus will be on strategic topics such as market requirements, technological developments, sustainability and international cooperation. Together with the **IWMA** and **CRU Group**, *wire 2026* will host a high-caliber forum addressing current

market trends, technological innovations and strategic perspectives, providing guidance for business decisions. And Industry Insights Day will offer info on the latest technologies, applications and practical solutions. www.wire-tradefair.com

wire & Tube Mexico 2027 Exhibitor Registration Opens

Exhibitor registration for *wire and Tube Mexico 2027* is now open. The two trade shows will be co-located with the *Expo Manufactura* trade fair from February 23 – 27, 2027 at the **CINTERMEX Centro Internacional de Negocios** in Monterrey. Both trade fairs will feature country pavilions from Germany, Italy and Austria. In addition, *wire Mexico* will include a country group exhibit from France as well as a group stand organized by the **International Wire and Machinery Association (IWMA)**. At the last staging of *wire and Tube Mexico* in 2025, 168 exhibitors from 20 countries showcased their innovations to 13,652 visitors (includes attendees at *Expo Manufactura*). The organizers expect a 10% increase in exhibitor participation for the 2027 edition.

www.wire-tube-mexico.com

EVENTS

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wire 2026, Düsseldorf, Germany
www.wire-tradefair.com

April 25, 2026

WCMA Awards Dinner and Investiture Ceremony, Hartford, CT, USA
www.wcmainc.org

May 5 – 7, 2026

EWPT 2026, Milwaukee, WI, USA
www.electricalwireshow.com

May 6 – 7, 2026

Wire Expo 2026, Milwaukee, WI, USA
www.wirenet.org/events/wire-expo-2026

May 16 – 18, 2026

26th China (Guangzhou) International Fastener, Spring & Wire Exhibition Guangzhou, China
www.julang.com.cn/english/jingujian/

June 1, 2026

WCMA Annual Golf Outing & Fundraiser, Wethersfield, CT, USA, www.wcmainc.org

June 9 – 10, 2026

Polymers in Cables, Cleveland, OH, USA
www.ami.ltd/Cables-USA

June 23 – 25, 2026

CRU Wire & Cable Connections Summit 2026, Hanover, Germany, events.crugroup.com

September 21 – 24, 2026

wire China 2026, Shanghai, China
www.wirechina.net

October 20 – 21, 2026

Automotive Wire Harness, Detroit, MI, USA
www.eds-conference.com

November 1–4, 2026

IWCS Cable & Connectivity Industry Forum Orlando, FL, USA, www.iwcs.org

November 30 – December 2, 2026

wire India, Mumbai, India
www.wire-india.com

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