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### Amazon & Corning Agreement to Boost USA Fiber Optics Manufacturing, Creating 1000 Jobs

Amazon announced a multibillion-dollar agreement with leading manufacturer of advanced glass and fiber optic technology, **Corning Inc.**, to supply the optical fiber, cable and connectivity solutions that power Amazon's expanding data center infrastructure across the USA. The investment will create 1000 new, highly skilled jobs at Corning manufacturing sites across North Carolina, and support hundreds of other construction jobs to expand Corning's facilities. Amazon will also work with Corning to expand its Fiber Optic Technician Training Program with **Catawba Valley Community College** to train students for careers in fiber optic manufacturing and related technical roles. The efforts will help strengthen the domestic supply chain and USA manufacturing base while serving the region and state to help expand residential and commercial fiber densification efforts.



"Amazon's investments in North Carolina have created more than 26,000 jobs across the state. This multibillion-dollar agreement with Corning continues that commitment, channeling investment into American manufacturing and creating 1000 new jobs at their facilities near our data centers," said **Matt Garman, CEO of AWS (Amazon Web Services)**. "We're also partnering to train North Carolinians for highly skilled roles in fiber optics and fusion splicing. These long-term investments create long-term careers and real opportunity in the communities where we operate."

This latest agreement with Corning is in addition to Amazon's plans, which were announced last year, to invest US\$10 billion in North Carolina in order to expand cloud computing infrastructure. The agreement builds on the more than US\$20 billion Amazon has in the state since 2010.  
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OVERVIEW Communications	2,205		-12.6	+18.2
OVERVIEW Steel	1,416		+15.4	+54.4

• All numbers are from opening market prices listed on July 8, 2026.

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**American Wire Group Adds Regional Sales Managers**  
**American Wire Group (AWG)**, Miami, FL, USA, expanded the company's internal utility team with the appointments of **Flavio**



**Garcia** (left) as Western Regional Sales Manager as well as **Reese Barillari** (right) as Southeast Regional Sales Manager.

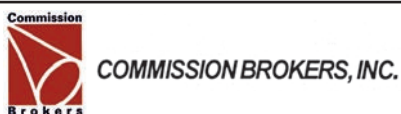
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**Alcatel Submarine Networks Invests in Production Sites**  
**Alcatel Submarine Networks (ASN)** will invest approximately €100 million over three years (2026-2028) in its factories in France and the UK.



ASN aims to modernize its equipment for the production of next-generation cables. This plan includes the renovation and expansion of a building at the Calais, France, site as well as the fit-out of a new building at the Greenwich, UK, site.

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## Enexis & TKF Introduce Medium-Voltage Cables with Recycled & Bio-Based Outer Sheath

TKF and distribution system operator **Enexis** are jointly introducing a new type of 20 kV cable featuring an innovative outer sheath based on mechanically recycled and bio-based material. The insulation material is also fully bio-based.



This increases the cable's circular content and reduces its CO<sub>2</sub> footprint. TKF expects to use several million kilograms less virgin plastic over the coming years in the production of these cables for Enexis. This is the first time this combination has been applied at this scale and within a contractual framework. This launch offers cables with a high share of sustainable raw

materials, without compromising reliability and service life. The cables are designed for an expected service life of 40 to 60 years underground, comparable to traditional designs.

The outer sheath is partly made from mechanically recycled polyethylene (rPE) from certified post-consumer waste. The portion that would normally be made from new fossil-based feedstocks is now being replaced with bio-based feedstocks derived from organic waste streams. The bio-based material chain is fully ISCC+ certified, from the biomass source through to the cable factory. [www.tkf.nl](http://www.tkf.nl)

## LUTZE joins Rockwell Automation PartnerNetwork™

LUTZE Inc., an Amphenol Co., joined the Rockwell Automation PartnerNetwork™ as a **LUTZE AUTOMATION** Technology Partner. This recognition is for companies providing components or connectivity solutions that complement, enhance and extend Rockwell solutions. As a Technology Partner, LUTZE partners with Rockwell to serve/support mutual customers by aligning product compatibility and application expertise. The partnership focuses on delivering reliable solutions for industrial automation environments via coordinated engineering and product integration. LUTZE DRIVEFLEX® Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) cables are designed to seamlessly integrate with Rockwell motors and drives.

[www.lutze.com](http://www.lutze.com)

## Bermuda welcomes Google subsea cable landing

The government of Bermuda welcomed the landing of Google's Nuvem and Sol subsea cable systems in Bermuda, describing the milestone as a significant investment in the island's digital infrastructure, economic resilience and long-term competitiveness. The ceremony brought together representatives of the Government of Bermuda, the Bermuda Business Development Agency (BDA), Google and other partners connected to the project.



The Nuvem and Sol cable systems will strengthen international connectivity, enhance network resilience and support the growing demand for secure, reliable digital infrastructure worldwide.

Speaking at the Subsea Cable

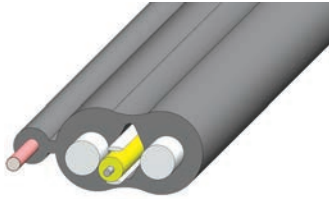


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## Belden Debuts DiamonDrop™ Single-Fiber Drop Cable for Underground FTTX Deployments

**Belden Inc.** launched its new PPC DiamonDrop™, a single-fiber drop cable engineered to make field terminations faster, easier and more reliable for last-mile/drop broadband applications. Designed for outdoor aerial and underground installations, it features an innovative core design that enables the jacket to peel cleanly when exposing the 900 μm buffered fiber, dramatically reducing complexity and the risk of fiber damage during cable preparation. DiamonDrop helps teams make better connections possible by simplifying prep, supporting versatile placement, and delivering durability for outside plant



environments. As broadband expansion accelerates, especially in rural and hard-to-serve areas, installation teams are under pressure to connect more subscribers quickly, with consistent quality and minimal rework. DiamonDrop is built to streamline on-site work without changing deployment standards or operational procedures. DiamonDrop applications include FTTX outdoor aerial and underground deployments, serving telecom providers, rural broadband initiatives, and data infrastructure projects. [www.belden.com](http://www.belden.com)

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### LS Cable & System Cable Contracts

**LS Cable & System** secured a KRW 140 billion extra-high-voltage power grid project contract in Singapore, proving the company's competitiveness in the AI power infrastructure industry. LS Cable & System will supply 400 kV and 230 kV cables. LS Cable & System, with its subsidiary **LS Eco Energy**, has maintained the top market share position for extra-high-voltage cables in Singapore since 2010.

Additionally, **Gaon Cable** is expanding further into the USA power infrastructure market. The company announced that it supplied tens of billions of won worth of power transmission cables to a USA solar power plant grid construction project.

With the construction of AI data centers surging in the USA, power shortages have become a major issue. This has led to increased investments in transmission grids and new power sources such as solar power plants, which in turn is boosting the growth of the power infrastructure market. **LSCUS**, Gaon Cable's USA subsidiary, is also showing accelerating growth [www.lscns.co.kr](http://www.lscns.co.kr)

Landing Ceremony, Premier David Burt said the project reinforces Bermuda's growing role as a trusted and strategically located hub for global connectivity. [www.bda.bm](http://www.bda.bm)

### NEMA, ASHRAE & PNNL join forces to boost data center safety, reliability & resiliency

The National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), ASHRAE and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) released their



trilateral AI Data Center Energy Performance Framework, a comprehensive set of technical standards and industry best practices that will aid data center project developers and facility managers in the design, installation and maintenance of

critical energy infrastructure including electrical, heating and cooling equipment and integrated systems. [www.makeitelectric.org](http://www.makeitelectric.org)

### SPIE wins contract for 50 kV underground grid connection

SPIE, Oss/Wijdewormer, The Netherlands, the independent European leader in multi-technical services in the areas of energy and communications, was appointed by Dutch distribution system operator Liander as the main contractor for the Wijdewormer–Purmerend Baanste 50 kV underground high-voltage connection project in North Holland. Now underway and scheduled for completion in November 2026, the project involves the installation of two new underground 50 kV cable connections over a total length of



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### Prysmian Wins Grid Contract in Greece

**Prysmian**, Milan, Italy, was awarded a framework agreement with the Greek electricity grid operator, **IPTO (Independent Power Transmission Operator)**, with a value of approximately €910 million for the development of electrical interconnections for the Dodecanese and North Aegean islands located in Greece.

The project will support energy infrastructure in Greece and will bring significant benefits to the islands and the national economy overall thanks to the greater reliability and enhanced efficiency in the country's national grid.



Additionally, Prysmian received from **Terna**, which is the Italian transmission operator, and **STEG**, the Tunisian electricity grid and gas operator, the notice to proceed with the construction of the submarine power interconnection running between Italy and Tunisia, called **ELMED**.

The value of the contract is about €460 million and will now be included in Prysmian's backlog of projects.

[www.prysmian.com](http://www.prysmian.com)

### Select Lämneå Bruk Machines Available for Short Delivery Times

**Ann Kathrin Hassenburs**, Head of Marketing, **Lämneå Bruk AB**, Ljusfallshammar, Sweden, reports, "To help our customers meet production demands and reduce project lead times, we currently have several machines available for short delivery."

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Hassenburs concludes, "Whether you are expanding capacity, replacing existing equipment or filling to project requirements, these machines offer a fast/reliable solution." [www.lamnea.com](http://www.lamnea.com)

some 11 km. It aims to reinforce regional grid capacity in response to growing electricity demand.

[www.spie.com](http://www.spie.com)

### Tim Anderson to Director T&D Utility Sales at AWG

American Wire Group (AWG) announced the appointment of **Tim Anderson** as Director of T&D Utility Sales.



Anderson will be responsible for supporting the continued growth and expansion of AWG's Transmission & Distribution (T&D) Division across the USA. He will focus on developing strategic relationships with utilities, EPCs, engineering firms and infra-

structure developers while driving direct sales opportunities for the company's expanding T&D product portfolio.

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### Prysmian partners with UNICEF's Giga to expand school connectivity

Prysmian announced a partnership with Giga, the joint initiative of UNI-

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## Groundbreaking Ceremony for New Leoni LCS Cable Plant in Morocco

International cable specialist **LEONI Cable Solutions (LCS)** broke ground on a new production facility in the Kenitra Free Trade Zone in Morocco. With this new plant, LEONI LCS reaffirms its long-term commitment to Morocco and continues to expand its global manufacturing footprint for the automotive industry. The ceremonial event was attended by representatives of the Moroccan government, regional authorities, officials from the free trade zone as well as numerous partners, service providers and stakeholders who have actively supported the project since its inception. The future plant will manufacture single-core and multi-core automotive cables including data transmission cables used



in applications such as advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) and next-generation autonomous driving technologies. As such, the facility will play a key role in advancing intelligent and safe mobility solutions. Production is scheduled to commence in mid-2027. Initially, the site will employ around 90 people, with plans to expand the workforce to some 200 employees at full capacity. [www.leonicables.com](http://www.leonicables.com)

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### OMNIVISION: New Ultra-Thin Medical-Grade LED Cable Modules

Santa Clara, CA, USA-based **OMNIVISION**, a leading global developer of semiconductor solutions announced the availability of several new OVMed® ultra-thin medical-grade LED cable modules for single-use endoscopes. These turnkey solutions include an image sensor with wafer-level optics, illumination and cabling for a cost-effective approach for medical endoscope manufacturers seeking a faster time to market.

[www.ovt.com](http://www.ovt.com)

### Hellenic Cable Wins Framework Agreement

**Hellenic Cables**, through its wholly owned subsidiary, **Fulgur S.A.**, was awarded a framework agreement by the **Greek Independent Power Transmission Operator (IPTO)** for Lot A of the electrical interconnection of the Dodecanese and North Aegean islands in Greece. Under Lot A of the agreement, Hellenic Cables will undertake the Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Installation (EPCI) of four interconnections.

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CEF and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) to ensure to



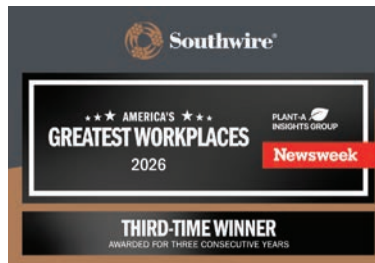
every young person the access to information, opportunities and choices. In doing so, UNICEF will support governments in connecting every school to the Internet by 2030.

Half of the world's schools, over 2.5 million, remain offline, leaving some 500 million children without access to digital learning. Prysmian will directly support school connectivity in Mexico by supporting Giga's Connectivity Credits model that expands access in underserved communities. And local internet providers receive credits for each school they connect, helping to expand their networks while delivering connectivity.

[www.prysmian.com](http://www.prysmian.com)

### Southwire honored as a Greatest Workplace

Southwire has been named one of America's Greatest Workplaces 2026 by *Newsweek* and Plant A Insights Group for the third year in a row. The award honors firms that prioritize employee well-being,



strong leadership, fair compensation and work-life balance. Awards are based on full research and results of a confidential survey from over 179,000 employees nationwide. The ranking is part of one

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### Hexatronic Invests to Support NTK Agreement

**Hexatronic Group AB** will invest in a new production line for submarine fiber optic cables, supporting its strategy of accelerating growth in an attractive market segment. The investment is a core pillar of a long-term supply agreement with NKT. A significant part of the capacity will support NKT under the new long-term supply framework, through 2032. The new production line will over double capacity of submarine cable manufacturing and will enhance productivity, quality and efficiency.

[www.hexatronic.com](http://www.hexatronic.com)

### Nexans Strengthens Malta's Energy Security

**Nexans** strengthened Malta's energy security by completing the manufacture and Factory Acceptance Testing of the **Nexans** high-voltage subsea cable for the Malta-Sicily Second interconnector. The second interconnector project will deliver a 122 km, 225 MW HVAC interconnection between Malta and Sicily, Italy. Nexans' scope covers design, manufacturing and delivery of 100 km of subsea cable, together with 4 km of spare cable.

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### Marmon Industrial Energy & Infrastructure Launches VITALink® MI Cable

**Marmon Industrial Energy & Infrastructure (Marmon IEI)**, East Granby, CT, USA, a leading manufacturer of mission-critical wire and cable solutions, launched VITALink® MI Cable, the newest addition to its industry-leading portfolio of 2-Hour Fire-Rated cable solutions. The product launch reinforces Marmon IEI's commitment to delivering comprehensive fire and life safety solutions through its Power of One philosophy.



The addition of VITALink MI Cable expands the VITALink family, giving customers greater flexibility to specify fire-rated cable solutions for commercial buildings, healthcare facilities, transportation infrastructure, industrial applications and other critical environments, all from one trusted partner. Marmon IEI's unified product portfolio delivers innovative solutions for today's fire and life safety challenges. [www.marmoniei.com](http://www.marmoniei.com)

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### LS Cable & System partners with Pacific Island Reps

LS Cable & System USA, Peachtree Corners, GA, USA, entered into two new sales representation agreements with Pacific Island Reps to support the company's market presence across Hawaii.

Under the agreements, Pacific Island Reps will serve as an independent sales representative for LS Cable & System USA across both utility and commercial and industrial cable sales channels. The new partnership expands LS Cable & System USA's market coverage in Hawaii as well as strengthens local access to the company's USA-



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### AFL launches connector inspection system & certification test set

AFL, Spartanburg, SC, USA, an industry-leading manufacturer of fiber optic cables, connectivity, equipment and related services, **AFL** announced the launch of the FOCIS Flex3 Connector Inspection System and FlowScout® Quad OLTS Certification Test Set. Together, these solutions enable technicians to quickly confirm optical fiber network readiness for ser-



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## WCISA® Elects 2026-2029 Officers & Board Members

The Wire and Cable Industry Suppliers Association® (WCISA®) Board of Directors recently elected officers and board members, and it recognized retiring board members.

**Paul Gemelli**, President/Owner of **Gem Gravure Co. Inc.**, is now WCISA President following his service on the WCISA Board of Directors. He succeeds **Drew Richards**, CEO of **RichardsApex, Inc.**, who will continue serving the association as Immediate Past President. The board also benefits from the continued involvement of former WCISA President **Rahul Sachdev**, EVP of **Wire & Plastic Machinery Corp.**, providing leadership continuity as WCISA advances its mission on behalf of member companies.

WCISA welcomes newly elected board members **Ryan Carbray**, Regional Sales Representative for **Alphagary, Orbia Polymer Solutions**; **Keith Donahue**, VP Sales of **Zumbach**; and **Benjamin Roberts**, Sales Manager of **TEC**.

The association also welcomes the return of board members **Jon Mello**, Global Market Manager, Wire & Cable

for **Teknor Apex Co.**, and **Gord Murray**, VP of **QED Wire Lines Inc.**, who were re-elected to new terms through 2029. Also, **Lance Hight**, Sales Director, **Chase Corp.**; **Jeff Swinchatt**, Director of Sales/Marketing, **The MGS Group—MGS Hall Northampton**; **David Troy**, VP Sales/Service, **REELEX Packaging Solutions, Inc.**; and **Aaron Yaddow**, Sales Account Mgr., **Carris Reels**, will continue serving on the WCISA board through the completion of their current terms in 2027.

WCISA also recognizes/thanks retiring board members for their service and contributions: **Dave Kiddoo**, CEO/Director, **IWCS, Inc.** and **John Zachow**, VP—Wire & Cable Systems, **Davis-Standard Corp.**

WCISA's Officers and Board of Directors represent a broad cross-section of North American companies supplying machinery, materials and accessories to the global wire and cable industry. [www.wcisaonline.org](http://www.wcisaonline.org)



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### WAI Seeks Educational Presentations for Interwire 2027 & REWIREcable

**Wire Association International, Inc. (WAI)** issued a Call for Presentations (CFP) for *Interwire 2027*, May 4 to 6, 2027, and *REWIREcable Forum*, May 6, 2027, both at the **Georgia World Congress Center**, Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

The Interwire Conference theme is "Safety Starts Here. Safer Work. Stronger Industry". Presenters can propose a presentation topic via abstract submission for one of



two tracks: "The Safety Starts Here" or "Technical Innovation". Submissions should focus on actionable insights that help protect people, strengthen operations and advance the industry.

The one-day *REWIREcable Forum* is intended for production leaders, supply chain professionals, IT/OT specialists, digital transformation teams and operational decision-makers, and will explore the technologies, strategies and digital transformation initiatives shaping the future of wire and cable manufacturing. Abstract deadline is Nov. 2, 2026; acceptance announced on Dec. 1, 2026; and presentations are due on March 26, 2027.

[www.wirenet.org](http://www.wirenet.org)

vice, certify network performance and accelerate job completion. The FOCIS Flex3 Connector Inspection System is a compact, self-contained fiber inspection tool featuring a large high-definition touchscreen for intuitive use. The new FlowScout Quad OLTS certifier is a purpose-built Tier I optical loss test set for fast certification of multimode and single-mode fiber networks.

[www.AFLglobal.com](http://www.AFLglobal.com)

### Prysmian gets NTP for Cook Strait upgrade/Italy-Tunisia electrical interconnector

Prysmian received the Notice to Proceed (NTP) for the Cook Strait HVDC

Link Upgrade from Transpower New Zealand, marking the full activation of the project's delivery. It will now be included in Prysmian's Backlog of projects. The NTP follows the successful completion of preparation activity, as previously outlined.

The Cook Strait HVDC link is a critical asset for New Zealand's transmission system, enabling the efficient transfer of energy between the South and North Islands and strengthening the reliability of New Zealand's national grid.

Prysmian has also received from Terna, the Italian transmission



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### **Prysmian & La Farga Set Sustainability Benchmark with Recycled Copper Cables**

**Prysmian** and **La Farga** are setting a new sustainability benchmark, with La Farga Genius 100% recycled copper in a high-voltage subsea cable project. The Eastern Green Link 2 (EGL2) will power two million homes between Peterhead in northeast Scotland and Drax in North Yorkshire, England. EGL2 is a joint venture project being delivered by **National Grid Electricity Transmission** and **SSEN Transmission**.



Prysmian, which is responsible for the manufacturing and installation of the cables for the EGL2 project, is breaking new ground by delivering the most sustainable solution for the cable conductor, by using La Farga Genius 100% recycled copper. Due to the high demand for electricity infrastructure projects, as the world electrifies to deliver on climate action, copper is one of the most critical materials across the globe.

Given the scale of its recent projects, Prysmian is now reportedly the single biggest purchaser of copper in the world.

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### **NKT Completes Expansion of Medium-Voltage Power Cable Production in Denmark**

NKT completed the expansion of its medium-voltage production facility in Asnaes, Denmark. The expansion, which was initiated in 2024, includes a new production hall, new production and test facilities and enhancements to the overall production flow, significantly increasing the output from the site. Ramp up of output will continue in the coming months. With the investments now completed, NKT is well positioned to meet the high demand for reliable medium-voltage power cable systems used in grid upgrades, renewable energy integration and electrification across Europe.



“The completion of this investment marks an important milestone for NKT and strengthens our ability to support our customers in developing and modernizing their power infrastructure. With the expanded facility in Asnaes, we enhance our ability to deliver high-quality cable solutions while maintaining a strong focus on safety, sustainability and operational excellence. The investment also supports local employment and reinforces Denmark’s role as an important center for NKT’s medium-voltage production,” said **Carlos Fernandez**, Executive Vice President, Head of Distribution in NKT. [www.nkt.com](http://www.nkt.com)

operator, and STEG the Tunisian electricity grid and gas operator, the notice to proceed for the construction of the submarine power interconnection between Italy and Tunisia, ELMED. Further details can be found in the communication made at the time of the award, in September 2025.

[www.prysmian.com](http://www.prysmian.com)

### **Optical Cable Corporation joins Russell Microcap® Index**

Optical Cable Corporation was selected to be included in the Russell Microcap® Index as part of the 2026 Russell Microcap Index’s semi-annual reconstitution.



The company’s addition to the Rus-

sell Microcap Index was effective after market close on Friday, June 26, 2026.

Membership in the Russell Microcap Index means automatic inclusion in the appropriate growth and value indexes. FTSE Russell determines membership for its indexes primarily by objective, market-capitalization rankings and style attributes.

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### **Deputy CEO Martin Åberg has decided to leave Hexatronic**

Martin Åberg informed the CEO of Hexatronic that he has decided to leave his position as Deputy CEO



and Head of the Data Center business area to focus on his private investments going forward. To ensure

## IEWC Cuts Ribbon on Expanded Control Panel Facility

**IEWC** cut the ribbon on an expanded control panel manufacturing operation at its New Berlin, WI, USA, world headquarters, celebrating the addition of more than 120 jobs since January of 2026 and more than 100 open roles that are currently available. Ninety of the positions hired and over half of the current open roles are based in the state of Wisconsin.



“As an employee-owned company headquartered in Wisconsin, IEWC is committed to creating good jobs and developing the workforce to fill them,” said **Mike Veum**, President/CEO. “Wisconsin has always been a manufactur-

ing state, and companies like ours have a responsibility to keep that legacy strong. Expanding in Wisconsin is a direct reflection of our commitment to this state’s workforce and its future. The jobs we are creating come with strong benefits, employer-funded retirement and long-term opportunity for Wisconsin workers and their families.”

Full-time employees receive benefits beginning on their first day of employment. As an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) company, IEWC provides 100% employer-funded retirement with no out-of-pocket contribution required. [www.iewc.com](http://www.iewc.com)

## Notebook

### John Wrottesley Named GM at ICPC

The **International Cable Protection Committee (ICPC)**,

Portsmouth, UK, appointed **John Wrottesley** the new General Manager of the global organization, taking over from **Ryan Wopschall** who steps down after six years in the position. The ICPC is a noncommercial, nonprofit international community of 260 member organizations from 70 countries, involved in the activities of building, operating and maintaining submarine telecommunications and power cable infrastructure.



[www.iscpc.org](http://www.iscpc.org)

### SEA Wire and Cable Acquires Avio Connect

**SEA Wire and Cable**, a distributor of aerospace, defense, and industrial wire and cable, acquired **Avio Connect**, a Netherlands distributor serving the European aerospace and industrial connectivity markets. Through the addition of Avio Connect, SEA will expand its ability to provide localized support, enhanced inventory access and responsive supply chain solutions to customers throughout Europe, Ukraine and Turkey.

[www.sea-wire.com](http://www.sea-wire.com)

an orderly and smooth transition, Åberg will remain in his role until a successor has been appointed. Martin Åberg has been a member of Group Management since 2014. During his time at Hexatronic, he has served as Deputy CEO and has been responsible for business development and M&A. In recent years, he has also held the position as Head of the Data Center business area. He has played a central role in driving strategic initiatives and has contributed significantly to the Group’s diversification

[www.hexatronic.com](http://www.hexatronic.com)

### RF Industries joins Russell 3000® Index; Reports Q2 2026 financial results

RF Industries, Ltd., a national manufacturer and marketer of interconnect products and systems,



announced that it has been added as a member of the broad-market

Russell 3000® Index.

RF Industries also reports its second quarter fiscal year 2026 results. RF’s net sales were US\$20.7 million, a 9% increase from US\$18.9 million year-over-year and a 9% increase from US\$19.0 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2026. Gross profit margin was 35.1%, a 360-basis point improvement from 31.5% in the prior year period. Operating income was US\$1.1 million, an improvement of US\$1 million from operating income of US\$106,000 year-over-year. Earnings per share was US\$0.08 per diluted share, an improvement from US\$(0.02) per diluted share year-over-year.

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## Speakers Announced for WAI Ohio Valley Chapter Annual Golf Tournament

The Ohio Valley Chapter of the **Wire Association International (WAI)** will host the chapter's annual golf tournament on August 20, 2026,



at the **Kensington Golf Club**, located in Canfield, OH, USA. The proceeds of the event will support the Ohio Valley Chapter's scholarship program. The event includes marksmanship instruction at The Training Range for nongolfers. Additionally, an afternoon educational program is planned with guest speakers including:

- **David Skinner**, Vice President Operations at **Joe Tools**, presenting "Material Yield Opportunities for Improvement."
- **Don Jacobson III**, Director at **Newcomb Spring**, presenting "A Career with a Lot of Bounce: Confessions of a Spring Designer."
- **Greg Viland**, Business Development Engineer at **Sikora**, presenting "Purity Plastic Inspection & Sorting Technology."

The cost of the outing is US\$175 including fees, reception and educational lunch program. If you are not a golfer, you can come to the event for just the educational lunch program and networking for US\$100.

[www.wirenet.org](http://www.wirenet.org)

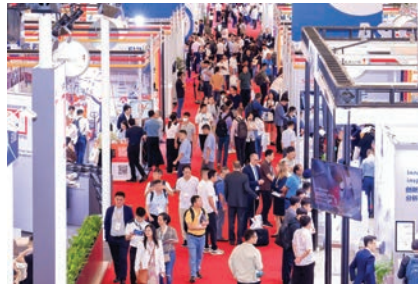
## wire & Tube China in Shanghai in September

September 21 to 24, 2026, the **Shanghai New International Expo Centre** again becomes the in-

ternational meeting place for the Chinese wire, cable, tube and pipe industries. On over 115,000 m<sup>2</sup> of exhibition space, the *wire China* and *Tube China 2026* trade fairs will be China's most important business platforms for industrial innovation, international networking and advanced technologies. Some 1600 global exhibitors will present the latest products, solutions and developments across the entire value chain.



*wire China 2026* will focus on applications relating to new energies, the digital economy, smart manufacturing, the marine economy, electromobility and infrastructure modernization.



The event will showcase modern wire and cable industry solutions, ranging from high and extra-high-voltage cables to special and smart cables as well as high-frequency and high-speed cables. New materials and manufacturing technologies will be highlighted.

[www.wirechina.net](http://www.wirechina.net)  
[www.tubechina.net](http://www.tubechina.net)  
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## August 20, 2026

WAI Ohio Valley Chapter Annual Golf Tournament  
 Canfield, OH, USA  
[www.wirenet.org](http://www.wirenet.org)

## September 21 – 24, 2026

wire China 2026  
 Shanghai, China  
[www.wirechina.net](http://www.wirechina.net)

## October 20 – 21, 2026

Automotive Wire Harness  
 Detroit, MI, USA  
[www.eds-conference.com](http://www.eds-conference.com)

## November 1 – 4, 2026

IWCS Cable & Connectivity Industry Forum  
 Orlando, FL, USA  
[www.iwcs.org](http://www.iwcs.org)

## November 30 – December 2, 2026

wire India  
 Mumbai, India  
[www.wire-india.com](http://www.wire-india.com)

## February 23 – 25, 2027

wire & Tube Mexico  
 Monterrey, NL, Mexico  
[www.wire-tube-mexico.com](http://www.wire-tube-mexico.com)

## May 4 – 7, 2027

Interwire 2027  
 Atlanta, GA, USA  
[www.wirenet.org](http://www.wirenet.org)

## September 5 – 9, 2027

Jicable'27  
 Lyon, France  
[www.jicable.org](http://www.jicable.org)

## September 15 – 17, 2027

wire Southeast Asia 2027  
 Bangkok, Thailand  
[www.wire-southeastasia.com](http://www.wire-southeastasia.com)  
[www.mdna.com](http://www.mdna.com)

## April 3 – 7, 2028

wire & Tube 2028  
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