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FORM 11-K

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF
1934
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011**

Commission file number 001-12983

GENERAL CABLE RETIREMENT

AND SAVINGS PLAN

FOR SALARIED ASSOCIATES

(Full Title of Plan)

GENERAL CABLE CORPORATION

4 Tesseneer Drive

Highland Heights, Kentucky 41076-9753

(Name of Issuer of securities held pursuant to the Plan)

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General Cable Retirement

and Savings Plan for

Salaried Associates

Employer ID No.: 13-3064555

Plan Number: 007

Financial Statements as of and for the Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, Supplemental Schedule as of December 31, 2011, and Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

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FOR SALARIED ASSOCIATES

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of General Cable Corporation, to the Retirement Plans Finance Committee and the Retirement Plans Administrative Committee (the Retirement Committees) and to the Participants of the General Cable Retirement and Savings Plan for Salaried Associates:

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the General Cable Retirement and Savings Plan for Salaried Associates (the Plan) as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Plan is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2011, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. Such schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic 2011 financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Cincinnati, Ohio

June 25, 2012

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GENERAL CABLE RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN

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STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| ASSETS: | | |
| Participant-directed investment in General Cable Master Trust at fair value | \$ 142,798,833 | \$ 144,867,792 |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS AT FAIR VALUE | 142,798,833 | 144,867,792 |
| Notes receivable from participants | 4,006,781 | 3,806,965 |
| Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts | (1,551,508) | (1,111,692) |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS | \$ 145,254,106 | \$ 147,563,065 |

See notes to financial statements.

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| | 2011 | 2010 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| ADDITIONS: | | |
| CONTRIBUTIONS: | | |
| Employee | \$ 6,722,520 | \$ 6,137,368 |
| Employer | 4,646,217 | 4,428,297 |
| Rollover | 2,157,334 | 640,577 |
| Total contributions | 13,526,071 | 11,206,242 |
| Net investment gain from General Cable Master Trust | | 15,365,680 |
| Interest income on notes receivable from participants | 189,614 | 202,608 |
| Total additions | 13,715,685 | 26,774,530 |
| DEDUCTIONS: | | |
| Net investment loss from General Cable Master Trust | (4,624,315) | |
| Benefits paid to participants | (11,465,585) | (9,757,563) |
| Administrative expenses | (20,905) | (19,063) |
| Total deductions | (16,110,805) | (9,776,626) |
| TRANSFERS FROM OTHER PLAN Net | 86,161 | 41,719 |
| NET (DECREASE) INCREASE | (2,308,959) | 17,039,623 |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS: | | |
| Beginning of year | 147,563,065 | 130,523,442 |
| End of year | \$ 145,254,106 | \$ 147,563,065 |

See notes to financial statements.

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GENERAL CABLE RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN

FOR SALARIED ASSOCIATES

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the General Cable Retirement and Savings Plan for Salaried Associates (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for more complete information.

General The Plan is a defined contribution plan of General Cable Corporation (the Company) covering substantially all U.S. salaried employees of the Company or an affiliated company. GK Technologies, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, is the Plan Sponsor. The Company and affiliated companies are participating employers. The Retirement Committees, appointed by the Board of Directors of the Company, control and manage the operation and administration of the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Fidelity Management Trust Co. (FMTC) serves as the trustee and recordkeeper of the Plan. The General Cable Master Trust (Master Trust) has been established pursuant to a trust agreement between the Plan Sponsor and FMTC, as trustee of the Master Trust, in order to permit the commingling of trust assets of multiple employee benefit plans for investment and administrative purposes. The assets of the Master Trust are held by FMTC.

The Company acquired Gepeco International, Inc. and Isotec, Inc. (collectively Gepeco) on August 1, 2009. Effective immediately upon acquisition, Gepeco employees became eligible to participate in the Plan and began making active contributions. In October 2009, participants were allowed to transfer existing loan balances from the former Gepeco International, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan or the Isotec, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the former plans) into the Plan. Upon receipt of approval for termination from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the Company began distributing all assets and participant account balances from the former plans. Participants in the former plans were eligible to move their account balances into the Plan as Rollovers, as defined below.

Contributions Participants may contribute up to a certain percentage of their pre-tax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan, subject to certain Internal Revenue Code (IRC) limitations. Participants may also make contributions on an after-tax basis (Roth 401(k)), subject to the same IRC limits when combined with their pre-tax contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (Rollover). The Company, at its discretion, may match a percentage of the participants pre-tax and/or Roth 401(k) contributions. The Plan provides for the Company to make a discretionary contribution to the Plan's employee retirement account for participants who have completed one year of service. Employer contributions were net of forfeitures of \$199,817 and \$249,976 for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Participant Accounts Individual accounts are maintained for each Plan participant. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Company's discretionary matching contribution, the Company's discretionary retirement contribution and Plan earnings. Each participant's account is charged with withdrawals and an allocation of Plan losses. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account balance.

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Investments Participants direct the investments of their accounts into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan currently offers various mutual funds, a common/collective trust fund and a Company common stock fund as investment options for participants.

Vesting Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. The vesting of the Company's discretionary retirement contribution portion of their account is based on years of continuous service. For participants who were hired on or after July 1, 2000, a participant is 100% vested after seven years of credited service or immediately upon attainment of age 65, age 55 with five years of service or death or retirement due to disability. Retirement contributions made on or after January 1, 2007, are 100% vested after six years of credited service or immediately upon attainment of age 65, age 55 with five years of service or death or retirement due to disability.

The vesting of the Company's discretionary matching contribution portion of their account is based on years of continuous service. For participants who were hired on or after July 1, 2000, a participant is 100% vested after four years of credited service or immediately upon attainment of age 65, age 55 with five years of service or death or retirement due to disability.

Notes Receivable from Participants Participants may borrow from their fund accounts up to a maximum of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balances, whichever is less. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate equal to the prime rate plus 1%, as determined by the Retirement Committees. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions. Loans to participants are reported as Notes Receivable from participants at the unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest.

In-Service Withdrawals Prior to termination of employment, participants may make hardship withdrawals or withdrawals upon attainment of age 59 1/2, in accordance with the Plan Document.

Payment of Benefits Upon retirement or other termination of employment, a participant's vested account balance less any amount necessary to repay participant loans may be distributed to the participant, or in the case of death, to a designated beneficiary, in a lump-sum distribution.

Forfeited Accounts As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$38,317 and \$21,318, respectively. Forfeitures are used to reduce future Company contributions to the Plan.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Use of Estimates The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties The Plan utilizes various investment instruments within the Master Trust including mutual funds, a common/collective trust fund, and Company common stock. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

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Investment Valuation and Income Recognition The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. If available, quoted market prices are used to value investments. Shares of mutual funds are valued at quoted market prices, which represent the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year end. The General Cable Stock Fund (Company Stock Fund) is comprised of shares of Company common stock and cash and is valued at fair value based on the fair value of the underlying investment in the Company common stock, using quoted market prices, and the cash portion. The Stable Value Fund is stated at fair value, as determined by the issuer based on fair value of the underlying investments, and then adjusted to contract value as described below. Fair value of the Stable Value Fund is the net asset value of its underlying investments, and contract value is principal plus accrued interest. Fair value of the contracts underlying the Stable Value Fund is calculated by discounting the related cash flows based on current yields of similar instruments with comparable durations. In accordance with GAAP, the Stable Value Fund is included at fair value in participant-directed investment in General Cable Master Trust in the statements of net assets available for benefits, and an additional line item is presented representing the adjustment from fair value to contract value. The statements of changes in net assets available for benefits are presented on a contract value basis.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for investments in the mutual funds are deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are not separately reflected. Consequently, management fees and operating expenses are reflected in the investment return for such investments.

Valuation of Investments (Master Trust) The Plan's investment in the Master Trust is presented at fair value, which has been determined based on the fair value of the underlying investments of the Master Trust, except the underlying fully benefit-responsive investment contracts which are stated at contract value. When quoted market prices are not available, the fair value of investments is estimated primarily by independent investment brokerage firms and insurance companies based on observable market inputs.

New Accounting Standards

ASU No. 2011-04 In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-04, *Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs*, which amends ASC 820. ASU 2011-04 also requires the categorization by level for items that are only required to be disclosed at fair value and information about transfers between Level 1 and Level 2. In addition, the ASU provides guidance on measuring the fair value of financial instruments managed within a portfolio and the application of premiums and discounts on fair value measurements. The ASU requires additional disclosure for Level 3 measurements regarding the sensitivity of fair value to changes in unobservable inputs and any interrelationships between those inputs. The new guidance is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The adoption will not have a material effect on the statement of net assets available for benefits and statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. Plan management has not determined the impact on the disclosures in the financial statements.

Administrative Expenses Trustee and investment management fees are paid by the Plan. Other administrative expenses are paid by the Company.

Payment of Benefits Benefits are recorded when paid.

Transfers In addition to this Plan, the Company also sponsors the General Cable Savings Plan. If employees change their status during the year, their account balances are transferred into the corresponding Plan. For the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, account balances totaling a net \$86,161 and \$41,719, respectively, on the accompanying statements of changes in net assets available for benefits represent net transfers of participant account balances from the General Cable Savings Plan.

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In accordance with GAAP, the Master Trust classifies its investments into Level 1, which refers to securities valued using quoted prices from active markets for identical assets; Level 2, which refers to securities not traded on an active market but for which observable market inputs are readily available; and Level 3, which refers to securities valued based on significant unobservable inputs. Assets are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The Master Trust's policy is to recognize significant transfers between levels at the actual date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer. The following tables set forth by level within the fair value hierarchy a summary of the Master Trust's portfolio investments (which include the assets of the Plan and of the General Cable Savings Plan) measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2011 and 2010.

| | Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2011 | | | Total |
|-----------------------------|---|--|--|----------------|
| | Active Markets for Identical Assets Level 1 | Other Observable Inputs Level 2 | Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3 | |
| Mutual funds: | | | | |
| Domestic equity funds | \$ 67,412,826 | \$ | \$ | \$ 67,412,826 |
| Bond funds | 19,234,225 | | | 19,234,225 |
| International equity funds | 10,310,780 | | | 10,310,780 |
| Lifecycle funds | 53,235,339 | | | 53,235,339 |
| General Cable Stock Fund | | 16,887,189 | | 16,887,189 |
| Stable Value Fund | | 64,425,886 | | 64,425,886 |
| Total portfolio investments | \$ 150,193,170 | \$ 81,313,075 | \$ | \$ 231,506,245 |

| | Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2010 | | | Total |
|-----------------------------|---|--|--|----------------|
| | Active Markets for Identical Assets Level 1 | Other Observable Inputs Level 2 | Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3 | |
| Mutual funds: | | | | |
| Domestic equity funds | \$ 75,705,614 | \$ | \$ | \$ 75,705,614 |
| Bond funds | 18,092,211 | | | 18,092,211 |
| International equity funds | 13,085,515 | | | 13,085,515 |
| Lifecycle funds | 48,258,530 | | | 48,258,530 |
| General Cable Stock Fund | | 20,394,258 | | 20,394,258 |
| Stable Value Fund | | 61,638,026 | | 61,638,026 |
| Total portfolio investments | \$ 155,141,870 | \$ 82,032,284 | \$ | \$ 237,174,154 |

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For the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, there were no significant transfers in or out of levels 1, 2 or 3.

The valuation methods as disclosed in Note 2 may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

4. INVESTMENTS

The Master Trust's investments that represented 5% or more of the Master Trust's net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, are as follows:

| | December 31, 2011 | December 31, 2010 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| * Stable Value Fund ** | \$ 61,473,294 | \$ 59,494,884 |
| ABF Large Cap Value PA Fund | 15,808,045 | 18,737,496 |
| Vanguard Institutional Index Fund | 16,485,380 | 17,761,674 |
| AF Growth of America R5 Fund | 16,770,148 | 19,313,135 |
| * General Cable Stock Fund | 16,887,189 | 20,394,258 |
| AF Europac Growth R5 Fund | *** | 12,118,425 |

* Represents party-in-interest

** At contract value

*** Investment did not exceed 5% of net assets available for benefits at December 31, 2011

During the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, the Plan's investment in the Master Trust (depreciated) appreciated in value by (\$8,265,518) and \$12,245,081, respectively, excluding interest and dividends.

5. STABLE VALUE FUND

The Stable Value Fund is a collective trust fund managed by FMTC. The beneficial interest of each participant is represented by units. Units are issued and redeemed daily at the Stable Value Fund's constant net asset value (NAV) of \$1 per unit. Distribution to the Stable Value Fund's unit holders is declared daily from the net investment income and automatically reinvested in the Stable Value Fund on a monthly basis, when paid. It is the policy of the Stable Value Fund to use its best efforts to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1 per unit; although there is no guarantee that the Stable Value Fund will be able to maintain this value.

Participants ordinarily may direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. Contract value represents contributions made to the Stable Value Fund, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The Stable Value Fund imposes certain restrictions on the Plan, and the Stable Value Fund itself may be subject to circumstances that impact its ability to transact at contract value. Plan management believes that the occurrence of events that would cause the Stable Value Fund to transact at less than contract value is not probable.

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Limitations on the Ability of the Stable Value Fund to Transact at Contract Value:

Restrictions on the Plan Participant-initiated transactions are those transactions allowed by the Plan, including withdrawals for benefits, loans, or transfers to noncompeting funds within a plan, but excluding withdrawals that are deemed to be caused by the actions of the Plan Sponsor. The following employer-initiated events may limit the ability of the Stable Value Fund to transact at contract value:

A failure of the Plan or its trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA;

Any communication given to Plan participants designed to influence a participant not to invest in the Stable Value Fund or to transfer assets out of the Stable Value Fund;

Any transfer of assets from the Stable Value Fund directly into a competing investment option;

The establishment of a defined contribution plan that competes with the Plan for employee contributions; or

Complete or partial termination of the Plan or its merger with another plan.

Circumstances That Impact the Stable Value Fund The Stable Value Fund invests in assets, typically fixed income securities or bond funds, and enters into wrapper contracts issued by third parties. A wrap contract is an agreement by another party, such as a bank or insurance company, to make payments to the Stable Value Fund in certain circumstances. Wrap contracts are designed to allow a stable value portfolio to maintain a constant NAV and protect a portfolio in extreme circumstances. In a typical wrap contract, the wrap issuer agrees to pay a portfolio the difference between the contract value and the market value of the underlying assets once the market value has been totally exhausted.

The wrap contracts generally contain provisions that limit the ability of the Stable Value Fund to transact at contract value upon the occurrence of certain events. These events include:

Any substantive modification of the Stable Value Fund or the administration of the Stable Value Fund that is not consented to by the wrap issuer;

Any change in law, regulation, or administrative ruling applicable to a plan that could have a material adverse effect on the Stable Value Fund's cash flow; and

Employer-initiated transactions by participating plans as described above.

In the event that wrap contracts fail to perform as intended, the Stable Value Fund's NAV may decline if the market value of its assets declines. The Stable Value Fund's ability to receive amounts due pursuant to these wrap contracts is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The wrap issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations under the wrap contracts may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

The Stable Value Fund is unlikely to maintain a stable NAV if, for any reason, it cannot obtain or maintain wrap contracts covering all of its underlying assets. This could result from the Stable Value Fund's inability to promptly find a replacement wrap contract following termination of a wrap contract. Wrap contracts are not transferable and have no trading market. There are a limited number of wrap issuers. The Stable Value Fund may lose the benefit of wrap contracts on any portion of its assets in default in excess of a certain percentage of portfolio assets.

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6. EXEMPT PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain of the underlying investments of the Plan's investment in the Master Trust are held in shares of mutual funds and units of the Stable Value Fund managed by FMTC. FMTC is the trustee, as defined by the Plan and associated trust agreement and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan for investment management services were funded from the expense ratios of the various funds.

As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, the Plan held 2,418,321 and 2,095,801 units, respectively, of General Cable Stock Fund which includes cash and common stock of General Cable Corporation, a participating employer, with a cost basis of \$11,283,196 and \$9,400,165, respectively. During the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, the Plan recorded no dividend income associated with this investment.

Notes receivable from participants in the amount of \$4,006,781 and \$3,806,965 were outstanding at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

7. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Plan Sponsor has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in ERISA by duly adopted written resolution of the Board of Directors of the Plan Sponsor. In the event of termination, the assets of the Plan credited to each participant's account become fully vested and non-forfeitable, and the Plan assets will be allocated to provide benefits to participants as set forth in the Plan, or as otherwise required by law.

8. INTEREST IN MASTER TRUST

Certain of the Plan's investment assets are held in a trust account at the Trustee and consist of an undivided interest in an investment account of the Master Trust, a master trust established by the Company and administered by the Trustee. Use of the Master Trust permits the commingling of trust assets with the assets of the General Cable Savings Plan, another plan sponsored by the Company, for investment and administrative purposes. Although assets of both plans are commingled in the Master Trust, the Trustee maintains supporting records for the purpose of allocating the net gain or loss of the investment account to the participating plans. The net investment income of the investment assets is allocated by the Trustee to each participating plan based on the relationship of the interest of each plan to the total of the interests of the participating plans.

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The investments of the Master Trust at December 31, 2011 and 2010 are summarized as follows:

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Investments whose fair value is determined based on quoted market prices: | | |
| Common/collective trust fund | \$ 64,425,886 | \$ 61,638,026 |
| Mutual funds | 150,193,170 | 155,141,870 |
| Common stock fund | 16,887,189 | 20,394,258 |
| Net assets of the General Cable Master Trust fair value | 231,506,245 | 237,174,154 |
| Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts | (2,952,592) | (2,143,142) |
| Net assets of the General Cable Master Trust | \$ 228,553,653 | \$ 235,031,012 |
| Plan's interest in net assets of the General Cable Master Trust contract value | \$ 141,247,325 | \$ 143,756,100 |
| Plan's interest in Master Trust as a percentage of the total | 62% | 61% |

The net investment (loss) gain of the Master Trust for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 is summarized below:

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| Dividend and interest income | \$ 5,752,410 | \$ 5,149,482 |
| Net (depreciation) appreciation in fair value of investments whose fair value was determined based on quoted market prices: | | |
| Mutual funds | (6,733,047) | 15,373,217 |
| Common stock fund | (5,176,421) | 3,800,494 |
| Net (depreciation) appreciation in fair value of investments | (11,909,468) | 19,173,711 |
| Investment (loss) gain of General Cable Master Trust | \$ (6,157,058) | \$ 24,323,193 |

9. NET ASSET VALUE (NAV) PER SHARE

In accordance with ASU No. 2009-12, the Plan should include disclosures to include the category, fair value, redemption frequency, and redemption notice period for those assets whose fair value is estimated using the net asset value per share as of December 31, 2011 and 2010. The estimated fair value of the Stable Value Fund is net asset value. The use of net asset value as a fair value is deemed appropriate as the Stable Value Fund does not have a finite life, unfunded commitments or significant restrictions on redemptions.

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The IRS has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated October 16, 2002, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. The Plan has been amended since receiving this determination letter in accordance with the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 and for certain regulations promulgated by the IRS and DOL. However, the Plan sponsor believes the Plan is designed and being administered in accordance with the IRC. In addition, in January 2011, the Company requested a determination letter on the Plan, as amended, from the IRS. The Plan Sponsor believes that the Trust, as amended, continues to qualify and to operate under the applicable requirements of the IRC and has maintained its tax-exempt status. Therefore, no provision for income taxes is included in the accompanying financial statements.

GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2008.

11. VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE RESOLUTION

In January 2011, the Company filed an application for a compliance statement from the IRS under the voluntary compliance resolution program, which was subsequently amended. The compliance statement was sought with respect to several operational failures, proposing to correct by 1) retroactively amending the Plan to be consistent with Plan operations and/or 2) making corrective contributions, with earnings, as necessary. The IRS evaluation was in process as of the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

12. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 as of December 31, 2011 and 2010:

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements | \$ 145,254,106 | \$ 147,563,065 |
| Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive investments contracts | 1,551,508 | 1,111,692 |
| Certain deemed distributions of participant loans | (190,111) | (183,936) |
| Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500 | \$ 146,615,503 | \$ 148,490,821 |

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For the year ended December 31, 2011, the following is a reconciliation of net investment loss per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

| | |
|--|-----------------------|
| Total net investment loss per the financial statements | \$ (4,624,315) |
| Add change in adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts | 439,816 |
| Add interest income on notes receivable from participants | 189,614 |
| Less interest on deemed distributions of participant loans | (17,885) |
| Total loss on investments per the Form 5500 | \$ (4,012,770) |

For the year ended December 31, 2011, the following is a reconciliation of distributions to participants per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| Total benefits paid to participants per the financial statements | \$ 11,465,585 |
| Less previously deemed distributions of participant loans | (11,710) |
| Total distributions to participants per the Form 5500 | \$ 11,453,875 |

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SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

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GENERAL CABLE RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN

FOR SALARIED ASSOCIATES

Employer ID No: 13-3064555

Plan No: 007

FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011

| Identity of Issuer/Description of Investment | Current Value |
|---|----------------------|
| * Active loans to participants notes receivable, with interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 11%, maturing through May 2021 | \$ 3,816,670 |
| | \$ 3,816,670 |

* Party-in-interest.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefits plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

GENERAL CABLE RETIREMENT AND

SAVINGS PLAN FOR SALARIED ASSOCIATES

Date: June 25, 2012

By: /s/ Robert J. Siverd
Name: Robert J. Siverd
Title: Member, Retirement Plans

Administrative Committee

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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