

GENERAL CABLE CORP /DE/  
Form DEFA14A  
April 17, 2009

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
SCHEDULE 14A  
(Rule 14a-101)  
INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT  
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**GENERAL CABLE CORPORATION  
(Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)  
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**IMPORTANT NOTICE** Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials  
**GENERAL CABLE CORPORATION**

*GENERAL CABLE CORPORATION*  
*4 TESSENEER DRIVE*  
*HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KY 41076*

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual

**For holders as of:** March 30, 2009

**Date:** May 27, 2009      **Time:** 4:00 p.m., Central European Daylight Time

**Location:** General Cable's NSW Subsidiary  
Kabelstr. 9 - 11  
Nordenham, Germany 26954

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## Before You Vote

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NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT      ANNUAL REPORT

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**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

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### **Voting Items**

1. Election of two Directors.

**Nominees:**

01) Gregory E. Lawton

02) Craig P. Omtvedt

2. Ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, to audit General Cable's 2009 consolidated financial statements and internal control over financial reporting.
  3. Approval of an amendment to General Cable's 2005 Stock Incentive Plan to increase the authorized number of shares.
  4. Such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
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