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**TWO GENERAL CABLE PLANTS ARE FINALISTS IN
INDUSTRYWEEK'S 2007 BEST PLANTS COMPETITION**

Highland Heights, Kentucky – October 8, 2007 – General Cable (NYSE: BGC) has been advised by INDUSTRYWEEK, the leading manufacturing management magazine, that two of its North American manufacturing facilities have been selected as finalists in the publication's 18th annual Best Plants competition. The Company's Indianapolis, Indiana, and Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico facilities each received this honor.

"We are excited to have two General Cable plants represented on the INDUSTRYWEEK's Best Plants finalist list this year," said Mark Thackeray, Senior Vice President, North American Operations. "General Cable's Lean Manufacturing and Six-Sigma initiatives have continued to drive major improvements throughout our Company. We hope to have another plant, or two, receive INDUSTRYWEEK's 2007 Best Plants Award and be recognized as one of the 10 best manufacturing plants in North America."

To be considered for this competition, manufacturing facilities throughout North America had to document and report practices and performance in a number of categories, including: manufacturing operations and flexibility, environmental and safety programs, inventory management, productivity, quality and use of technology. It is from this list of 21 finalists that INDUSTRYWEEK will select the 10 winners of the 2007 Best Plants competition, which will be officially announced in the magazine's January 2008 issue.

"Once again, INDUSTRYWEEK's Best Plants competition attracted many outstanding companies," said IndustryWeek Best Plants Coordinator, Jill Jusko. "General Cable has demonstrated again its commitment to excellence in manufacturing by placing two plants among our finalists."

"Being acknowledged as a finalist in INDUSTRYWEEK's 2007 Best Plants competition confirms the world-class manufacturing capabilities of each of our honored locations," continued Thackeray. "These two outstanding General Cable manufacturing facilities join our Malvern, Arkansas; Altoona, Pennsylvania; Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada; and Tetla, Tlaxcala, Mexico plants as honorees from prior years."

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