

GENERAL CABLE CORP /DE/

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Term sheet

To preliminary prospectus dated November 8, 2006

**Term Sheet to
Prospectus**

Registration Statement No. 333-138511

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This free writing prospectus relates only to the securities described below and should be read together with the preliminary prospectus dated November 8, 2006 (including the documents incorporated by reference in the preliminary prospectus) relating to these securities.

~ \$315,000,000 0.875% Senior Convertible Notes Due 2013 ~

General Cable Corporation

(BGC/NYSE)

Gross Proceeds: \$315,000,000

Over-allotment Option: \$40,000,000

Issuer: General Cable Corporation

Ticker/Exchange: BGC/NYSE

Net Proceeds: Approximately \$306.9 million after deducting the underwriters' discounts, commissions and offering expenses (or approximately \$346.0 million if the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option to purchase additional notes in full).

Use of Proceeds: General Cable intends to use (1) approximately \$61.4 million of the net proceeds from this offering to repay outstanding amounts of principal and interest under its senior secured credit facility; and (2) an estimated \$39.1 million to fund the net cost of convertible note hedge transactions to be entered into with Merrill Lynch International (an affiliate of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated), Credit Suisse International (an affiliate of Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC) and Wachovia Bank, National Association (an affiliate of Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC). The remainder of the net proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes, which may include funding the potential expansion of General Cable's business in the United States and into foreign countries, and the potential acquisition of other complementary businesses. Amounts used to repay General Cable's senior secured credit facility may be reborrowed.

0.875% Senior Convertible Notes Due 2013 Pricing Terms:

Issue Price Per Note: \$1,000

Principal Amount per Note: \$1,000

Maturity: November 15, 2013

Interest Rate: 0.875% per annum

Conversion Premium: 27.5%

Last Sale (11/9/2006): \$39.50

Conversion Price: \$50.36

Conversion Rate: 19.8560*

Conversion Rate Cap: As set forth under the caption Conversion Rate Conversion Procedures of the preliminary prospectus, a cap (the beneficial conversion cap) equal to 25.3164 for adjustments to the conversion rate, subject to the adjustments identified in the preliminary prospectus.

* Subject to anti-dilution adjustments.

Contingent Conversion Trigger: \$65.47 (130% of the initial conversion price per share of common stock).

Conversion Rights: A holder may convert its notes only under the circumstances described in the preliminary prospectus under Description of Notes Conversion Rights, including at any time on and after 10/15/13 through the close of business on the business day preceding the maturity date.

Interest Pay Dates: 5/15 & 11/15 beginning 5/15/07.

Make Whole Premium Upon Certain Fundamental Changes: In the event of certain fundamental changes, a holder may elect to convert its notes in connection with such fundamental change, and General Cable will pay a make whole premium by increasing the conversion rate applicable to such notes. If the stock price on the effective date of such fundamental change transaction is less than \$39.50 per share or greater than \$120.00 per share, no adjustment to the conversion rate will be made.

Make Whole Premium (Increase in Applicable Conversion Rate)

| Stock Price on Effective Date | Effective Date | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | 11/15/06* | 11/15/07 | 11/15/08 | 11/15/09 | 11/15/10 | 11/15/11 | 11/15/12 | 11/15/13 |
| \$39.50 | 5.4604 | 5.4604 | 5.4604 | 5.4604 | 5.4604 | 5.4604 | 5.4604 | 5.4604 |
| 45.00 | 4.2404 | 4.3015 | 4.3320 | 4.3046 | 4.2061 | 3.9772 | 3.4891 | 2.3662 |
| 50.00 | 3.4331 | 3.4477 | 3.4294 | 3.3491 | 3.1912 | 2.8922 | 2.3095 | 0.1440 |
| 60.00 | 2.3431 | 2.3079 | 2.2401 | 2.1130 | 1.9114 | 1.5833 | 1.0194 | 0.0000 |
| 70.00 | 1.6671 | 1.6125 | 1.5282 | 1.3931 | 1.1960 | 0.9047 | 0.4634 | 0.0000 |
| 80.00 | 1.2230 | 1.1622 | 1.0778 | 0.9523 | 0.7779 | 0.5376 | 0.2215 | 0.0000 |
| 90.00 | 0.9195 | 0.8589 | 0.7798 | 0.6687 | 0.5204 | 0.3309 | 0.1118 | 0.0000 |
| 100.00 | 0.7037 | 0.6465 | 0.5759 | 0.4791 | 0.3570 | 0.2094 | 0.0634 | 0.0000 |
| 110.00 | 0.5459 | 0.4941 | 0.4314 | 0.3496 | 0.2491 | 0.1346 | 0.0395 | 0.0000 |
| 120.00 | 0.4280 | 0.3812 | 0.3272 | 0.2577 | 0.1753 | 0.0887 | 0.0262 | 0.0000 |

(No make whole premium shares below \$39.50 or above \$120.00)

* The original issue date of the notes.

Convertible Note Hedge and Warrant Transactions:

We have entered into convertible note hedges with Merrill Lynch International, Credit Suisse International and Wachovia Bank, National Association. The convertible note hedges are comprised of purchased call options and sold warrants. The purchased call options are expected to reduce our exposure to potential dilution upon the conversion of the notes. We also entered into warrant transactions with Merrill Lynch International, Credit Suisse International and Wachovia Bank, National Association. The sold warrants have an exercise price that is 92.4% higher than the closing price of our common stock on the date of this Term Sheet.

Capitalization:

The following table sets forth General Cable's capitalization as of September 29, 2006 on:
an actual basis; and

on an as adjusted basis to reflect the sale of the notes and the use of proceeds therefrom as described in the Use of Proceeds section above, after deducting \$8.1 million for the underwriters' estimated discounts and our estimated offering expenses but assuming no exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option.

This table should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and our financial statements, including all related notes, incorporated by reference in the preliminary prospectus. See the Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference section of the preliminary prospectus.

| | As of September 29, 2006 | |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| | Actual | As Adjusted |
| | (unaudited, in millions) | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 80.4 | \$ 286.8 |
| Debt: | | |
| Senior secured credit facility(1)(2) | 61.3 | |
| Spanish secured term loan | 35.3 | 35.3 |
| Other secured debt | 23.1 | 23.1 |
| Senior notes due 2010 | 285.0 | 285.0 |
| Senior convertible notes due 2013 being offered hereby | | 315.0 |
| Other debt | 44.9 | 44.9 |
| Total debt | \$ 449.6 | \$ 703.3 |
| Shareholders' equity: | | |
| Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; 25,000,000 shares authorized: | | |
| Series A redeemable convertible preferred stock; 2,070,000 shares authorized; issued and outstanding | \$ 5.1 | \$ 5.1 |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 75,000,000 shares authorized; issued and outstanding shares: 51,439,709 shares actual and as adjusted (net of 4,999,035 treasury shares actual and as adjusted)(3) | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 276.0 | 275.5 |
| Treasury stock | (53.0) | (53.0) |
| Retained earnings | 203.5 | 203.5 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | 7.0 | 7.0 |
| Total shareholders' equity | 439.2 | 438.7 |

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|----------------------|----------|------------|
| Total capitalization | \$ 888.8 | \$ 1,142.0 |
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(1) The as adjusted amount assumes that \$61.4 million is used to repay outstanding principal and interest under the senior secured credit facility, which amounts may be reborrowed. See Use of Proceeds above.

(2) Excludes \$31.7 million of letters of credit outstanding under the senior secured credit facility.

(3) Excludes (i) an aggregate of approximately 1.6 million shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of outstanding stock options; (ii) approximately 510,000 shares of common stock that may be received upon General Cable's conversion of outstanding Series A preferred stock; and (iii) shares of common

stock that may
be received
upon conversion
of the notes
being offered in
the offering.

Trade Date: 11/9/06
Settlement Date: 11/15/06
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Underwriters: Merrill Lynch & Co.
Credit Suisse
Banc of America Securities
LLC
UBS Investment Bank
Wachovia Securities

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in the preliminary prospectus dated November 8, 2006, as supplemented by this term sheet in making an investment decision with respect to these securities.

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