

GENERAL CABLE CORP /DE/  
Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Â ROBINSON BRIAN J  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
01/01/2007

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

GENERAL CABLE CORP /DE/ [BGC]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

GENERAL CABLE CORPORATION,Â 4  
TESSENEER DRIVE

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
(give title below) (specify below)  
Senior VP, CFO and Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS,Â KYÂ 41076

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 200 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | D  | Â   |
| Common Stock                    | 16,511  | D  | Â   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
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|                             | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | (Instr. 4)<br>Title | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | Derivative<br>Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) | (Instr. 5) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 04/06/2008          | 04/06/2015         | Common Stock        | 4,519 <sup>(2)</sup>             | \$ 11.99                           | D   | Â          |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 02/07/2009          | 02/07/2016         | Common Stock        | 2,410 <sup>(3)</sup>             | \$ 22.97                           | D   | Â          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                      |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                              | Other |
| ROBINSON BRIAN J<br>GENERAL CABLE CORPORATION<br>4 TESSENEER DRIVE<br>HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KY 41076 | Â             | Â         | Â Senior VP,<br>CFO and<br>Treasurer | Â     |

## Signatures

Robert J. Siverd, as Attorney-in-Fact for Brian J. Robinson

01/10/2007

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) These shares are held by Mr. Robinson as custodian for his children.

(2) This stock option will become exercisable on April 6, 2008.

(3) This stock option will become exercisable on February 7, 2009.

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