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### **Norddeutsche Seekabelwerke GmbH to supply the submarine power cable for the grid connection of the North Sea island Borkum**

**Nordenham, Januar 2012** – For the new connection of the North Sea island Borkum to the mainland power grid, Norddeutsche Seekabelwerke GmbH (NSW) has been awarded by EWE NETZ GmbH the order to supply a medium-voltage submarine power cable of 25 km length. The 33 kV submarine cable consists of three 120 mm<sup>2</sup> power cores plus two optical fiber elements for data transmission.

The cable will supplement already existing systems and thus further secure the energy supply of the island. It is planned to be installed along a new cable route.

Already in 2009, NSW has safely connected the high-seas island Helgoland with a 53 km power cable and has also successfully produced and installed the cables for various offshore wind farms.

Thorsten Schwarz, Managing Director NSW: „We are proud that EWE as strong and responsible regional grid operator has entrusted us with the order for the supply of this new submarine power cable. For NSW as a German company and especially also as neighbouring company of the UNESCO world heritage “Wattenmeer”, it is important that our products contribute to the sustainable and environmentally friendly energy supply of the region.

Torsten Maus, Managing Director EWE NETZ describes the cooperation as follows: “With NSW, we have found a competent, reliable and customer-oriented regional partner who, together with us, perfectly understands and fulfills the requirements for the new submarine cable to Borkum.”

#### Additional Information about the Companies

The EWE NETZ GmbH, located in Oldenburg, is a 100 % subsidiary of the EWE ENERGIE AG. EWE NETZ operates the power and gas grid in the Ems-Weser-Elbe region as well as gas distribution systems in parts of Brandenburg and Mecklenburg-West Pomerania. In addition, EWE NETZ sets up high-performance telecommunication networks. The infrastructure of EWE NETZ excels by providing a high service security and an economically efficient operation. In 2010, the company has invested approx. 160 Mio Euro in the quality and extension of the grid. As a general rule, regional companies are assigned with the executive works. With an annual turnover of nearly 2 billion Euro and 1.570 employees, the company is one of Germany's biggest grid operators.

Norddeutsche Seekabelwerke GmbH (NSW), a wholly-owned subsidiary of General Cable since 2007, has been one of the world's leading companies in the field of submarine telecommunication cables for over 111 years. During the last five years, NSW has established itself in the market for submarine power cables, in particular for renewable energies. NSW and its more than 500 employees advise and support customers all over the world.

General Cable Corporation (NYSE:BGC), a Fortune 500 Company, is a global leader in the development, design, manufacture, marketing and distribution of copper, aluminum and fiber optic wire and cable products for the energy, industrial, and communications markets. For more information about General Cable visit our website at [www.generalcable.com](http://www.generalcable.com).