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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

General Cable Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

4 Tesseneer Drive, Highland Heights, Kentucky

06-1398235
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

41076

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

General Cable Corporation

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

(Full title of the plan)

Emerson C. Moser, Esquire

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

General Cable Corporation

4 Tesseneer Drive

Highland Heights, Kentucky 41076

(859) 572-8000

(Name and address of agent for service)

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
 Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of securities to be registered | Amount to be registered | Proposed maximum offering price per share | Proposed maximum aggregate offering price | Amount of registration fee |
|---|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 ⁽¹⁾ | 2,000,000 | \$15.19 ⁽²⁾ | \$30,380,000 | \$3,059.27 |

(1) Pursuant to Rule 416 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), this Registration Statement shall be deemed to cover additional shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share (Common Stock), of General Cable Corporation (the Registrant) to be offered or issued in connection with any stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions, whether pursuant to the terms of the General Cable Corporation Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the ESPP) or otherwise.

(2) Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the amount of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(h) and Rule 457(c), based upon the average of the high and low prices of the Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange as of August 22, 2016.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The document(s) containing the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 will be sent or given to participants as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents, as filed with the Commission, are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement by the Registrant:

- (a) the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, as filed with the Commission on February 29, 2016;
- (b) all other reports filed by the Registrant with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), since December 31, 2015; and
- (c) the description of the Registrant's Common Stock contained in the Registrant's Registration Statement under the Exchange Act on Form 8-A (File No. 1-12983) filed with the Commission on May 13, 1997 to register Common Stock pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act, and any filing with the Commission by the Registrant which serves to amend such registration statement.

To the extent that any information contained in any Current Report on Form 8-K, or any exhibit thereto, was furnished to, rather than filed with, the Commission, such information or exhibit is specifically not incorporated by reference.

All documents filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be part of this Registration Statement from the date of the filing of such documents.

In April 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2015-03, *Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs*. The update requires debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of the related debt liability instead of being presented as an asset. Debt disclosures include the face amount of the debt liability and the effective interest rate. The update requires retrospective application and represents a change in accounting principle. The Registrant has adopted ASU 2015-03 as of January 1, 2016 and applied retrospectively. Debt issuance costs of \$1.5 million, previously recorded to Prepaid expenses and other, and \$10.6 million and \$12.1 million, previously recorded to Other non-current assets, are now presented as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of Long-term debt on the Registrant's Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

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Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Section 102 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL"), Article VII of the Registrant's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the "Certificate of Incorporation") provides that no person shall be personally liable to the Registrant or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, including, without limitation, directors serving on committees of the board of directors of the Registrant; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Registrant or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under Section 174 of the DGCL which provides for liability of directors for unlawful payments of dividends or unlawful stock purchases or redemptions, or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. Article VII further provides that if the DGCL is amended thereafter to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors, then the liability of a director of the Corporation shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL, as so amended.

Section 145 of the DGCL provides for the indemnification of certain persons, including directors, officers and employees of a corporation, under certain circumstances. Article XIV of the Registrant's Amended and Restated Bylaws states that the Registrant is obligated to provide indemnification to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL as well as to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to, or is otherwise involved in, any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding (other than an action by or in the right of the Registrant in which such person has been adjudged liable to the Registrant) by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer or employee of the Registrant, or is or was a director, officer or employee of the Registrant serving at the request of the Registrant as a director, officer, member, employee, fiduciary or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, against all expenses, liability and loss (including, without limitation, attorneys' and other professionals' fees and expenses, claims, judgments, fines, ERISA excise taxes or penalties and amounts paid in settlement) actually and reasonably incurred or suffered by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Registrant, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the conduct was unlawful. In the case of any action, suit or proceeding by or in the right of the Registrant in which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the Registrant, such person shall be indemnified only to the extent that the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine that such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such court shall deem proper.

The Registrant currently maintains insurance policies that provide coverage pursuant to which the Registrant is to be reimbursed for amounts it may be required or permitted by law to pay to indemnify directors and officers.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed as part of this Registration Statement or, where so indicated have been previously filed and are incorporated herein by reference.

| Exhibit | Description of Exhibit |
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| 4.1 | Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, as filed with the Commission on May 14, 2010). |
| 4.2 | Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended October 2, 2015). |
| 4.3 | General Cable Corporation Employee Stock Purchase Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit B of the Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement, as filed with the Commission on April 4, 2016). |
| 5.1 | Opinion of Blank Rome LLP. |
| 23.1 | Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP. |
| 23.2 | Consent of Blank Rome LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1). |

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:
 - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;
 - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement;
 - (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement; provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the

Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

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- (b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Highland Heights, Commonwealth of Kentucky, on this 26th day of August, 2016.

GENERAL CABLE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Michael T. McDonnell
Michael T. McDonnell
President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

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|-----------------|---|
| August 26, 2016 | /s/ Michael T. McDonnell Michael T. McDonnell President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) and Director |
| August 26, 2016 | /s/ Robert C. Kreidler Robert C. Kreidler Interim Chief Financial Officer (Interim Principal Financial Officer) |
| August 26, 2016 | /s/ Leonard R. Texter Leonard R. Texter Senior Vice President of Finance and Global Controller (Principal Accounting Officer) |
| August 26, 2016 | /s/ John E. Welsh, III John E. Welsh, III Non-Executive Chairman and Director |

August 26, 2016

/s/ Sallie B. Bailey

Sallie B. Bailey

Director

August 26, 2016

/s/ Edward Childs Hall, III

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Director

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August 26, 2016

/s/ Gregory E. Lawton

Gregory E. Lawton

Director

August 26, 2016

/s/ Craig P. Omtvedt

Craig P. Omtvedt

Director

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/s/ Patrick M. Prevost

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