

Champlain Celebrates a New U.S. Patent

Champlain Cable Corporation recently celebrated its latest U.S. Patent approval with a ceremony at the Vermont headquarters to mark the occasion. The patent covers the design of a flexibility testing apparatus for insulated wire and cable.

The idea was born from a European wire specification that described a wire flexing requirement, but did not describe the apparatus to test the wire. The test was not able to be completed on commercially available equipment, so Champlain Applications Test Engineer, **Doug Cutler**, invented the flex testing apparatus.



Bill Reichert, Champlain President, commented, "I am very proud of Doug and the work he does. Inventions like the one Doug developed demonstrate our value-added strategy. His work is exemplary of our engineering capability and commitment to solving customer and industry problems." www.champcable.com

Radix Wire Acquired by High Road Capital

High Road Capital Partners has acquired Cleveland, OH, USA-based **Radix Wire**, a leading manufacturer of high-temperature and fire-resistant wire and cable. Radix designs and engineers products proven to perform in temperatures ranging from 150°C to 1000°C and in diverse industrial OEM, maintenance, repair and operations and fire protection applications.

The company serves global markets with increasingly stringent

regulations governing component selection and performance including cooking/heating equipment, oil and gas, lighting and fire protection systems.

Radix's branded, high-performance products are made in two facilities located in northeast Ohio and meet regulatory requirements for various **Underwriters Laboratories (UL)** and **Canadian Standards Association (CSA)** certified and UL Vertical Wire-1 (VW-1) flame-rated certifications.

www.highroadcap.com

www.radix-wire.com

Southwire Realigns for Strategic Growth

In support of the company's five-year strategic plan and in an effort to grow sustainably and profitably, **Southwire**, Carrollton, GA, USA, announced that it has reorganized its executive leadership and business structure. With this new alignment, Southwire is placing an increased emphasis on its core wire and cable business and is looking at opportunities to focus more intently on areas like metals management, modernization, R&D and systems optimization, while remaining a premier employer and best serving customer requirements.

"Our long-term strategic vision to build on our core and look for opportunities in adjacent and transformational spaces remains solid," said **Rich Stinson**, Southwire CEO. "As we grow, it is important that we focus on the success of our wire and cable business first and spend the majority of our short-term efforts executing on our core growth strategies and operational initiatives like modernization and systems optimization."

In line with this commitment, **Norman Adkins** will now serve as the company's Executive VP and COO – Wire and Cable. Underneath this unification of wire and cable, the company will center its efforts

to best serve customers through its expansive product breadth and drive growth, service and profitability within key channels including utility, residential and commercial, industrial and OEM, international and Canada.

While Adkins places an intent focus on the wire and cable business, **Brandon Moss** will be promoted to Executive VP of Tools, Components & Assembled Products. Under Moss's leadership, Southwire will continue to leverage the success of its existing and recently acquired tools, components and assembled products businesses to deliver value, drive profitability and further support its core wire and cable business.

And as one of the leading consumers of copper and aluminum in the world, the company is strengthening its approach to metals management and the vital impact it has on the business. With this in mind, **Charlie Murrah** will now serve as Southwire's EVP of Metals and will place a renewed emphasis on how the company participates in the metals market.

Additionally, the company will place further emphasis on its operations teams, focusing on strategic initiatives including safety, systems optimization and investments in modernization, strengthening its core and supporting the company's growth objectives.

All executive transitions took effective on January 15, 2019. With these transitions, leaders are assessing their team structures and working to identify and address any opportunities, redundancies or overlap that may result from the new organization, which will include a restructure in the company's salaried management workforce. To learn more, visit: www.southwire.com

