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Senior ITA Representative to Give Keynote Address at the 5th CRU World Optical Fiber & Cable Conference

The CRU World Optical Fiber & Cable Conference, November 18 to 20, 2019, in Charlotte, NC, USA, is a major annual gathering for global leaders from the telecommunications and optical fiber communities to discuss key market developments facing this industry. CRU and host sponsor **Corning Incorporated** are bringing the conference to the USA for the first time in its five-year history. This year's keynote presentation will be made by **Nazak Nikakhtar**, Assistant Secretary, Industry & Analysis, **United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (ITA)**. Her presentation promises to be a fascinating insight into US Government trade policy regarding telecommunication networks and will be followed by an extended Q&A session. Other keynote speakers are **Rich Baca**, Data Center Fiber Optic Architecture & Novel Optical Solutions, **Microsoft Azure**; and **Ed Harstead**, Lead Technologist, CTO, Fixed Networks Div., **Nokia**. A highlight will be the smart city keynote presentation from **Katie Espeseth**, VP, **EPB**, who will discuss the fiber transformation project EPB has led in Chattanooga, TN, USA. The conference will also feature a panel discussion between global producers of optical fiber and cable, **Corning**, **Prysmian** and **YOFC**. Conference themes are the role of the USA in building a fiber-enabled society, evolution of 5G and smart city fiber requirements, innovations in fiber and cable technologies and expert views on developments in key advanced and emerging telecom markets around the world. Along with networking opportunities, the event includes an exhibition showcasing next-gen technologies and solutions.

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US DOC Finds Heavy Dumping & Subsidization of Chinese Aluminum Wire & Cable

The **US Department of Commerce (USDOC)** announced the affirmative final determinations in the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) investigations of imports of aluminum wire and cable from China, finding that exporters from China have sold aluminum wire and cable at less than fair value in the USA at rates of 58.51% to 63.47%. The DOC also determined that exporters from China received countervailable subsidies at rates of 33.44% to 165.63%. In 2018, imports of aluminum wire and cable from China were valued at an estimated US\$115 million. The petitioners are **Encore Wire Corp.** and **Southwire**. The **US ITC** is currently scheduled to make its final injury determinations on or about Dec. 2, 2019. If the ITC makes affirmative final injury determinations, Commerce will issue AD/CVD orders. If the ITC makes negative final determinations of injury, the investigations will be terminated and no orders will be issued. www.commerce.gov ■

WIRE & CABLE STOCK INDEXES

		% CHANGE since last issue	% CHANGE YTD 2017
OVERVIEW 40	3276	+2.8	+21.0
OVERVIEW Electrical	2582	+2.9	+22.4
OVERVIEW Communications	687	+3.5	+15.1
OVERVIEW Steel	341	+4.9	+20.6

•All data are from prices listed on the market on Nov. 1, 2019.

