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Via Facsimile: 703/813-6968

Mr. John Hartz, Senior Assistant Chief Accountant
Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20549-4631

**Re: Your letter to Gray Benoist of December 20, 2011 regarding:
Belden Inc. 2010 Form 10-K and
Third Quarter 2011 Form 10-Q
Your File No. 1-12561**

Dear Mr. Hartz:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter. In accordance with our call earlier today, to ensure we have appropriate time to properly address each comment, you have granted us until January 17, 2012 to respond. Thank you for this courtesy.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bloomfield
General Counsel

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