



News Release

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Cooper B-Line Announces Comprehensive Updates to Range of Grounding Solution Offerings

Total grounding metal support system benefits comm/data and telecommunications sectors; complies with TIA grounding standard updates.

HIGHLAND, IL, February 26, 2010 – Cooper B-Line, a global provider of innovative, labor-saving support systems and enclosure solutions for engineered facility subsystem applications, announces additions to its product line to now offer a total solution for grounding metal support systems in comm/data and telecommunications rooms. This expanded, modernized grounding offering is compatible with recent updates to the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) grounding standard.

Unlike competitive products, Cooper B-Line's telecommunications grounding bars and telecommunications main grounding bars are available both individually--should the contractor already have attachment hardware--or as a complete kit. Convenient kits can be ordered one kit per rack, allowing for simplified stocking and ordering. Solutions for grounding within raised floors are also available.

Communications and data contractors and distributors will benefit from Cooper B-Line's expertise via a new, all-in-one brochure, featuring an application diagram demonstrating how each product is used. As an added convenience, Cooper B-Line's engineering team is available for grounding and bonding training sessions. Participants receive a BICSI credit for attending a training session.

"Cooper B-Line's expanded grounding metal support systems offer many competitive advantages, including many options, and ease of ordering and stocking," said Kevin Kissling, President of Cooper B-Line. "We're pleased to offer a TIA-compatible grounding solution that further differentiates Cooper B-Line as a full solutions provider for the comm/data industry."

About Cooper B-Line

Cooper B-Line, a subsidiary of Cooper Industries plc (NYSE: CBE), is a global provider of innovative, labor-saving support systems and enclosure solutions for engineered facility subsystem applications. Cooper B-Line's products are used in a variety of settings for the commercial, industrial, utility and OEM markets. For more information, visit www.cooperblines.com.

About Cooper Industries

Cooper Industries plc (NYSE: CBE) is a global manufacturer with 2009 revenues of \$5.1 billion, approximately eighty-nine percent of which are from electrical products. Founded in 1833, Cooper's sustained level of success is attributable to a constant focus on innovation, evolving business practices while maintaining the highest ethical standards, and meeting customer needs. The Company has eight operating divisions with leading market share positions and world-class products and brands including: Bussmann electrical and electronic fuses; Crouse-Hinds and CEAG explosion-proof electrical equipment; Halo and Metalux lighting fixtures; and Kyle and McGraw-Edison power systems products. With this broad range of products, Cooper is uniquely positioned for several long-term growth trends including the global infrastructure build-out, the need to improve the reliability and productivity of the electric grid, the demand for higher energy-efficient products and the need for improved electrical safety. In 2009, sixty-one percent of total sales were to customers in the industrial and utility end-markets and thirty-nine percent of total sales were to customers outside the United States. Cooper has manufacturing facilities in 23 countries as of 2009. For more information, visit the website at www.cooperindustries.com.

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