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Cooper B-Line Announces OSHPD Pre-Approval (OPA) Numbers for Rack and Runway Products

Significant investment in OPA numbers demonstrate Company's commitment to institutional construction industry in California and beyond.

HIGHLAND, IL, March 12, 2010 – Cooper B-Line, a global provider of innovative, labor-saving support systems and enclosure solutions for engineered facility subsystem applications, has obtained pre-approval status for its rack and runway products from California's Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD). The OSHPD pre-approval (OPA) is a critical development for contractors and engineers in the state of California and surrounding areas, which can lead to cost savings benefits thanks to the elimination of expensive and time-consuming seismic engineering services, which are required by state law for all unapproved materials.

"Cooper B-Line's investment in OPA numbers for rack and runway products indicates our commitment to our customers in this region, as well as in surrounding areas that enforce very strict safety standards," said Joe Kline, Vice President of Marketing at Cooper B-Line. "Our offering of OPA-approved rack and runway products further differentiates Cooper B-Line as a solutions provider for the cable management industry."

OSHPD is a government agency in California empowered by the Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Seismic Safety Act in 1973. Due to several hospital collapses in the early 1970s, OSHPD was created to ensure uniformity in health care facility construction standards. These standards have been set so that patients remain safe, and hospitals remain functional during, as well as following an earthquake. To ensure that these standards are followed, OSHPD both reviews plans prior to construction and inspects facilities following construction. Because the review and inspection process can be both time and labor intensive, the Facility Development Division of OSHPD has worked with manufacturers to develop pre-approved systems, which simplify and speed-up the construction review process.

Cooper B-Line has released a flyer with OPA numbers listed for its rack and runway products. To learn more, please contact Cooper B-Line customer service at (800)851-7415.

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.cooperbline.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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