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New ARISTA™ Monolithic Solar Racking System Meets OPA Local Content Requirements

New system significantly reduces installation time and cost.

HIGHLAND, IL, July 1, 2011 – [Cooper B-Line](#), a global provider of innovative, labor-saving support systems and enclosure solutions for the renewable energy market, today announces its new versatile ARISTA™ Monolithic Solar Racking System for solar photovoltaic (PV) commercial rooftop applications is now available in Canada. The product meets the local content requirement for the Ontario Power Authority (OPA), and is building code compliant in both the United States and Canada.

The ARISTA System is manufactured in Ontario, making local delivery, service and support simple for customers in Canada. The innovative PV racking system offers users several key advantages including decreased installation labor and cost, high flexibility to support wide-ranging project needs. The ARISTA Monolithic Solar Racking System has also received structural validation through a certified third party wind tunnel test.

[Cooper B-Line's ARISTA Monolithic Racking System](#) is designed with a limited number of components and features pre-assembled fittings, yielding significant installation time and labor savings over other PV racking systems. The ARISTA Racking System is also compatible with standard strut, fittings and other accessories, making electrical solutions endless. At a 2-3 kW per man hour installation rate, the ARISTA system is easy for one person in the field to install quickly; the need for field adjustment is eliminated, and there are no additional loose pieces required during installation. In addition, the ARISTA system readily adapts to both portrait and landscape racking and accommodates virtually any PV panel size.

The ballast strip for the ARISTA system is pre-assembled, easy to install, and compatible with many ballast block or paver alternatives. Cooper B-Line's unique roof-friendly DURA-BLOK™ supports, which are made from 100 percent recycled rubber, serve as the base for the entire system, evenly distributing the load of the system. The innovative rubber supports do not penetrate the roof, helping to reduce

potential wear to the roof. Users of the ARISTA system also have the option of a positively tied racking system.

“The need for renewable energy is expanding, and we are confident the ARISTA Monolithic Solar Racking System will exceed customers’ PV panel racking requirements while also providing the unparalleled benefits of significant time and labor savings,” said Kevin Kissling, President of Cooper B-Line. “We are excited to expand our offering of this innovative product to the Canadian market, and to offer our first-class service and support to our local customers.”

Unlike competitors, Cooper B-Line offers a complete Balance of System (BOS) with wide-ranging components to seamlessly combine PV panel racking, cable management, enclosures, fasteners and more to maximize efficiency and technologies. In addition, Cooper B-Line’s dedicated team of solar experts offers superior engineering support to customers through all phases of the design and installation process – before, during and after installation of the ARISTA Racking System. The team has the knowledge needed to quickly and cost-efficiently offer solutions through standard product applications as well as custom solutions for specific solar needs.

Cooper B-Line is an active member of the Canadian Solar Industries Association (CanSIA), the Solar Energies Industry Association (SEIA) and the Solar Electric Power Association (SEPA). In addition to the ARISTA system, Cooper B-Line also offers an array of custom engineered solar solutions.

To learn more, contact the Cooper B-Line Solar Team at 1-877-586-8607 or Solar.Team@cooperindustries.com. Also visit Cooper B-Line at www.cooperblinesolar.ca.

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

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need for improved electrical safety. In 2010 fifty-nine 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 21 countries as of 2010. For more information, visit the website at www.cooperindustries.com.

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