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Cooper B-Line Expands Seismic and Fire Protection Product Offering with the Acquisition of TOLCO

Acquisition strengthens product line and services for commercial and industrial markets.

HIGHLAND, IL, October 25, 2011 – Cooper B-Line, a global provider of innovative, labor-saving support systems and enclosure solutions for engineered facility subsystem applications, is pleased to announce its latest move to expand and strengthen its breadth of products by acquiring TOLCO, a leading manufacturer of seismic bracing, pipe hangers and pipe support systems, from its parent company NIBCO.

[TOLCO](#), a global provider of support systems, specializes in engineered seismic bracing solutions for commercial and industrial applications. The company's strong commitment to innovation and labor-saving solutions, much like that of Cooper B-Line, has made it a customer focused leader in providing engineered solutions for seismic and fire protection projects, including those requiring OSHPD approval.

"The acquisition of TOLCO gives Cooper B-Line a unique opportunity to expand our current product offering and extend our reach into both the global seismic and fire protection markets," said Kevin Kissling, President of Cooper B-Line. "Working alongside TOLCO, we aim to continue both companies' promise of providing customers with the innovative, labor-saving products they demand. Together, we plan to grow both businesses to become the global leader in providing our customers with the right solutions to fit their specific needs."

With the addition of TOLCO, Cooper B-Line not only acquires a great brand name but also a proven line of highly-engineered products. Including roughly 26 patents in the seismic and fire protection markets, TOLCO has served as an industry innovator for more than 40 years. Each of TOLCO's wide range of solutions is designed for user-friendly installation and includes labor-saving features. Ranging from custom fabricated products and engineering services to pipe hangers and strut systems, Cooper B-Line and TOLCO will continue to offer reliable services, innovative products and custom solutions customers demand.

For more information or to learn more about Cooper B-Line, please visit www.cooperblineline.com.

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.cooperblineline.com.

About Cooper Industries

Cooper Industries plc (NYSE: CBE) is a global electrical products manufacturer with 2010 revenues of \$5.1 billion. Founded in 1833, Cooper's sustained 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 seven

operating divisions with leading market 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 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 23 countries as of 2011. For more information, visit the website at www.cooperindustries.com.

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