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Cooper B-Line Announces EnviroShield™ Type 3R Wireway System, the Industry's First Quick-Connecting Solution That is Code Compliant for Outdoor Applications

New system serves as first quick-connecting fully enclosed pad-lockable UL listed and CSA certified Type 3R wireway system for outdoor commercial, industrial and solar applications.

HIGHLAND, IL, April 15, 2011 – Cooper B-Line, a global provider of innovative, labor-saving support systems and enclosure solutions for engineered facility subsystem applications, today introduced its new EnviroShield Wireway System, the industry's first quick-connecting, code-compliant Type 3R cable management system for outdoor commercial, industrial and solar photovoltaic (PV) applications.

An electrically continuous solution, the EnviroShield Type 3R Wireway System brings the functionality, durability, security and flexibility of indoor wire management systems to the outdoors, while compliance with National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), United Laboratories (UL) 870 and CSA International requirements provides added peace-of-mind.

"Until now, no manufacturer has offered a quick-connecting NEMA Type 3R wireway system that carries both UL Listing and CSA I Certification," explained Kevin Kissling, President of Cooper B-Line. "Our extensive knowledge of cable management technology has allowed us to fill the void that is currently missing in the cable management sector."

The installer-friendly system features removable covers and a lay-in design to ease cable installation. Cooper B-Line's patented "quick-connect" feature eliminates loose hardware, while a wrap-around shield allows for a tool and hardware-free installation. For added convenience, the solution features pre-installed combo head bolts that are tightened from the outside of the wireway. An industry first, the system's specialized fittings additionally allow for expansion and contraction. Installation options include rooftop, post mount, wall mount and ground mount.

Functionally, the EnviroShield systems materials and finishes are designed to extend the life of the system in an outdoor environment, while offering the ability to adapt to extreme temperature change. Options include long-lasting aluminum to meet light weight rooftop requirements and pre-galvanized steel with a powder paint finish.

As an enclosed system, the EnviroShield Wireway promotes lasting protection of the cables, preventing cable degradation by shielding them from the damaging effects of the environment. The electrical system additionally offers security and safety benefits, with a pad-lockable wrap-around rain shield providing theft protection.

“The EnviroShield Wireway System brings a range of advantages to both electrical contractors and facility owners,” continued Kissling. “Electrical contractors will benefit from ease of installation, while facility owners and managers will benefit from the system’s reduced maintenance requirements, enhanced security and safety features, durability and long lifespan,” continued Kissling.

To learn more about Cooper B-Line’s new EnviroShield Wireway System and range of additional cable management tools and accessories, visit www.cooperbline.com or www.cooperblinesolar.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.cooperbline.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 21 countries as of 2010. For more information, visit the website at www.cooperindustries.com.

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