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Cooper B-Line Introduces Flextray™ Cable Management System to the European Market

Cable support system and range of accessories provide contractors with on-site flexibility while enhancing time and labor savings.

HIGHLAND, IL, April 18, 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 the availability of its Flextray™ cable management system and range of corresponding accessory products in Europe.

Combining field-adaptable flexibility with several time-saving accessories that facilitate a virtually tool-less installation and reduce hanging time, the Flextray system provides contractors with significant labor and time savings over competitive cable support systems. The recognizable “T” weld safety edge protects both the cable and the installer during installation, while a thick 5mm wire minimizes deflection and maximizes sturdiness for on-site modification.

Unlike competitive products that are difficult to install or require a multi-step installation process, Cooper B-Line’s Flexmate quick splice tool promotes fast installation, a clean look and a permanent connection. While other products can leave sharp wire edges, Cooper B-Line’s Cleanshear trapeze offering ensures a clean, consistent cut with no pointed edges. A two-piece design and tool-less installation process set Cooper B-Line’s Wing Splice bolted splice apart from competitive splices that require multiple pieces and tools for tightening.

When used in conjunction with the Flextray System, Cooper B-Line’s KwikWire™ System, a replacement for jack chain and thread rod that dramatically reduces hanging time, allows for simple Flextray height adjustment. A key Flextray accessory, the KwikWire system can be quickly installed around beams with no drilling required and is ideal for sloped ceilings. Spools of wire can be cut to length in the field, reducing waste and up-front planning.

“Our Flextray systems combine strength, lightweight construction, depth and unmatched adaptability to support cables and tubing in a fast and economical way,” said Kevin Kissling, President, Cooper B-Line. “We’re pleased to now bring the range of benefits associated with our Flextray systems and corresponding accessories, including cost savings, ease of use and reduced hanging time to the European market.”

As a flexible way to manage cables throughout a project, the tray itself can be cut and bent to the needs of the installer on the jobsite, allowing cable runs to be adjusted as needed. A wide range of sizes makes the Flextray system a practical option for everything from a small cable drop to a large trunk of cables.

Cooper B-Line’s Flextray cable management system is a practical choice for comm/data and a variety of other cable management applications. For more information on Cooper B-Line Flextray products and accessories, as well as additional product offerings in Europe, visit www.cooperbline.co.uk.

About Cooper B-Line

Cooper B-Line, a subsidiary of Cooper Industries (NYSE: CBE), is a global provider of innovative, labor-saving support systems and enclosure solutions for engineer 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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