



## News Release

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### **Cooper B-Line Introduces Metric Slotted Cable Ladder Solution that Complies with IEC**

*New product enables Cooper B-Line to provide universal cable management solutions for wide-ranging projects and specifications.*

**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, has introduced the Metric Slotted Cable Ladder, the company's first fully metric cable management solution that is tested to meet International Electrical Code (IEC) standards and will be available from a local facility in Europe. The new product was designed to meet the needs of customers in regions outside of North America whose projects require specification to IEC standards rather than National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) standards.

Cooper B-Line's Metric Slotted Cable Ladder is a fully metric slotted cable ladder with a unique I-Beam design, which offers the strongest available side rail support and superior rung support. In addition, the system is made of rolled steel components for enhanced strength. The Metric Slotted Cable Ladder features slotted rungs that are convenient for attaching brackets, cleats and supports, and weep holes that allow for drainage. The ladder has a multiple-point welding system, providing multiple points of connection, and its slotted side rails reduce labor by eliminating the need to drill new splice holes after cutting lengths.

The product's design makes it ideal for a wide range of global projects and specifications, including the oil and gas industry, both onshore and offshore, in addition to general industrial applications. Its I-Beam side rail shape allows for a thin, 1.5 mm thickness for short spans and light loads offshore, while it is also able to accommodate heavy loads and wide spans onshore with thicker, 2.0 mm side rails.

“The introduction of Metric Slotted Cable Ladder demonstrates Cooper B-Line’s continued commitment to the global oil and gas industry and our desire to meet the needs of customers in all regions of the world,” said Kevin Kissling, President of Cooper B-Line. “With the addition of this product to our broad line of cable management products, we can say that we offer truly universal solutions for our customers. Whether a project is specified using NEMA or IEC standards, Cooper B-Line is proud to be able to meet its needs with our first-rate solutions.”

In addition to meeting the needs of customers in IEC regions with the Metric Slotted Cable Ladder itself, Cooper B-Line also has technical specialists and sales engineers around the globe, including in the Middle East, Korea and Calgary, Alberta, to offer unmatched specification service and support. Cooper B-Line will manufacture finished ladders and accessories in its facility in Highbridge, Somerset, United Kingdom.

#### **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](http://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 21 countries as of 2010. For more information, visit the website at [www.cooperindustries.com](http://www.cooperindustries.com).

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