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Second Generation V-LINE™ Cabinets from Cooper B-Line Offers Cost Savings without Sacrificing Convenience

New line of electronic enclosures features high availability at low price points.

HIGHLAND, IL, March 12, 2010 – Cooper B-Line, a global provider of innovative, labor-saving support systems and enclosure solutions for engineered facility subsystem applications, today announced the release of its second generation V-LINE™ cabinet platform (Gen II). The expanded and enhanced line of cabinets continues to offer superior quality and design, an improved range of size options, high levels of stock availability, and one of the industries' best lead-times; all at a cost-effective price point.

Cooper B-Line has made several enhancements to the V-LINE GEN II cabinets. The fully welded steel frame construction has been enhanced to provide a load rating of up to 2,000 lb/909kg, providing long service life and superior protection for installed equipment. In addition, an increase in the range of heights, widths and depths provides customers with a wide variety of mounting configurations to suit individual applications. The increased number of door and locking options allows individual installations to be upgraded to mechanical or electronic locking functions to suit security or system management requirements.

In order to cope with the expanded range of options, the revised V-LINE range now utilizes a dynamic part code system, which allows users to easily configure the cabinet to meet specific applications or site requirements.

“The V-LINE Gen II cabinets and accessories focus on providing a broad line of durable, high-quality enclosures that bring value and reliability to the Comm/Data marketplace,” said Kevin Kissling, President of Cooper B-Line. “V-LINE is a trusted brand in the industry, and although this expanded new line includes several new features that will benefit our customers, the products' core principles of reliability and availability remain the same.”

The V-LINE Gen II platform is complemented by a wide range of universal accessories, with additional platform-specific accessories available as well. Common applications for the V-LINE Gen II cabinets include co-location data centers, institutional locations such as schools and hospitals, commercial operations with office computer or wiring closets, and various low volume, standalone installations.

For more information, please visit www.cooperblineline.com/Data.

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 manufacturer with 2009 revenues of \$5.1 billion, approximately eighty-nine percent of which are from electrical products. Founded in 1833, Cooper's sustained level of 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 eight operating divisions with leading market share positions and world-class products and brands including: Busmann 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 2009, sixty-one 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 2009. For more information, visit the website at www.cooperindustries.com.

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