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Surge Protection Made Simple™ for Global Overvoltage Protection

Burton-on-the-Wolds, UK, 18th November, 2010 – Colour coded, modular plug-in and DIN-rail mounted design with voltage rejection feature and easyID™ visual indication makes the new Cooper Bussmann® Surge Protective Device (SPD) simple to identify, install and maintain.

Cooper Bussmann is taking an innovative approach to the launch of its new range of surge protection devices. As part of its *Surge Protection Made Simple™* offering, the company has introduced a number of measures designed to make choosing, installing and maintaining SPDs a far simpler process.

Intended to combat damaging surges and overvoltages, the new SPD line-up features colour coding to match its designated application, has a modular plug-in and DIN-rail mounted design with voltage rejection feature, and incorporates the Cooper Bussmann *easyID™* visual indication for status monitoring. Where green is shown in the status window the device is performing to its optimum, while a red window indicates that the unit needs replacing. Remote contact signalling is an option across the whole range.

The company has initially introduced two ranges for the protection of photovoltaic (PV) and industrial (IEC) applications with subsequent launches for the wind power, telecom and UL markets.

In particular, the SPD range for PV applications is designed with built-in, fast-acting short-circuit interruption (SCI) technology for 600Vdc, 1000Vdc and 1200Vdc systems that ensures that harmful surges and overvoltages are safely dealt with and shunted to ground. This high performance capability, which has been patented, removes the need for additional fuses or overcurrent protection so saving space in the associated panel or combiner box.

“We are very excited to introduce our new high performance surge protection offering, which wholly complements our overcurrent protection capabilities,” announced Ivo Jurek, president, Cooper Bussmann. “It is a globally comprehensive product line, both in protection capability and application: from superior surge protection for photovoltaic, and Class 1 and Class 2 IEC applications which we are introducing now, to surge and lightning protection products for wind applications and reliable network protection for telecom applications unveiling in early 2011. That will be followed in spring 2011 by UL 1449 3rd Edition recognized surge protection for both AC and DC North American applications.”

The launch of the new SPD range will be supported with a full suite of literature including product profile, product data and installation sheets. More information is also available from www.cooperbussmann.com/surge.

About Cooper Bussmann

Cooper Bussmann, the industry leader in critical circuit protection, power management and electrical safety, is a division of Cooper Industries plc (NYSE: CBE), and is headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri, USA. The company is committed to the development, manufacturing and marketing of innovative circuit and power electronics protection and power management products; and provides engineering, training and testing services globally for the electrical, electronics and transportation industries. The company provides superior brands, including Cooper Bussmann[®] circuit protection products and services, Coiltronics[®] magnetics, and OMNEX Trusted Wireless[®] systems. Additional information about Cooper Bussmann is available online at www.cooperbussmann.com.

About Cooper Industries

Cooper Industries plc (NYSE: CBE) is a global manufacturer with 2009 revenues of \$5.1 billion. 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 seven operating divisions with leading market share 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 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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