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News Release

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Cooper Bussmann's Vince Saporita Named IEEE Fellow, NEMA Kite and Key Award Recipient

Saporita honored for his continued advancement of the electrical industry.

ST. LOUIS, MO, January 11, 2011 – Cooper Bussmann Vice President of Technical Sales Vince Saporita has been named both 2011 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Fellow as well as a National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) 2010 Kite and Key Award winner.

The IEEE Fellow is the highest grade of IEEE membership, and is conferred by the organization's Board of Directors upon a person with an outstanding record of accomplishments in any of the IEEE fields of interest. Only 321 individuals of 385,000 members in 160 countries have been elevated to IEEE Fellow for 2011.

Saporita, a 36-year veteran of Cooper Bussmann, was also recognized with the NEMA Kite and Key Award, which recognizes individuals from NEMA member companies who have advanced the interest of the electroindustry through sustained involvement in NEMA activities. Saporita serves as vice chair of NEMA's Codes and Standards Committee, as well as the chair of the NEMA-UL Technical Forum, Fuse Technical, and Fuse Ad-Hoc committees. He participates in the Industrial Control Section and Low Voltage Distribution Equipment switch and panelboard sections. Saporita also acts as NEMA's representative on NFPA 70E, the National Fire Protection Association Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace.

"The people of Cooper Bussmann are very proud of the recognition Vince has received," said Ivo Jurek, president, Cooper Bussmann. "Vince and his team have worked many years to advance both electrical system protection and employee electrical safety through dedicated work with NEMA, IEEE, NFPA, and IAEEI."

Saporita represents the fuse industry on National Electrical Code Panels 10 and 11, and is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Illinois, has authored numerous IEEE and technical trade magazine articles, and was instrumental in the development of IEEE 1584 *Guide for Performing Arc Flash Hazard Calculations*. He earned his BSEE from the University of Missouri-Rolla and an MBA from Lindenwood College, Saint Charles, MO.

Cooper Bussmann, the industry leader in critical circuit protection, power management and electrical safety, offers a range of critical circuit protection, power management and electrical safety products and solutions. To learn more, visit www.cooperbussmann.com.

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About Cooper Bussmann

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