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New Range of Ethernet Products from MTL Provide Harsh and Hazardous Connectivity Across the Process Plant

SYRACUSE, NY, March 31, 2011 – MTL Instruments, a division of Cooper Crouse-Hinds, has launched a new range of Ethernet Connectivity products combining enterprise-class performance with rugged reliability, providing a “best of both worlds” solution for today’s industrial applications.

The 9200-ET series of Ethernet products is designed to operate in the harsh and hazardous process control environment and features multi-port managed and unmanaged switches, Power over Ethernet (PoE) capability, multiple fibre-port options and Gigabit switches. The portfolio provides a core technology to the existing Tofino™ Network Security solution, Intrinsically Safe Ethernet and Wireless ranges and provides users with a complete suite of digital connectivity products.

Today’s industrial process plants demand greater efficiency, higher reliability, increased levels of security and lower cost of ownership of field equipment and supporting networks. MTL’s 9200-ET series of Ethernet products are suitable for use in extended temperature areas and are certified for use in ATEX Zone 2 and UL Class 1 Div 2 areas, ensuring high reliability and rugged dependability in the most extreme environments. Features such as Active IGMP provide Multicast filtering to deliver optimised video surveillance solutions, while switch status over Modbus TCP delivers network status within the skill set of the control engineer.

The MTL 9200-ETM DIN rail and panel mount and 9200-ETZ rackmount managed switches support Redundant Ring network topology providing high speed recovery from network failures required for real time automation networks. A high degree of flexibility in network topology is provided with support for up to 4 Redundant Rings on each switch as well as supporting the open Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol (RSTP) for integration into Manufacturing Execution System (MES).

To meet customer requirements for in-depth Ethernet technical support from knowledgeable process industry specialists, MTL provides full customer support to simplify selection, installation and operation of Ethernet networks. This reduces the risk to the end user of installing and operating Ethernet networks in process applications.

Today's customers also require packaged solutions. As part of Cooper Industries (NYSE: CBE), MTL is able to offer the comprehensive range of Ethernet switches integrated into enclosures with suitable glands for harsh and hazardous environments.

“Ethernet is a core technology for the Process industry in general and MTL in particular. It is a key driver in all aspects of the Industrial Networks world, with Ethernet connectivity extending ever further into the field,” said Philip Nunn, MTL's Product Line Manager for Industrial Networks. “This launch represents a significant step forward for MTL and its customers. We are confident that our new portfolio will enable customers to select from a range of class-leading products backed by MTL's pedigree of 40 years experience in the Process industry.”

To learn more about Cooper Crouse-Hinds, visit www.crouse-hinds.com or call (866) 764-5454.

About MTL

MTL Instruments, a division of Cooper Crouse-Hinds, is a world leader in the development and supply of electronic instrumentation and protection equipment for the process control and telecommunications industries. Many of the world's most critical processes are monitored, controlled or protected by MTL equipment and the Group is distinguished by the quality and reliability of its products, its global network of sales-and-support centres and its acknowledged position as a thought-leader in this high technology marketplace. With 20 dedicated sales centres in 13 countries and a further 131 MTL representatives in 69 countries, MTL's expertise in Intrinsic Safety, Industrial Networks, Surge Protection and Operator Displays/HMI is unsurpassed.

About Cooper Crouse-Hinds

Headquartered in Syracuse, N.Y., Cooper Crouse-Hinds integrates a comprehensive line of electrical and instrumentation products with expert support, industry insights and local availability to improve safety and productivity in the most demanding industrial and commercial environments worldwide. Cooper Crouse-Hinds manufactures over 100,000 products, including conduit and cable fittings; enclosures; plugs and receptacles; industrial lighting fixtures; signals and alarms; controls and electrical apparatus; commercial outlet boxes and hubs; and electronic components and protection equipment for process control branded MTL Instruments Group. Cooper Crouse-Hinds products are sold worldwide and meet all local and international code requirements. They are used in general construction or in harsh and hazardous environments across the globe, performing to the highest standard of safety and reliability. For more information, visit www.crouse-hinds.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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