

News Release

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Cooper Crouse-Hinds Introduces Vaporgard™ LED Series for Industrial and Hazardous Environments

*A direct replacement for incandescent bulbs, this new series
increases energy efficiency and reduces cost*

SYRACUSE, N.Y., March 30, 2011 – Cooper Crouse-Hinds, a leader in manufacturing electrical and instrumentation products that enhance safety and productivity in harsh and hazardous industrial environments worldwide, today announces the introduction of its Vaporgard™ LED Series as an ideal direct LED replacement for incandescent bulbs in industrial and hazardous applications. The new Vaporgard LED luminaires have 20 times longer life than incandescent lamps, and they reduce energy consumption costs by 85 percent. The Vaporgard LED Series was designed for use across industries, including oil and gas, food processing, manufacturing plants, pharmaceutical and mining applications.

With a unique domeless, low profile design, the Vaporgard LED Series is ideal for low mounting heights and confined spaces where incandescent bulbs are too large to meet the facility's needs. In addition to the luminaires' 50,000 hours rated life, their compact design allows for simple component replacement and future upgrades, and contain no mercury or other hazardous chemicals, lowering maintenance and disposal time and cost. Vibration resistant, the Vaporgard LED Series is reliable in almost any harsh environment, and also features instant illumination with no warm-up time for cold temperature operation.

"Cooper Crouse-Hinds is continually striving to help our customers meet their goals in terms of operating costs, and the Vaporgard LED Series was designed to reduce energy consumption and maintenance costs dramatically," said Grant Gawronski, President, Cooper Crouse-Hinds. "The use of LED lighting is expanding, and we are proud to offer a product that can be used in hazardous conditions while saving energy and providing superior light quality to ensure safety. All of the Vaporgard LED luminaires' outstanding benefits make them a sound choice for our customers' needs."

The Vaporgard LED Series has a lumen output equal to a 150-watt incandescent bulb and is available in both a cool- and warm-white color temperature. Because the warm white color is comparable to the

color of an incandescent bulb, the Vaporgard LED Series allows facilities to seamlessly replace incandescent bulbs in stages without contrasting the incandescent light color. The Vaporgard LED is designed to easily adapt to existing modules, making the Vaporgard LEDs ideal for use in both retrofit and new construction projects.

The Vaporgard LED Series meets NEC and CEC Class 1, Division 2, Groups A, B, C, and D requirements, along with UL and CSA standards.

The Vaporgard LED Series by Cooper Crouse-Hinds aligns with the Company's commitment to ESP (Enhancing Safety & Productivity). The goal behind ESP is to develop smarter, more powerful solutions that enhance safety and productivity in even the harshest environments. This promise is what drives Cooper Crouse-Hinds to continually develop products that anticipate customer needs and that work to achieve the goal of making danger in the workplace obsolete.

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

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.