



## News Release

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### **Cooper Industries Introduces Website for ARRA Compliance Verification and Certification**

*New website contains ARRA compliance status of all Cooper B-Line and Cooper Crouse-Hinds parts.*

**HOUSTON, October 15, 2010** – Significant investments in construction projects related to the national infrastructure continue to be made through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. As a leading manufacturer of electrical solutions, Cooper Industries plc (NYSE: CBE) manufactures many products that are being used in these construction projects. In order to simplify the process for indentifying ARRA compliant products, Cooper has launched a new website that allows the user to search for, determine and certify the ARRA eligibility status of all active Cooper B-Line and Cooper Crouse-Hinds products—[www.cooperindustries.com/government/ARRA](http://www.cooperindustries.com/government/ARRA).

Because documentation or certification of ARRA status must be made readily available to project owners, the ability to quickly determine eligibility is critical. The powerful search functionality of Cooper Industries' new website provides customers with immediate ARRA eligibility status for any Cooper B-Line or Cooper Crouse-Hinds product, serving as a comprehensive resource. After a list of compliant parts is determined, the user can then self-generate a document certifying the ARRA compliance of the eligible parts.

Cooper Crouse-Hinds offers a number of comprehensive ARRA compliant product lines, suitable for commercial, hazardous, and corrosive environments. Products range from conduit outlet bodies and US EMT Fittings, to fiberglass enclosures and hazardous location LED lighting solutions. Cooper Crouse-Hinds offers many products that are designed and manufactured within the U.S. This product portfolio is eligible for projects with a domestic sourcing requirement for construction materials.

Over 90 percent of Cooper B-Line products are compliant to the ARRA's Buy American provision. Cooper B-Line, a leading manufacturer of support systems and enclosures, designs, manufactures and delivers its products through a network of U.S.-based offices and factories, many with unionized

workforces. This delivers the powerful benefit of an American-made product portfolio that is eligible for projects with a domestic sourcing requirement for construction materials.

“Having a multitude of products that are ARRA-eligible, we saw an opportunity to provide an innovative resource for our customers,” explained Cooper Industries CEO Kirk Hachigian. “We remain committed to customer service at the highest level, and our new ARRA website is yet another example of that promise, providing customers with the unique ability to determine ARRA status around the clock.”

With thousands of transportation, water, building construction, energy efficiency, and technology projects underway, ARRA-compliant building products remain in high demand. To learn more about Cooper Industries’ range of ARRA-compliant electrical products and solutions, visit [www.cooperindustries.com/government/ARRA](http://www.cooperindustries.com/government/ARRA) or [www.cooperindustries.com](http://www.cooperindustries.com).

#### **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.cooperbline.com](http://www.cooperbline.com).

#### **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](http://www.crouse-hinds.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](http://www.cooperindustries.com).