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Cooper Industries' Products Earn Top Honors in *Consulting-Specifying Engineer's* 2011 Product of the Year Competition

Cooper Lighting, Cooper Notification and Cooper B-Line Products All Recognized By Readers

DUBLIN, January 18, 2012 – Cooper Lighting, Cooper B-Line and Cooper Notification, subsidiaries of Cooper Industries plc (NYSE: CBE), a global provider of electrical solutions, have been selected as Gold and Silver award winners in *Consulting-Specifying Engineer* magazine's 2011 Product of the Year competition.

The annual Product of the Year awards, created to provide information on the top new products in the field, allows readers to choose Gold, Silver and Bronze winners in ten separate categories.

This year, Cooper Lighting, an industry leader committed to delivering innovative products and driving transformational technology in the lighting industry, was awarded a Gold honor in the Lighting Controls Category for its [McGraw-Edison Ventus outdoor LED area luminaire](#) and qualified as a finalist for its Portfolio LED Downlights. Cooper B-Line, a global provider of innovative, labor-saving support systems and enclosure solutions for engineered facility subsystem applications, and Cooper Notification, a leading supplier of Life Safety and Mass Notification System (MNS) solutions, both took home Silver awards for the [ARISTA Monolithic Solar Racking System](#) and [SAFEPTH Mass Notification System \(MNS\)](#) in the Electrical Distribution and Fire, Life Safety and Mass Notification categories respectively.

Cooper Lighting's Gold award-winning product, the McGraw-Edison Ventus outdoor LED luminaire, was designed to provide uniform and energy-efficient illumination for parking lots, building areas, roadways and for security lighting applications. The product incorporates modular LED LightBAR™ technology featuring a patented AccuLED Optics™ system providing a choice of 13 optical distributions to maximize lighting efficiency and fulfill the exact needs of the outdoor space. The LED lighting fixtures offer a long-life of up to 50,000 hours.

Engineered to offer specifiers both a cost and labor savings, Cooper B-Line recently introduced the Silver-winning ARISTA™ Monolithic Racking Systems for solar PV commercial rooftop applications. Featuring pre-assembled hardware, ARISTA racking systems offer quick assembly and eliminate the need for field adjustments. They also offer expansion splice plates to quickly connect rails and include DURA-BLOK™ rooftop supports made of 100 percent recycled rubber to reduce potential wear. The system is now available with integrated module grounding to simplify the installation.

Cooper Notification also took home a Silver Medal for its SAFEPTH Mass Notification Systems (MNS), ideal for a wide range of industries, including healthcare, education, commercial, industrial and government buildings. Compliant with the latest MNS codes and standards, UL 2572 and NFPA 72 2010, SAFEPTH integrates with a facility's addressable fire alarm system to provide a complete in-building solution. It provides personnel and building occupants with intelligible live and pre-recorded voice messages that communicate what to do in response to an emergency. The system manages all audio and visual notification devices in the emergency communications system and features a

modular and flexible design to meet the functional requirements of an emergency response plan as well as the complexities of the latest fire codes.

For more information on all winners and finalists in *Consulting-Specifying Engineer* Product of the Year Awards visit www.csemaq.com.

To learn more about Cooper Industries and its comprehensive range of electrical products and solutions, visit www.cooperindustries.com.

About Cooper Lighting

Cooper Lighting, a subsidiary of Cooper Industries plc (NYSE: CBE), is the leading provider of world-class lighting fixtures and controls to commercial, industrial, retail, institutional, residential and utility markets. As lighting technologies have advanced over the years, Cooper Lighting has been at the forefront of the industry in helping businesses and communities leverage the latest technologies to improve efficiency, reduce costs and enrich the quality of the environment. For more information, visit www.cooperlighting.com.

About Cooper B-Line

As a global manufacturer, Cooper B-Line offers innovative solutions that deliver overall lower total installed cost. With numerous time-saving designs, our broad offering of support systems, seismic bracing, electrical and electronic enclosures provide customers with leading brands such as FLEXTRAY™, GRIP STRUT™, ARISTA™, TOLCO™ and RUFF-IN. Customers in government and commercial construction, oil and gas, mining, solar, communications, data centers, and HVACR markets have come to rely on our products to help protect, enclose and support their facility subsystem infrastructures. For more information, visit www.cooperbline.com.

About Cooper Notification

Cooper Notification, a solution platform of The Cooper Safety Division, is comprised of several businesses with decades of experience and innovation in the development of high quality products and solutions. With the ever present need to protect, alert and inform, Cooper Notification is focused on meeting the growing demand for personnel and property safety. We are the source for notification solutions supporting Fire, Security, Hazardous area, Mass Notification, Voice evacuation and Industrial Signaling applications and operating under the powerful global brands of Fulleon, MEDC, Roam Secure, SAFEPATH, WAVES and Wheelock. For more information, visit the web site at www.coopernotification.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 23 countries as of 2011. For more information, visit the website at www.cooperindustries.com.