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Cooper Controls Introduces First Lighting Control System Content for BIM

iLumin lighting control systems can now be included in 3D building information modeling (BIM).

Peachtree City, GA, March 31, 2011 – Cooper Controls introduces building information modeling (BIM) product model drawings for iLumin wallstations and iLumin source controllers, the first architectural lighting control system content available for teams using Autodesk® Revit® software.

Autodesk Revit Architecture software is purpose-built for building information modeling, allowing teams to create 3D digital models, manipulate them in real-time, and collaborate on a project from design through construction and operations. In order to incorporate structural elements, mechanical equipment and other products and systems into the 3D model, product model drawings designed to work specifically with the Autodesk Revit software must be used.

Cooper Controls has created the Autodesk Revit-compatible product model drawings for iLumin, its architectural lighting control system. The iLumin product model drawings are the first BIM-compatible files that have been created for an architectural lighting control system and they are available, free of charge, on the Cooper Controls website (www.coopercontrol.com) in the architectural lighting controls section.

The BIM model drawings for iLumin wallstations and user interfaces enable teams to create more detailed models of the building's lighting control system and further capitalize on the efficiencies created by this highly-collaborative modeling process. Beyond being a BIM tool for project teams, iLumin wallstations and user interfaces combine sleek aesthetic design and universal icons to make the lighting control system easy to understand for all users in the space.

Project teams using BIM can now add energy metering onto a project by dragging and dropping one product, the iLumin source controller, into the model. All iLumin dimming and switching source controllers have built-in, real-time energy metering capabilities, enabling these power panels to provide energy metering without an entourage of third-party devices.

About Cooper Controls

Cooper Controls, a business unit of Cooper Lighting, is a market leader in energy management, architectural, entertainment and lighting controls. A subsidiary of global manufacturer Cooper Industries plc (NYSE: CBE), it was formed by its acquisition of Novitas Inc. in November 2005, Polaron plc in March 2007, PCI Lighting Control Systems in August 2007, and ALC Lighting Controls in November 2010. Cooper Controls includes leading brands such as iLight (International), iLumin (North America), Greengate, and Zero 88. For more information, visit www.coopercontrol.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.