



News Release

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Cooper Industries Offers Comprehensive Storm Preparedness Solutions

As hurricane season approaches, facility owners and operators can look to Cooper Industries' breadth of electrical products and services to help better prepare.

HOUSTON, August 10, 2010 – With the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center, a division of the National Weather Service, predicting an "active to extremely active" hurricane season from June 1 through November 30, 2010, Cooper Industries (NYSE: CBE), a global provider of electrical solutions, offers a range of products and services designed to help facility owners and communities better prepare for and quickly recover from the damages caused by tropical storms.

In the event of a severe weather emergency, intrusive announcements are not an option; they are a necessity. **Cooper Notification's** Roam Secure Alert Network™ (RSAN™) emergency text and voice messaging system, Mobile High Power Speaker Arrays and TACWAVES portable alerting system are ideal for hurricane disaster recovery. Both the Mobile Speaker Array (MSA) and TACWAVES portable alerting systems can be rapidly deployed, allowing for the distribution of critical information before, during and after a weather disaster. Powered by battery, generator and solar power, the MSA broadcasts intelligible voice messages, tones, and sirens that can be heard from great distances, while TACWAVES provides a portable central control station that distributes live and pre-recorded emergency messages to the MSA or TACWAVES field stations for localized announcements.

With the ability to send alerts simultaneously via email and text messages, voice calls, including satellite phones, pagers and desktop notification, the RSAN emergency communications system increases the likelihood each citizen and first responder will receive the message no matter where they are located or evacuated. From parishes to major metropolitan areas, RSAN systems have been effectively used during major hurricanes in the Gulf and East Coast to alert the public and coordinate efforts among government officials and first responders.

In addition to mass notification systems, solutions for providing temporary power are essential during a storm. **Cooper Crouse-Hinds** helps to meet the need for safe and reliable temporary power with the Posi-Max[®] panel, a turn-key solution for short-term power restoration. The Posi-Max power distribution panel provides a fast, safe and dependable method of connection to portable generators in the event of a power outage. The heart of the system is the field-proven Posi-Lok[®] power distribution system designed to meet Articles 520.53(K) and 530.22(A) of the NEC[®]. The sequential port interlock requires the user to connect and disconnect each plug in the proper sequence ensuring ground connection. Additionally, the panel is equipped with a quick-release latch for a tool-free operation, and a stainless steel padlock hasp provides lockout/tagout capability for added safety.

Solutions for providing temporary lighting during and immediately following a severe storm are critical. **Cooper Lighting** offers a range of portable options. The Might-D-Light[™], an innovative rechargeable folding LED worklight, can provide lighting for up to two hours, while the LED105 Rechargeable Sticklight features a swivel hook and three-way rocker switch for added convenience. The LED120 Rechargeable Worklight provides up to three hours of lighting, featuring 35 long-life LEDs with the end doubling as a spotlight. For post-storm cleanup efforts or emergency maintenance, Cooper Lighting's portable Halogen Worklights provide large light output and can be plugged into generators. Motion Activated Solar Floodlights serve as an additional option, charged by sunlight during the day to provide lighting in remote areas.

For post-storm connectivity needs, **Cooper Wiring Devices'** Arrow Hart brand's electrical and power connection devices help facilities and communities quickly re-establish power. Convenient Hurricane Readiness Kits, comprised of common hurricane-related electrical and power connection devices, provide safe and fast restoration. Kits include locking and straight blade plugs and connectors, industrial receptacles, RhinoBox[™] power distribution centers, cordsets and portable GFCIs.

With a range of distribution and station class arresters, fuse links, connectors, cutouts, ELF fuses and other transformer components, **Cooper Power Systems** is fully equipped to protect power distribution systems from severe weather conditions. Distribution class cutouts, fuse links and connectors provide reliable overcurrent protection and superior performance in harsh climates for primary distribution systems, safeguarding electrical systems from excessive currents produced by line faults, line or equipment overloads, or equipment failure.

Products include the UltraSIL Type L Open Distribution Cutout, which incorporates an industry recognized silicone rubber insulating material with superior water-resistant qualities and reduced cracking and breakage, as well as the Kearney line of fuse links, which can be applied to a variety of applications requiring overcurrent protection of distribution systems and equipment, isolating faulted

feeder branches or equipment. Improved order processing and investment in quick delivery service has enabled the Cooper Power Systems components division to offer accelerated emergency responsiveness.

Cooper Power Systems also maintains a designated storm response team as part of its customer service center. Highly-trained members provide customers throughout the US with information and products that help them react to stressful situations with quick and efficient power restoration products and services.

Personal safety during emergencies such as hurricanes is dependent on maintaining power to vital loads as identified by the National Electrical Code® (NEC®) selective coordination requirements. These include Emergency, Legally Required Standby, Healthcare Essential Electrical and Critical Operations Power Systems (COPS) per 700.27, 701.18, 517.26 and 708.54. When designing in new construction or retrofits, the **Cooper Bussmann** Quik-Spec™ Coordination Panelboard (QSCP) makes full fuse system selective coordination easy, from branch to source, to prevent unnecessary blackouts.

Prior to storm season, facilities management or maintenance should conduct a fuse audit to ensure sufficient spare fuse inventory is kept on-site convenient to equipment. Cooper Bussmann also offers emergency and after-hour circuit protection product shipping service to help get the lights back on after the next major storm. Next flight out or will call shipment can cover time-critical needs.

Cooper Industries recommends customers review the NEMA (National Electrical Manufacturers Association) standard for *Evaluating Water-Damaged Electrical Equipment*. Electrical equipment, including electrical distribution, motors, motor control, transformers, and communication systems, exposed to water can be extremely hazardous if reenergized without proper reconditioning or replacement.

“When it comes to safely and effectively handling severe weather emergencies, preparation is critical,” said Cooper Industries CEO Kirk Hachigian. “Whether it’s a notification system or the ability to quickly and safely restore power and distribution services, Cooper Industries provides facilities and communities with the fundamental tools to prepare for storm season.”

To learn more about Cooper Industries, visit www.cooperindustries.com.

About Cooper Bussmann

Cooper Bussmann, the industry leader in critical circuit protection, power management and electrical safety, is a division of Cooper Industries (NYSE: CBE), and is headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri, USA. The company is committed to the development, manufacturing and marketing of innovative circuit and power electronics protection and power management products; and provides engineering, training and testing services globally for the electrical, electronics and transportation industries. The company provides superior brands, including Cooper Bussmann® circuit protection products and services, Coiltronics® magnetics, and OMNEX Trusted Wireless® systems. Additional information about Cooper Bussmann is available online at www.cooperbussmann.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.

About Cooper Lighting

Cooper Lighting, a subsidiary of Cooper Industries (NYSE: CBE), is the leading provider of innovative, high quality interior and exterior lighting fixtures and related products to worldwide 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 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 Power Systems

Cooper Power Systems, Inc., with 2009 revenues of approximately \$1.1 billion, is a division of Cooper Industries (NYSE: CBE). Cooper Power Systems is a global manufacturer of world-class power delivery and reliability solutions for the electrical and industrial markets. Through its Energy Automation Solutions group, it is also a leading provider of software, communications and integration solutions that enable customers to increase productivity, improve system reliability, and reduce costs. For more information, please visit www.cooperpower.com.

About Cooper Wiring Devices

Cooper Wiring Devices, a trusted name in electrical products, features Arrow Hart commercial and industrial solutions and residential products like Aspire, Aspire RF wireless controls, and MediaSync structured wiring systems. Cooper Wiring Devices is committed to providing products that increase productivity, energy efficiency, safety at work and in the home, and provide reliable performance.

A division of Cooper Industries (NYSE: CBE), Cooper Wiring Devices is headquartered in Peachtree City, GA with international manufacturing and distribution facilities. For more information on Cooper Wiring Devices visit www.cooperwiringdevices.com.

About Cooper Industries

Cooper Industries (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.

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