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Cooper Industries Opens Technology Center In Dammam, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Facility allows for hands-on training with Cooper Industry products

DUBLIN, February 6, 2012 – Cooper Industries plc (NYSE:CBE), a global provider of electrical solutions, is proud to announce the opening of a new Technology Center in Dammam, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Designed to complement the company's existing manufacturing facility opened in 2009, the Technology Center offers both internal and external stakeholders a hands-on look at several Cooper Industry products. The new facility represents a first for this region offering both product demonstrations and training.

Designed to provide examples of Cooper's innovative solutions, the new Technology Center includes a wide range of products ideal for several markets, including Oil & Gas, Commercial Construction and Infrastructure. The facility houses product displays and specifications for all seven of Cooper Industries' operating divisions.

Cooper's new Technology Center not only provides static information but can also be utilized for complete onsite training. A first for the region, the Technology Center is available for current and prospective customers to quickly and easily educate staff and associates on Cooper products' features and functions.

"This state-of-the-art facility truly is a game-changer as Cooper Industries looks to continue providing innovative, effective solutions to the global marketplace," said Cooper Industries Chairman and CEO Kirk Hachigian. "Not only will those visiting the Technology Center get to view the products, they will also have the opportunity to take part in onsite training sessions to learn the benefits of each of our solutions. It is unlike anything else in the region and will serve as an invaluable resource to those interested in starting-up or expanding upon current operations."

Since opening its manufacturing facility in 2009, Cooper has been able to greatly reduce delivery lead times for product orders and specification configurations in the MENA region. It offers an extensive line of electrical products, components and engineering services for the region's growing oil and gas and commercial construction markets. The 50,000-square foot facility has also been designated as an Aramco and SABIC-approved facility for Cooper products, which involved passing the strenuous quality management assessments and strict Saudisation provisions. Cooper has also achieved the highest level of the Saudi Local Government Nitaqat Scheme which is measured by the percentage of Saudis in the workforce, a commitment that continues to pay dividends in the local job market.

The facility began its operations with the production of Cooper B-Line and Cooper Crouse-Hinds, products for distribution to the MENA market. [Cooper B-Line](#), [Cooper Crouse-Hinds](#) and [Cooper Safety](#) offer comprehensive solutions for the region's oil and gas industry including lighting products, switchgear panels, cable management systems and hazardous area communication systems.

Cooper B-Line offers the region a broad line of cable ladder products including aluminum, steel and fiberglass cable ladder, as well as its cable tray and [FLEXTRAY™](#) wire basket products. Cooper Crouse-Hinds' original selection of products has grown to include instrumentation products and switchgear assemblies as well as additional leading edge technology product lines to serve the oil and gas industry throughout the region. Cooper Safety offers a comprehensive portfolio of solutions which includes notification equipment, emergency lighting, security and fire detection.

In 2012, Cooper Crouse-Hinds will increase its product offering to include the production of hazardous area cable glands including both the TMC/TMCx and ADE series of cable glands, providing cable termination solutions across a broad range of cables and applications will be produced. MEDC, a Cooper Safety brand, will also begin the production of signals and alarm products for the oil and gas markets including flashing beacons from the XB15 range. The facility will manufacture products from its express service concept utilizing made-to-order products shipped within five days.

For more information about Cooper's new Technology Center or to learn more about its full line of solutions, visit <http://www.coopermiddleeast.com>.

About Cooper Industries

Cooper Industries plc (NYSE: CBE) is a global electrical products manufacturer with 2011 revenues of \$5.4 billion. Founded in 1833 Cooper's sustained success is attributable to a constant focus on innovation and 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 2011 fifty-nine percent of total sales were to customers in the industrial and utility end-markets and forty percent of total sales were to customers outside the United States. Cooper has manufacturing facilities in 24 countries as of 2011. For more information, visit the website at www.cooperindustries.com.

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