



## **Cooper Companies to Present at SG Cowen's 24th Annual Health Care Conference**

LAKE FOREST, Calif., March 3, 2004 (PRIMEZONE) -- The Cooper Companies, Inc. (NYSE:COO) today announced that A. Thomas Bender, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President, will be presenting at the SG Cowen Health Care Conference on Wednesday, March 10th at 10:15am and 11:15am (EST). The conference will be held at The Boston Marriott Copley Place Hotel, Boston, MA. A link to SG Cowen's live webcast and recording of Cooper's presentation will be available on the Company's website at [www.coopercos.com](http://www.coopercos.com).

### **Corporate Information**

The Cooper Companies, Inc. manufactures and markets specialty healthcare products through its CooperVision and CooperSurgical units. Its corporate offices are in Lake Forest and Pleasanton, Calif. Its World Wide Web address is [www.coopercos.com](http://www.coopercos.com). A toll free interactive telephone system at 1-800-334-1986 provides stock quotes, recent press releases and financial data.

CooperVision manufactures and markets contact lenses and ophthalmic surgery products. Headquartered in Lake Forest, Calif., it manufactures in Huntington Beach, Calif., Rochester, N.Y., Norfolk, Va., Adelaide, Australia, Hamble, England, Madrid, Spain and Toronto. Its Web address is [www.coopervision.com](http://www.coopervision.com).

CooperSurgical manufactures and markets diagnostic products, surgical instruments and accessories to the women's healthcare market. With headquarters and manufacturing facilities in Trumbull, Conn., it also manufactures in Bedminster, N.J., Cranford, N.J., Fort Atkinson, Wis., Malmo, Sweden, Montreal and Berlin. Its World Wide Web address is [www.coopersurgical.com](http://www.coopersurgical.com).

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