



The Cooper Companies Sets Annual Meeting and Stockholder Record Dates

LAKE FOREST, Calif., Dec. 30, 2004 (PRIMEZONE) -- The Cooper Companies, Inc. (NYSE:COO) today announced that it will hold its next annual meeting of stockholders on Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at 10:00 A.M. at The Benjamin Hotel in New York City. Stockholders of record as of the close of business on February 3, 2005 will be eligible to vote on matters presented in the Company's proxy statement, including electing its slate of directors. The Company plans to mail its proxy statement on or about February 10, 2005.

Corporate Information

The Cooper Companies, Inc. manufactures and markets specialty healthcare products through its CooperVision and CooperSurgical units. Corporate offices are in Lake Forest and Pleasanton, Calif. The World Wide Web address is 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.

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 Pasadena, Calif., North Normandy, Ill., Fort Atkinson, Wis., Malmo, Sweden, Montreal and Berlin. Its Web address is www.coopersurgical.com.

CONTACT:

The Cooper Companies, Inc.
Norris Battin
888-822-2660
ir@coopercompanies.com