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PLEASANTON, Calif., March 18, 2008 (PRIME NEWSWIRE) -- At its annual meeting held today in New York City, stockholders of The Cooper Companies, Inc. (NYSE:COO) elected nine directors and ratified the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's auditors for fiscal 2008.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

Cooper's stockholders elected the following as members of the board of directors: A. Thomas Bender, chairman of the board of the Company; Allan E. Rubenstein, M.D., vice-chairman of the board and lead director of the Company, chief executive officer of NexGenix Pharmaceuticals, LLC and a member of the faculty of the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine and the Mt. Sinai Neurofibromatosis Research and Treatment Center; Michael H. Kalkstein, of counsel of Dechert, LLP; Jody S. Lindell, President and CEO of S.G. Management, Inc.; Moses Marx, general partner of United Equities; Donald Press, executive vice president of Broadway Management Company, Inc., and principal in the firm of Donald Press, P.C.; Steven Rosenberg, president, chief executive officer and chief financial officer of Berkshire Bancorp, Inc.; Robert S. Weiss, president and chief executive officer of the Company; and Stanley Zinberg, M.D.

Following the stockholders' meeting, the board elected: A. Thomas Bender, chairman of the board and Allan E. Rubenstein, M.D., vice-chairman of the board and lead director. The board also elected as officers of the Company: Robert S. Weiss, president and chief executive officer; Eugene J. Midlock, senior vice president and chief financial officer; Carol R. Kaufman, senior vice president of legal affairs, secretary and chief administrative officer; Daniel G. McBride, vice president and general counsel; Albert G. White III, vice president, investor relations and treasurer; Benny Kirsh, chief information officer; and Rodney E. Folden, corporate controller.

#### **ABOUT THE COOPER COMPANIES, INC.**

The Cooper Companies, Inc. manufactures and markets specialty healthcare products through its CooperVision and CooperSurgical units. Corporate offices are in Pleasanton, Calif.

CooperVision ([www.coopervision.com](http://www.coopervision.com)) develops, manufactures and markets a broad range of contact lenses for the worldwide vision correction market. Headquartered in Pleasanton, Calif., it manufactures in Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico, Norfolk, Va., Rochester, N.Y., Adelaide, Australia, Hamble and Hampshire, England and Madrid, Spain.

CooperSurgical ([www.coopersurgical.com](http://www.coopersurgical.com)) develops, manufactures and markets medical devices, diagnostic products and surgical instruments and accessories used primarily by gynecologists and obstetricians. Its major manufacturing and distribution facilities are in Trumbull, Conn.

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