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ABOUT THE COOPER COMPANIES, INC.

The Cooper Companies, Inc. manufactures and markets specialty healthcare products through its CooperVision and CooperSurgical units. Corporate offices are located in Pleasanton, CA. For more information, visit www.coopercos.com.

CooperVision develops, manufactures and markets a broad range of soft contact lenses for the worldwide vision correction market. Dedicated to enhancing the contact lens experience for practitioners and patients, CooperVision specializes in lenses for astigmatism, presbyopia and ocular dryness. CooperVision manufactures a full array of monthly, two-week and daily disposable contact lenses featuring advanced materials and optics. Headquartered in Pleasanton, CA, it manufactures in Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico; Norfolk, VA; Rochester, NY; Adelaide, Australia; Hamble and Hampshire, England; and Madrid, Spain. For more information, visit www.coopervision.com.

CooperSurgical 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, CT, and **Stafford, Texas**. For more information, visit www.coopersurgical.com.

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