



PRESS RELEASE

The Cooper Companies Set Annual Meeting and Stockholder Record Dates

PLEASANTON, Calif., Dec 16, 2009 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- The Cooper Companies, Inc. (NYSE:COO) today announced that it will hold its next annual meeting of stockholders on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. Stockholders of record as of the close of business on January 29, 2010 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 8, 2010.

ABOUT THE COOPER COMPANIES, INC.

The Cooper Companies, Inc. (www.coopercos.com) manufactures and markets specialty healthcare products through its CooperVision and CooperSurgical units. Corporate offices are in Pleasanton, CA.

CooperVision, Inc. (www.coopervision.com) develops, manufactures and markets a broad range of 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 and presbyopia. 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, UK; and Madrid, Spain.

CooperSurgical, Inc. (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, CT, Pasadena, CA, and Stafford, TX.

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