



## **Cooper Companies Declares Cash Dividend**

PLEASANTON, Calif., May 15, 2008 (PRIME NEWSWIRE) -- The Cooper Companies, Inc. (NYSE:COO) announced today that consistent with the plan approved by its board of directors to pay annual dividends, the Company declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 cents per share, payable on July 3, 2008, to stockholders of record on June 13, 2008.

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

The Cooper Companies, Inc. ([www.coopercos.com](http://www.coopercos.com)) 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 contact lenses for the worldwide vision correction market. Headquartered in Pleasanton, Calif., it manufactures in Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico, Norfolk, VA., Rochester, NY, 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.

The information on Cooper's Websites and its interactive telephone system are not part of this news release.

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