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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 14, 2001

THE COOPER COMPANIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

1-8597  
(Commission File Number)

94-2657368  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

6140 Stoneridge Mall Road, Suite 590, Pleasanton, California 94588  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(925) 460-3600  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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ITEM 5. Other Events.

On November 14, 2001, The Cooper Companies, Inc. issued a press release confirming its fourth quarter revenue and earnings guidance. This release is filed as an exhibit hereto and is incorporated by reference herein.

Any Internet addresses provided in this release are for information purposes only and are not intended to be hyperlinks. Accordingly, no information in any of these Internet addresses is included herein.

ITEM 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. ---	Description -----
99.1	Press Release dated November 14, 2001 of The Cooper Companies, Inc.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE COOPER COMPANIES, INC.

By /s/ Stephen C. Whiteford

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Stephen C. Whiteford  
Vice President and  
Corporate Controller  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Dated: November 15, 2001

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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

COOPER COMPANIES CONFIRMS FOURTH QUARTER REVENUE AND EARNINGS GUIDANCE

Lake Forest, Calif., November 14, 2001 - In response to investor inquiries, the Cooper Companies, Inc., (NYSE: COO) said today that it continues to be comfortable with the revenue and earnings guidance for its fourth fiscal quarter as presented in its third quarter earnings release.

The release noted that fiscal fourth quarter revenue is expected to be between \$64 and \$66 million, 15 to 18 percent ahead of the prior year. CooperVision revenue is expected to be between \$48 and \$49 million and CooperSurgical revenue is expected to be between \$16 and \$17 million.

Cooper also said that worldwide revenue for the third calendar quarter in its CooperVision contact lens unit rose 20 percent compared with the third calendar quarter of 2000. Revenue in both the United States market and in markets outside the United States grew 20 percent.

Fiscal fourth quarter earnings per share are expected to be between 73 and 75 cents.

For fiscal 2002, Cooper expects revenue to range between \$265 and \$275 million and earnings per share to range between \$3.00 and \$3.05 per share, including an improvement of about 20 cents per share because, as a result of a new accounting principle, The Company will not amortize goodwill after 2001.

Cooper will release its earnings for the fiscal quarter ending October 31 on December 11.

## Forward-Looking Statements

Some of the information included in this news release contains "forward-looking statements" as defined by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements include all statements regarding anticipated growth in our revenue, anticipated market conditions and results of operations. To identify forward-looking statements look for words like "believes," "expects," "may," "will," "should," "seeks," "intends," "plans," "estimates" or "anticipates" and similar words or phrases. Discussions of strategy, plans or intentions often contain forward-looking statements. These, and all forward-looking statements, necessarily depend on assumptions, data or methods that may be incorrect or imprecise.

Events, among others, that could cause actual results and future actions to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements include major changes in business conditions, a major disruption in the operations of our manufacturing facilities, new competitors or technologies, the impact of an undetected virus on our computer systems, acquisition integration delays or costs, foreign currency exchange exposure, investments in research and development and other start-up projects, dilution to earnings per share from acquisitions or issuing stock, regulatory issues, significant environmental cleanup costs above those already accrued, litigation costs including any related settlements, cost of business divestitures, the requirement to provide for a significant liability or to write off a significant asset, changes in accounting principles or estimates, and other factors described in our Securities and Exchange Commission filings, including the "Business" section in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 31, 2000. We caution investors that forward-looking statements reflect our analysis only on their stated date. We disclaim any intent to update them except as required by law.

The Cooper Companies, Inc. and its subsidiaries develop, manufacture and market specialty healthcare products. Corporate offices are located in Lake Forest and Pleasanton, Calif. A toll free interactive telephone system at 1-800-334-1986 provides stock quotes, recent press releases and financial data. The Cooper Companies' World Wide Web address is [www.coopercos.com](http://www.coopercos.com).

CooperVision, Inc., markets a broad range of contact lenses for the vision care market. Headquartered in Lake Forest, Calif., it manufactures in Huntington Beach, Calif., Rochester, N.Y., Hamble, England and Toronto. Its Web address is [www.coopervision.com](http://www.coopervision.com). CooperSurgical, Inc., with operations in Shelton, Conn., Hollywood, Fla., Malmo, Sweden, Montreal and Berlin, markets diagnostic products, surgical instruments and accessories for the gynecological market. Its Web address is [www.coopersurgical.com](http://www.coopersurgical.com).