

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>FRYLING GREGORY A</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>COOPER COMPANIES INC [COO]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>COO - CVI</u>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/16/2003</u>					
<u>9,495,974,900</u>			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(Street) <u>LAKE FOREST CA 92630</u>								
(City) (State) (Zip)								

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	09/16/2003	09/16/2003	M		20,000	A	\$25.18	20,638	D	
Common Stock	09/16/2003	09/16/2003	S		20,000	D	\$42.25	638	D	
Common Stock	09/16/2003	09/16/2003	M		20,000	A	\$26.75	20,638	D	
Common Stock	09/16/2003	09/16/2003	M		20,000	D	\$42.25	638	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$25	09/16/2003	09/16/2003	M			20,000	(1)	10/23/2011	Common Stock	20,000	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$27	09/16/2003	09/16/2003	M			20,000	(2)	10/29/2012	Common Stock	20,000	\$0	20,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The option will become exercisable when the average of the closing prices of a share of common stock of the Company during any 30 consecutive calendar days following the date of grant reaches \$60.42.
- The option vests when the average of the closing prices during any 30 consecutive days following the date of grant reaches \$58.85. However, 50% of the option shall become exercisable at that time and 50% will become exercisable 2 years thereafter.

Gregory A. Fryling 09/16/2003
** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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