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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 5, 2002

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 5, 2002, The Cooper Companies, Inc. issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors had authorized a two-for-one stock split effected in the form of a 100% stock dividend on the shares of its common stock. A copy of this release is attached and incorporated by reference.

Internet addresses in the release are for information purposes only and are not intended to be hyperlinks to other Cooper Companies information.

ITEM 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated November 5, 2002 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 6, 2002

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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

COOPER COMPANIES DECLARES 100 PERCENT STOCK DIVIDEND

LAKE FOREST, Calif., November 5, 2002-The Cooper Companies, Inc. (NYSE:COO) today announced that its board of directors has approved a 100 percent stock dividend on the shares of its common stock. The stock dividend will be payable November 22, 2002 to shareholders of record on November 14, 2002.

The directors decided to issue the stock dividend in order to make the stock more accessible to a broader range of investors.

The stock dividend means that a shareholder will receive an additional share for each share owned on the record date. Following the stock dividend, Cooper's total shares outstanding will increase from approximately 15.4 million to approximately 30.8 million.

The stock will begin trading on a stock dividend-adjusted basis on November 22, 2002. Cooper's current cash dividend policy will be revised so that going forward, the board of directors will consider declaring semi-annual dividends at the annual rate of six cents per share, an increase of two cents per pre-dividend share over the current dividend.

The Company's transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, will deliver the additional shares via first class mail on or about November 22, 2002. Shareholders with questions about administrative details related to the stock dividend should contact American Stock Transfer & Trust Company at 800-937-5449. The Web address is [www.amstock.com](http://www.amstock.com).

Corporate Information

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., Norfolk, Va., Adelaide, Australia, Farnborough and Hamble, England, Madrid, Spain and Toronto. Its Web address is [www.coopervision.com](http://www.coopervision.com).

CooperSurgical, Inc., with operations in Trumbull, Conn., Fort Atkinson, Wis., 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).