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Cooper Power Systems and Elster Team to Deliver End-to-End Demand Response Solution

New solution combines the power of Elster's market leading EnergyAxis® advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) and Cooper Power Systems innovative demand response solution

WAUKESHA, WI, September 14, 2009 - Cooper Power Systems, a division of Cooper Industries, Ltd. (NYSE: CBE), and Elster, a leader in smart metering and smart grid solutions and systems, today announced that the two companies have teamed to deliver an integrated end-to-end demand response solution for electric utilities using the Elster EnergyAxis® AMI System.

This solution seamlessly integrates Cooper's industry leading Yukon Advanced Energy Services Software with Elster's EnergyAxis Management System (EA_MS) software and enables advanced demand response strategies to be executed via the EnergyAxis AMI system. Elster smart meters communicate via ZigBee® based technology with the Cooper programmable communicating thermostats to send Smart Energy encrypted commissioning information, demand response commands, and messages. Cooper and Elster are currently conducting end-to-end solution interoperability tests to ensure system reliability and expect full commercialization before year's end.

"This new offering provides the kind of smart grid functionality customers tell us they are seeking," said Mike Stoessl, group president, Cooper Power Systems. "As this integration of our capabilities continues to develop, utilities will be able to communicate to a multitude of devices utilizing the same network, which is the definition of the Smart Grid."

"We are excited to be able to offer this end to end demand response capability which will deliver real benefits to utilities and consumers alike," said Victor Sitton, vice president of product marketing, Elster. "Elster has a long history of providing innovative solutions to the utility marketplace and we continue to lead the AMI market with solutions that can be scaled and deployed today."

The solution will be showcased in both company's booths at the Autovation® tradeshow in Denver, Colorado, September 13 to 16. Please visit Cooper at booth 532 and Elster at booth 323.

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About Cooper Power Systems

Cooper Power Systems, Inc., with revenues of approximately \$1.4 billion, is a division of Cooper Industries, Ltd. (NYSE: CBE). Cooper Power Systems has long been a global manufacturer of comprehensive reliability and productivity solutions for utility, commercial and industrial customers. The Energy Automation Solutions (EAS) group within Cooper Power Systems is a leading provider of Smart Grid software, communications and control technologies and solutions that enable customers to increase productivity, improve system reliability, and reduce costs. These solutions include Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), Demand Response (DR), Smart Sensors, Power Systems Engineering Software, Substation Automation and Feeder Automation. For more information, please visit www.cooperpower.com or www.cooperpowereas.com.

About Elster

Elster has delivered more than 3 million smart metering devices worldwide with more than 60 systems located in North America, Europe, Central America, New Zealand and the Caribbean. Elster smart metering systems allow utilities to implement energy conservation measures, demand response programs, smart grid initiatives, and smart home solutions as well as achieve operational efficiencies resulting in significant value creation across the utility enterprise. Elster has more than 7,500 staff and operations in 38 countries, focused in North and South America, Europe, and Asia. www.elster.com

About Cooper Industries

Cooper Industries, Ltd. (NYSE: CBE) is a global manufacturer with 2008 revenues of \$6.5 billion, approximately 88 percent of which are from electrical products. Founded in 1833, Cooper's sustained level of success is attributable to a constant focus on innovation, evolving business practices while maintaining the highest ethical standards, and meeting customer needs. The Company has eight operating divisions with leading market share positions and world-class products and brands including: Bussmann electrical and electronic fuses; Crouse-Hinds and CEAG explosion-proof electrical equipment; Halo and Metalux lighting fixtures; and Kyle and McGraw-Edison power systems products. With this broad range of products, Cooper is uniquely positioned for several long-term growth trends including the global infrastructure build-out, the need to improve the reliability and productivity of the electric grid, the demand for higher energy-efficient products and the need for improved electrical safety. In 2008, 61 percent of total sales were to customers in the industrial and utility end-markets and 37 percent of total sales were to customers outside the United States. Cooper, which has manufacturing facilities in 23 countries as of 2008, is incorporated in Bermuda with administrative headquarters in Houston, TX. For more information, visit the Web site at www.cooperindustries.com.

About ZigBee Alliance

ZigBee is the global wireless language connecting dramatically different devices to work together and enhance everyday life. The ZigBee Alliance is a non-profit association of more than 300 member companies driving development of ZigBee wireless technology. The Alliance promotes world-wide adoption of ZigBee as the leading wirelessly networked, sensing and control standard for use in energy, home, commercial and industrial areas. For more information, visit: www.ZigBee.org