BENDER A THOMAS

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BENDER A THOMAS	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) (First) (Middle)	COOPER COMPANIES INC [COO] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
6140 STONERIDGE MALL DR., SUITE 590	(Month/Day/Year) 10/26/2004	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President & CEO		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
PLEASANTON, CA 94588		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price	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)
Common Stock					54,494	D	
Common Stock					5,666	I	Wife

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

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 68.66	10/26/2004	10/26/2004	A	66,000	<u>(1)</u>	10/25/2014	Common Stock	66,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
BENDER A THOMAS					
6140 STONERIDGE MALL DR., SUITE 590	X		President & CEO		
PLEASANTON, CA 94588					

Signatures

Thomas Bender 10/26/2004

**Signature of Person

**Bender Date

**Bender Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).

The option vests if the Company's stock price achieves certain targets within specified timeframes as follows: one-fourth shall vest if Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$76.90, but not earlier than 5/2/05; one-fourth shall vest if Fair Market Value of the

(1) Company's stock achieves \$82.39, but not earlier than 5/1/06; one-fourth shall vest if the Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$89.26 but not earlier than 5/1/07; and one-fourth shall vest if the Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$96.12 but not earlier than 5/1/08. All options not otherwise vesting pursuant to the above timetable shall become exercisable on October 25, 2009.

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