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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): October 3, 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 October 3, 2002, The Cooper Companies, Inc. issued a press release announcing that its subsidiary, CooperVision, Inc., had reached a settlement of all pending patent infringement litigation with CIBA Vision and its subsidiary Wesley Jessen. 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
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99.1	Press Release dated October 3, 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/ Carol R. Kaufman

Carol R. Kaufman
Vice President of Legal Affairs,
Secretary and Chief Administrative
Officer

Dated: October 8, 2002

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STATEMENT OF DIFFERENCES

The registered trademark symbol shall be expressed as.....'r'

[COOPER-NYSE LOGO]

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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

COOPER AND WESLEY JESSEN AGREE TO SETTLE PATENT SUITS

LAKE FOREST, Calif., October 3, 2002 -- The Cooper Companies, Inc. (NYSE:COO) said today that it had reached a settlement of all pending patent infringement litigation with CIBA Vision and its subsidiary Wesley Jessen. CIBA Vision and Wesley Jessen had alleged that CooperVision's colored cosmetic contact lenses, including Frequency'r' Colors and Expressions'r', infringed certain CIBA Vision patents in the United States, the United Kingdom, Italy, France and Germany. Cosmetic lenses change or enhance the appearance of the color of the eye.

Terms of the settlement are confidential, but the agreement allows CooperVision to continue selling its existing cosmetic lens products throughout the world. CIBA Vision has agreed to license its color contact lens patents to CooperVision in return for a royalty and a cross-license of some of CooperVision's intellectual property rights.

Cooper's revenue and earnings guidance for 2002 and 2003 remains unchanged. For fiscal 2002, Cooper estimates revenue between \$312 million and \$315 million and earnings per share of \$3.09 to \$3.13. For fiscal 2003, Cooper estimates revenue between \$380 million and \$400 million with earnings per share ranging from \$3.95 to \$4.05.

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, increases in interest rates, 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, changes in tax laws, 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, 2001. 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.

About Cooper

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The Cooper Companies, Inc. and its subsidiaries develop, manufacture and market specialty healthcare products. Corporate offices are 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. Cooper's World Wide Web address is 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.

CooperSurgical, Inc., with operations in Trumbull, Conn., Fort Atkinson, Wis., Malmo, Sweden, Montreal and Berlin, markets medical devices, diagnostic products, surgical instruments and accessories for the gynecological market. Its Web address is www.coopersurgical.com.

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