In full cooperation with the United States Food and Drug Administration, CooperVision, Inc. is continuing to work with the FDA, distributors, customers, eye care practitioners and lens wearers to complete the worldwide recall initiated on August 19, 2011 on certain lots of Avaira™ Toric contact lenses.

“Our first priority is always the health and safety of all CooperVision lens wearers and as such we responded quickly to complaints from our customers by initiating a voluntary recall” said Christine Moench, vice president, Global Regulatory Affairs and Quality Assurance. “We want to ensure that all consumers are aware of this action and know where to go for more information.”

If you wear Avaira Toric contact lenses and experience any symptoms, CooperVision recommends that you stop wearing the lenses immediately. Contact your eye care practitioner for advice.

If you wear Avaira Toric contact lenses and are not experiencing symptoms, CooperVision recommends that you:

- Go to the CooperVision recall web page at www.coopervision.com/recall, and enter the lot number of your package to determine whether your lenses have been recalled.

- Alternatively, you may contact us on our toll-free consumer hotline (1-855-526-6737)

- If your lenses have been recalled, immediately remove your existing lenses, discontinue lens wear; and return your lenses to your eye care practitioner or point of purchase.

The recall was initiated because of the unintended presence of a residue on certain lots of Avaira Toric lenses, which may cause hazy vision, discomfort, or eye injuries requiring medical treatment. Not everyone experiences the same symptoms. Since the initiation of the recall, the company has received some additional complaints of severe eye pain. Avaira Toric contact lens wearers that experience any symptoms should stop wearing the lenses immediately and speak with their eye care practitioner.

We have ongoing relationships with practitioners to continue to identify all the affected lots in the market. To date, the recall has impacted approximately 600,000 Avaira Toric contact lenses in the U.S.

As part of the recall, CooperVision notified its customers and requested eye care practitioners contact their patients regarding this recall. Because CooperVision lenses are sold through distributors and eye care practitioners, communication efforts have been focused through these channels in order to most effectively reach lens wearers. Within the first two weeks of the initiation of the recall on August 19, 2011, CooperVision completed the following actions:

- Sent worldwide recall notifications to more than 9,000 Avaira Toric CooperVision customers.

- Contacted more than 7,000 U.S. eye care practitioners who have received or sampled Avaira Toric contact lenses.

- Issued a press release via GlobeNewswire from CooperVision’s parent, The Cooper Companies, regarding the voluntary recall of limited lots of CooperVision Avaira Toric lenses.

- Included information on the CooperVision website for lens wearers to easily and quickly check if their lenses are impacted (www.coopervision.com/recall), established a toll-free consumer hotline (1-855-526-6737), and included an informational notice on www.coopervision.com.

- Instructed authorized distributors to send back all Avaira Toric products – not just specific lot numbers &ndash