

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Towe Michael W</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 2160 SATELLITE BLVD SUITE 200 (Street) DULUTH GA 30097 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 11/08/2004	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ROPER INDUSTRIES INC./DE/ [ROP]</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) VP, Chief Financial Officer	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	0	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Michael W. Towe, by Paul J. Sonj, his attorney-in-fact pursuant to Power of Attorney, 11/08/2004 dated October 28, 2004.

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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SECTION 16
POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Susan K. Boutelle and Paul J. Soni or either of them, signing singly, the undersigneds true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigneds capacity as an officer, director and/or 10% shareholder of Roper Industries, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5 and timely file such form with the Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-facts discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-facts substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigneds responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigneds holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 28 day of October, 2004.

/s/ Michael W. Towe

Michael W. Towe

CONFIRMING STATEMENT

This Statement confirms that the undersigned, Michael W. Towe, has authorized and designated Susan K. Boutelle and Paul J. Soni or either of them to execute and file on the undersigneds behalf all Forms 3, 4, and 5 (including any amendments thereto) that the undersigned may be required to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a result of the undersigneds ownership of or transactions in securities of Roper Industries, Inc. The authority of Susan K. Boutelle and Paul J. Soni under this Statement shall continue until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with regard to the undersigneds ownership of or transactions in securities of Roper Industries, Inc., unless earlier revoked in writing. The undersigned acknowledges that neither Susan K. Boutelle nor Paul J. Soni is assuming any of the undersigneds responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Date: October 28,
2004

/s/ Michael W. Towe

Michael W. Towe
Reporting

Person