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Hypertherm Now 1,000 Associates Strong

Hanover, NH—June 2, 2008—Hypertherm, the world leader in plasma metal cutting technology, today announced the hiring of its 1000th associate.

The company's worldwide workforce reached 1,000 this morning with the arrival of six newly hired associates at the company's Hanover headquarters on Great Hollow Road. The new associates include engineering technicians and machine operators who will work at Hypertherm locations throughout the Upper Valley.

The hiring of Hypertherm's 1,000th associate comes a little more than two weeks before Hypertherm celebrates its 40 anniversary. June 18, 2008 marks 40 years since Hypertherm's founding by Dick Couch and Bob Dean.

"It's incredible to think of Hypertherm passing this 1,000 headcount milestone," said Barbara Couch, vice president of human resources for Hypertherm. "Despite our size, it still feels like family. As we continue to grow, we just have to work harder at maintaining our core values and friendly work environment."

Of Hypertherm's 1,000 associates, 850 are permanently based here in Upper Valley. The remaining 150 are based out in the field or in one of Hypertherm's 20 international offices.

Hypertherm designs and manufactures the world's most advanced plasma cutting systems for use in a variety of industries such as shipbuilding, manufacturing, and automotive repair. Its product line includes handheld and mechanized plasma cutters and consumables, as well as CNC motion and height controls. Hypertherm systems are trusted for fast, precision metal cutting and reliability that results in increased productivity and profitability for tens of thousands of businesses. The New Hampshire based company's reputation for plasma innovation dates back 40 years, to 1968, with Hypertherm's invention of water injection plasma cutting. The company, consistently named one of the best places to work in America, has more than 1,000 associates along with operations, plasma cutting training centers and partner representation worldwide.

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