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Hypertherm Recognized for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Practices

HANOVER, N.H.—May 19, 2009—Hypertherm, the world leader in plasma arc metal cutting technology, today announced it is one of five finalists for the Cornerstone Award. Hypertherm joins Antioch University New England, BAE Systems, Stonyfield Farm and Simply Green Biofuels.

The award, presented annually by New Hampshire Businesses for Social Responsibility (NHBSR), recognizes organizations that exemplify the principles of corporate social responsibility (CSR). In addition, organizations considered for the award must also promote the concepts of CSR to the greater business community within the state of New Hampshire.

NHBSR will announce this year's winner at its 6th Annual Spring Conference scheduled to take place June 1 in Concord.

"While we only select one recipient annually for this award, we like to honor all of our finalists for setting such great examples for the rest of us to follow," said Vince Perelli, the event's co-chair and chief of planning and policy for the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

"Hypertherm is incredibly honored to be included as a finalist among such respected organizations," said Barbara Couch, Hypertherm's vice president of corporate social responsibility.

NHBSR fosters socially and environmentally responsible business in New Hampshire, recognizing that people, principles and profits must be linked. NHBSR prides itself on offering education, networking and promotion around sustainability and CSR issues. Learn more by visiting www.nhbsr.org.

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 systems and consumables, as well as CNC motion and height controls. Hypertherm systems are trusted for performance 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 and partner representation worldwide. For more information please visit www.hypertherm.com.

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