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Hypertherm Recipient of 2009 Cornerstone Award

HANOVER, N.H.—June 3, 2009—Hypertherm, the world leader in plasma arc metal cutting technology, today announced it is the recipient of the 2009 Cornerstone Award from New Hampshire Businesses for Social Responsibility.



Hypertherm's Barbara Couch accepts the 2009 Cornerstone Award from New Hampshire Governor John Lynch.

The award, presented by Governor John Lynch at NHBSR's Annual Spring Conference, recognizes companies for outstanding work in the area of corporate social responsibility (CSR).

"Winning this award was completely unexpected because of the high caliber of the organizations we were up against," said Barbara Couch, Hypertherm's vice president of corporate social responsibility. "We went to the conference to learn from others. Hypertherm is honored to have received this award but realizes our journey has just begun. We are committed to living up to the standards represented by this award through the continued efforts of all Hypertherm associates."

"It's entirely fitting that we are honoring Hypertherm at a conference that is celebrating sustainability and corporate citizenship," said NHBSR Executive Director Molly Hodgson Smith. "With a corporate culture that focuses on care for the community and the environment, Hypertherm is a company that sets the pace in terms of 'doing well by doing good.'"

Hypertherm was selected over the other 2009 finalists: Antioch University New England, BAE Systems, Stonyfield Farm and Simply Green Biofuels.

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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