



Hypertherm Launches Operations in India

HANOVER, N.H.—March 25, 2008—Hypertherm, the world leader in plasma metal cutting technology, today announced a global expansion that establishes roots in India for the first time ever.

The company's Indian operations are managed by district sales manager Prabhu Ganesan. Mr. Ganesan is primarily focused on supporting distributors, original equipment manufacturers and system integrators who sell Hypertherm's brand of hand and mechanized plasma cutting systems. He is assisted by Hypertherm regional sales manager Joe Wong.

"The continued strength of heavy industry and ship construction in India has resulted in huge demand for plasma," said Kam Tatt Soo, director of Hypertherm's Asian operations. "Our new operations there will result in strong service and support to the customers who rely on Hypertherm plasma to get the job done."

Mr. Ganesan brings 15 years of welding and cutting industry experience to Hypertherm. Most recently he worked as a business development manager for ESAB India. His education includes a degree in metallurgy from India's esteemed Tiruchirappalli Regional Engineering College.

"Hypertherm's plasma metal cutting systems are really beneficial in a number of applications. I am excited by the opportunity to help people in my country meet their business needs and become more profitable at the same time," said Mr. Ganesan.

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 company's reputation for plasma innovation dates back 40 years, to 1968, with Hypertherm's invention of water injection plasma cutting. The company has more than 900 associates along with regional operations and partner representation worldwide.

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