



## North American Distributors Receive Added Support from Hypertherm

**HANOVER, N.H.—Jan. 9, 2008**—Hypertherm, the world leader in metal cutting technology, today announced two new changes that will ensure the company continues its tradition of strong support to its North American customers.

Hypertherm has appointed John Brennan to the newly created position of North American distribution director and Randy McMurtry its new national distribution development manager. Both will work to help Hypertherm distributors grow their business.

Both Mr. Brennan and Mr. McMurtry bring a wealth of industry knowledge to their new positions. Mr. Brennan's experience spans 27 years and includes work as vice president of marketing for Merriam Graves, a large regional distributor in New England. Mr. McMurtry's knowledge of the welding and cutting industry spans 30 years, 19 of which have been at Hypertherm.

Mr. Brennan most recently served as the company's national distribution manager. In his new role, Mr. Brennan will oversee the North American sales team, working closely with the team on the development and execution of Hypertherm sales strategies.

Mr. McMurtry most recently served as a divisional manager for Hypertherm. In his new role, he will support the national distribution network working to execute sales and marketing programs and ensure they have the knowledge they need to effectively sell Hypertherm plasma cutting systems and consumables.

"The appointment of John and Randy to these two new positions brings added strength to Hypertherm's North American team," said Jeff Deckrow, Hypertherm's North American regional director. "We are pleased our distributors will continue to have the level of support they need as demand for our plasma cutting products increases."

Hypertherm designs and manufactures the world's most advanced metal 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 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 900 associates along with regional operations and partner representation worldwide.

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