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**Hypertherm Honored for Excellence
in Community Service**

HANOVER, N.H.—Oct. 2, 2008—Hypertherm, the world leader in plasma arc metal cutting technology, today announced its acceptance of the Trowbridge Award for Excellence in Community Service.

The coveted award, presented by the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), is named after the late Sandy Trowbridge. Trowbridge is a former Secretary of Commerce who served as president of NAM from 1979 to 1989. He was known for his decisiveness and leadership on behalf of manufacturing, and also for his commitment to community service. He devoted himself to a variety of charitable efforts including Junior Achievement and Outward Bound.

“Sandy Trowbridge was a Washington institution who has left us a marvelous legacy,” said NAM president John Engler. “He was first and foremost an articulate advocate of manufacturing, but he always found time in his busy schedule for worthy causes. Hypertherm exemplifies that proud tradition of business commitment to community service through an imaginative variety of activities in which both the company and its employees reach out to help the less fortunate in their community.”

“The community service of our associates is a great source of pride for Hypertherm,” said Hypertherm founder and president Dick Couch. “I believe this kind of engagement not only makes for a more prosperous and healthy community, but it generates rich dividends year in and year out that provide a more than full return on our investment. We greatly appreciate this honor awarded by the National Association of Manufacturers, and are proud to carry on in the tradition of Sandy Trowbridge.”

Hypertherm and its associates work hard to enhance the quality of life for people in need of assistance. The Hypertherm Owners Philanthropic Endeavors (or HOPE) program focuses on promoting the well-being of children and families by supporting organizations in the areas of education and the arts, affordable housing, as well as healthcare and the environment. Over the past several years, Hypertherm and its associates have donated millions of dollars and thousands of volunteer hours to nonprofit organizations around the world.

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.

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