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## WorldBlu Names Hypertherm One of World's Most Democratic Workplaces



**HANOVER, N.H.**—Hypertherm, the world leader in plasma arc metal cutting technology, is a 2009 recipient of the WorldBlu List of Most Democratic Workplaces™.

The WorldBlu List standard is extremely high. Not all companies that applied or were on last year's list made the list again this year. Selection is based upon results of the WorldBlu Democratic Workplace Scorecard™. The scorecard, designed to measure the amount of democracy practiced at an organization, was completed by a randomly selected group of Hypertherm associates. Responses were then analyzed by a team of WorldBlu judges who selected the top scoring organizations.

The organizations on this year's list represent for-profit, non-profit and government sectors from a range of industries around the world including technology, healthcare, telecommunications, retail and services. This is the first year Hypertherm has participated in the WorldBlu competition

"Democratic organizations are much more than great places to work," said Traci Fenton, WorldBlu's founder and CEO. "Organizations like Hypertherm are defying convention, rewriting the rules of business and pioneering the next generation of organizational design and leadership. The WorldBlu List of Most Democratic Workplaces seeks to recognize these mavericks and inspire others in the process."

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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