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New Wellness Center Staffed with DHMC Nurses to Open at Hypertherm

HANOVER—Feb. 4, 2009—Hypertherm, the world leader in plasma arc metal cutting technology, is launching a new initiative aimed at helping the company's more than 1,000 associates live a healthier life. The initiative—in partnership with Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center—is the first of its kind in the Upper Valley.

"We are very excited to embark on this new wellness partnership with DHMC. The medical center's vision to achieve the healthiest population possible and its mission to provide the best care, aligns very nicely with our mission to provide for the well being of our associates," said Barbara Couch, vice president at Hypertherm.

At the heart of the initiative, is a new wellness center, located at Hypertherm and staffed with two DHMC nurses. Hypertherm and DHMC will celebrate the center's opening with a ribbon cutting on Friday, February 13.

Center hours are weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the exception of Thursday when a nurse will staff the center from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. It will operate on both a walk-in and appointment basis with no co-pay required.

Although the center is located at Hypertherm, the company will not have access to its associates' medical records. "I want to assure our associates that their visits to the center and anything discussed will remain between them and the Dartmouth-Hitchcock nurses providing care," said Couch.

In addition to the wellness center, Hypertherm is enhancing its overall fitness programs, stepping up its health education programs and partnering with Vital Communities to bring fresh produce to the company. Hypertherm will highlight all of these things during "Wellness Week", scheduled to take place from February 16 through the 20. Activities include classes on healthy eating, smoking cessation, stress relief and much more.

"Dartmouth-Hitchcock is excited about this new partnership with Hypertherm," said Mary Oseid, vice president of operations at DHMC. "We believe the center and the investment Hypertherm is making in the overall health and well-being of its associates will serve as a new model for preventative healthcare."

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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