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U.S. Department of Labor recognizes Hypertherm in OSHA flag raising ceremony

HANOVER, NH—Apr. 19, 2011—U.S. Department of Labor Assistant Secretary Dr. David Michaels and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Training and Education Gerri Fiala paid a virtual visit to the Upper Valley today to recognize Hypertherm as an OSHA Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) “Star” Worksite. Hypertherm joins an elite group of organizations to receive STAR VPP status. Currently, less than 2,200 worksites across the country have the STAR designation.

OSHA Area Director Rosemarie Ohar presents Hypertherm founder and CEO Dick Couch with a plaque and flag recognizing Hypertherm’s designation as a STAR worksite.

Dr. Michaels and Ms. Fiala spoke to hundreds of Hypertherm associates and dignitaries via video conference from Washington, D.C. The dignitaries included representatives from the State of New Hampshire, Governor Lynch’s office, and the offices of Senators Sanders and Shaheen.

The United States Department of Labor’s OSHA VPP “Star” Program recognizes organizations that have outstanding safety and health practices. Organizations must maintain injury and illness rates that are significantly below U.S. Government averages for their industry. For 2010, Hypertherm’s rate is less than one incident per 100 full-time associates, compared with an industry average of nearly eight incidents per 100 workers.

“Providing for the well-being of Hypertherm’s associates has been a critical piece of Hypertherm’s mission statement for as long as Hypertherm has had a mission statement. These are not simply words on posters. These are words we try to bring to life every day,” said Barbara Couch, Hypertherm’s Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility. “Providing for the well being of our associates means a lot, but most importantly it means that we need to make certain—absolutely certain—that our associates are safe in every job, in every space, at every location at every moment. No one should ever be injured at work.”

Hypertherm designs and manufactures 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 and laser systems, consumables, as well as CNC motion and height controls and cutting software. 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 metal cutting innovation dates back more than 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. It plans to add an additional 100 jobs this year alone.

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