



Hypertherm releases Corporate Social Responsibility report

HANOVER, NH—July 20, 2011—Hypertherm, a U.S. based manufacturer of advanced metal cutting systems, is releasing its first public Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) report. The report, which tracks the company's philanthropic and environmental initiatives, is available at www.hypertherm.com/csr/report. A few highlights from the report follow.

- Two-thirds of Hypertherm associates volunteered in the community last year, donating more than 7,000 volunteer hours to dozens of nonprofit organizations, a 22 percent increase from 2009.
- More than 60 nonprofit organizations received funding and other support from the Hypertherm Owners' Philanthropic Endeavors (HOPE) Foundation in 2010.
- A new Environmental Scorecard outlines progress and goals such as zero waste and a 50 percent reduction in carbon by 2020.

"This inaugural report is a comprehensive overview of Hypertherm's CSR initiatives and the progress we have made toward our goals," said Barbara Couch, vice-president of CSR for Hypertherm. "Our journey is far from complete, but we are serious about becoming the best community partner, environmental steward, and responsible employer that we can be. This report is one way we can share our progress."

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.

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