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Hypertherm announces addition of new features to ProNest software

Roosendaal, The Netherlands —**October 29, 2013**—A new software update to Hypertherm's ProNest[®] CAD/CAM software is now available. Hypertherm believes these updates will make it even easier for companies that fabricate or cut metal to increase the cut quality, productivity and profitability of their operations.

The update is available at no charge to customers with a current ProNest subscription. Current subscribers simply need to log-in to the ProNest online knowledge base and select the "download" option. For non subscribers, there is a possibility to experience this CAD/CAM software by requesting a free trial at <u>www.hyperthermCAM.com</u>. A few of the features found in the new update include:

- 1. Improvements to the software's scribe text function so customers can add varied information to parts such as a heat number or customer ID. In addition, the new changes allow customers to easily select the font they would like to use on their parts.
- 2. Tab enhancements for people who cut with laser. The enhancements include lead out on tabs, the ability to set a maximum size for tabbed profiles and to lock undertravel on start point "tab" leads.
- 3. A new Customer Experience Improvement Program. This new program collects information about how people are using ProNest in an effort to identify which ProNest features to improve.

"Our culture at Hypertherm is to continuously improve," explains Derek Weston, the product manager for Hypertherm CAM. "The people using ProNest software day in and day out are a great source of ideas and we work hard to listen to our customers and make improvements they will find valuable."

ProNest has been the industry's leading nesting software for two decades, offering best-in-class performance and reliability with a straight-forward, easy-to-use design. ProNest is also a component of Hypertherm's Built for Business[™] Integrated Cutting Solutions, providing support for True Hole[™], True Bevel[™] and Rapid Part[™] technologies.

Hypertherm designs and manufactures advanced cutting products 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 fiber laser and waterjet products, in addition to CNC motion and height controls and CAM cutting software. Hypertherm systems are trusted for performance and reliability that result in increased productivity and profitability for hundreds of thousands of businesses. The company's reputation for cutting innovation dates back more than 40 years, to 1968, with Hypertherm's invention of water injection plasma cutting. The associate owned company has more than 1,300 associates along with operations and partner representation worldwide.

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