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Hypertherm releases 2013 Corporate Social Responsibility Report

HANOVER, N.H.—May 7, 2014—Hypertherm, a U.S. based manufacturer of plasma, laser, and waterjet cutting systems, today announced the release of its annual Corporate Social Responsibility report. The report, which measures Hypertherm’s progress against social and environmental goals, is available for download now at www.hypertherm.com/csr/.

Hypertherm's CSR work supports its core values of providing for the well-being of its associates, communities and the environment. Hypertherm expresses its commitment to those values through the donation of time, expertise, financial grants and products. The company’s community engagement efforts focus on four areas: education and the arts, health and wellness, food and shelter, and the environment.

The 2013 report reveals that more than three-quarters of Hypertherm associates volunteered in the community in 2013, collectively serving an average of 64 hours each work day. In addition, nearly 100 nonprofit organizations received financial support from the HOPE (Hypertherm Owners’ Philanthropic Endeavors) Foundation.

Progress made in support of environmental goals included the diversion of 70,000 pounds of waste from the landfill and the use of 100 percent renewable energy. Hypertherm also became an EPA Green Power Partner and qualified for the Green Power Leadership Club, one of only six companies nationwide from the “Industrial Goods and Services” sector. Finally, Hypertherm’s newest facility in Lebanon, New Hampshire received LEED Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, the first of its kind in the state.

“Though we know there is still much work to do, I am extremely proud of our organization as I witness our commitment to create shared value for society, the environment and our business,” said Barbara Couch, Hypertherm’s vice president of corporate social responsibility.

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 plasma, laser and waterjet cutting systems, in addition to CNC motion and height controls, CAM nesting software, and consumables. Hypertherm systems are trusted for performance and reliability that result in increased productivity and profitability for hundreds of thousands of businesses. The New Hampshire based company’s reputation for cutting innovation dates back nearly 50 years to 1968, with Hypertherm’s invention of water injection plasma cutting. The 100 percent associate owned company, consistently named one of the best places to work in America, has more than 1,300 associates along with operations and partner representation worldwide.

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