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Hypertherm announces new management team alignments

HANOVER, N.H.—Nov. 11, 2014—Hypertherm, a U.S. based manufacturer of plasma, laser, and waterjet cutting systems, today announced re-aligned responsibilities in its Management Team. With the planned yearend departure of Carey Chen, current Vice President and General Manager, Light Industrial Businesses, and CIO, to become President and CEO of Cincinnati Incorporated, his responsibilities will be transitioned to two current Hypertherm management team members.

Jim Miller, current Vice President of Operations will assume the added responsibilities of VP/GM Light Industrial Businesses, which includes the company's air plasma systems, torch and consumables businesses. Mary Bihrlle, current Chief Financial Officer, will assume management team responsibility for Hypertherm's Information Services function. These transitions will be completed by yearend.

Mr. Miller has been with Hypertherm since 2005, first as Director of Operations for Hypertherm's consumable business before joining the management team in 2008 as Vice President, Operations. Ms. Bihrlle joined Hypertherm in 2008 as Director of Internal Controls, then Director of Global Finance, before being named Chief Financial Officer in 2013.

"Jim will bring a lot to his added role, not just operational skills important to the new business development focus areas in our Light Industrial businesses, but also a keen sense for industrial customer applications and business drivers," said Evan Smith, Hypertherm's President. "And Mary Bihrlle is an experienced hand at IS management and will bring strong strategic integration to this new role. We're fortunate to have such a deep talent pool, not only to ensure a seamless transition, but also to bring new capabilities and potential to these strategic parts of the business."

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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