

Hypertherm welcomes New Hampshire Governor Maggie Hassan to March 4 grand opening event

HANOVER, NH—February 28, 2013—Hypertherm, a U.S. based manufacturer of advanced cutting systems, today announced the official grand opening of its new 160,000 square foot manufacturing facility. The event, which will include addresses by New Hampshire Governor Maggie Hassan and Hypertherm founder Dick Couch, will take place on Monday, March 4 at 1 p.m.

Hypertherm will also welcome Dr. Ross Gittell, Chancellor of the Community College System of New Hampshire, representatives from the U.S. Department of Labor, the offices of United States Senators Jeanne Shaheen and Kelly Ayotte, Congresswoman Ann McLane Kuster, and dozens of other invited guests.

"Hypertherm is a great example of the innovation and ingenuity present all around the Granite State," said Governor Hassan. "We can make great things here and ship them around the world. We can give people the skills they need to secure a stable well-paying job. We can care for the community and environment and still remain competitive and profitable. We can build a stronger, more innovative New Hampshire where businesses can grow."

The new facility was built with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) principals consistent with Hypertherm's core values and environmental leadership goals and will accommodate Hypertherm's growth in a number of areas. In addition to fostering the eventual creation of up to 500 new jobs, the facility includes advanced research and development space, training classrooms, and engineering labs.

"We are committed to American manufacturing and American jobs," said Dick Couch, CEO and founder of Hypertherm. "Our facility is just one example of how we, working together, can build a strong foundation for the future and ensure our Northern New England economy remains strong for years to come."

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 New Hampshire based 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, 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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