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Hypertherm's Jim Colt Featured as Plasma Expert

HANOVER, N.H.—Feb. 26, 2009—Hypertherm, the world leader in plasma arc metal cutting technology, today announced Strategic Account Manager Jim Colt is the featured plasma expert at this year's Metal Matters conference.



Metal Matters, sponsored by the Fabricators & Manufacturers Association, provides an opportunity to discuss leadership, operational, and technical issues with experienced metal working professionals. The conference takes place March 25-27 in Arizona.

Mr. Colt is a featured panelist in a discussion titled "The Latest in Productive and Profitable Fabricating Applications. Dan Davis, editor in chief at FMA Communications, will moderate. During the discussion, Mr. Colt and fellow panelists will discuss the latest equipment advances, such as the technology recently deployed in Hypertherm's new 400 amp HyPerformance system—the HPR400XD.

The discussion will also provide an opportunity to compare and contrast plasma with other metal cutting methods, such as water jet and laser; and provide tips on how to get the most value from tools and consumables. Finally, session attendees can exchange ideas and solutions with one another.

Three decades of plasma cutting knowledge and experience means Jim Colt is the go to guy for tough plasma cutting questions. He is the author of several technical articles on plasma cutting technology and is a frequent speaker at key industry conferences and symposiums including those sponsored by the American Welding Society, Fabricators & Manufacturers Association, and The Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

Hypertherm designs and manufactures the world's most advanced plasma cutting systems 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 CNC motion and height controls. 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 plasma innovation dates back 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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