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Hamilton Thorne selected as *Best in Show* at 2009 Crossroads Venture Capital Fair

Fairfield, CT (May 8, 2009): Investors attending the 2009 Crossroads Venture Fair in New Haven, CT on May 6th selected **Hamilton Thorne** as the *Best in Show* in the Fair's Bioscience category.

Hamilton Thorne, headquartered in Beverly, MA, produces proprietary laser systems that act as robotic micro-surgeons for stem cell research. Hamilton Thorne's innovative laser systems include the first lasers which are mounted directly inside a microscope objective, enabling multiple lasers with varying wavelengths for different applications. The company focuses on a worldwide market of 45,000 laboratories involved in regenerative medical research and advanced cell biology.

Established in 2001, Hamilton Thorne has sales of \$5.8 million and a team of 25 employees. Hamilton Thorne has raised over \$1.3 million in venture capital investment and is currently raising an additional \$2.5 million to expand sales and marketing to introduce its latest generation of laser systems.

Accepting the award, Hamilton Thorne CEO **Meg Spencer** thanked the investors for their votes and acknowledged the contributions of her team. Spencer said, "The market for our products is rapidly growing and this recognition by venture investors at Crossroads will further position Hamilton Thorne as market leader in advanced laser systems."

The Crossroads Venture Fair, organized by the Connecticut Venture Group celebrated its sixteenth year with a two day program for investors and presenting firms in New Haven on May 5-6, 2009. Crossroads attracted an audience of 300 attendees and showcased early stage and expansion stage firms in the bioscience and technology sectors. Firms participating in Crossroads have raised over \$2 billion in venture investment.

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