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## U.S. BARGE SIGNS LARGE CONTRACT WITH HARLEY MARINE SERVICES

*Barge fabrication company to deliver tank barge in support of accelerated OPA 90 plan*

PORTLAND, Ore. – (June 10, 2009) U.S. Barge capped off another successful year by signing a contract with Harley Marine Services to build an 83,000 barrel double hull barge. This contract supports Harley Marine Services’s goal of accelerated compliance with OPA 90 requirements for double hulled barges.

“Harley Marine Services is pleased with the work and craftsmanship of U.S. Barge,” commented Harley Marine Services Director of Barge Operations, Keith Barnes, “We are happy to partner with U.S. Barge to achieve our accelerated OPA 90 compliance plan. Industry-wide, the deadline is 2015. Harley Marine Services has committed to achieving compliance by 2012.”

The double hull barge will have 83,000 barrel capacity, and will measure 422’ long by 76’ wide. It will be OPA 90 compliant as well as ABS Classed Maltese A-1 and Loadline Un-Manned Ocean Services. Upon delivery in spring 2010, it will be placed in service to support Harley Marine Services’s West Coast-wide operations.

All outfitting will be performed inhouse by U.S. Barge. The barge will be equipped with the latest technology, including a full vapor processing unit and an electronic cargo tank monitoring system. All twelve cargo tanks will be coiled with a heating unit specifically calibrated to keep the product within a narrow temperature range for optimal use.

“Both U.S. Barge and Harley Marine Services are dedicated to finding innovative solutions to technology, safety, and environmental needs,” stated U.S. Barge CEO, Corey Yraguen, “Over multiple orders, the partnership between our companies has been founded on our mutual commitment to the highest standards of quality control.”

With the addition of Harley Marine Service’s most recent order to the production schedule, U.S. Barge continues to demonstrate their diverse capabilities. The company has successfully delivered ocean-class deck barges, a specialty crane barge, and petroleum tank barges. With its large size and complex outfitting, this new contract illustrates the company’s unique approach to building high-quality, turn-key delivery barges.

**U.S. Barge** is an innovative barge manufacturer based in the Pacific Northwest. From ocean-going to inland barges, we use advanced technology and specialized manufacturing to meet our customer’s needs. For more information on U.S. Barge, visit [www.usbarge.com](http://www.usbarge.com).

**Harley Marine Services** is a full service marine transportation company offering service along the United States West Coast and in New York Harbor. Harley Marine operates the largest fleet of double hull barges in service on the United States West Coast. The barge under construction now accounts for the 19<sup>th</sup> double hull barge in the fleet and signifies HMS’s dedication to providing a high quality, safe piece of equipment. For more information, please visit [www.harleymarine.com](http://www.harleymarine.com).