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U.S. BARGE CHRISTENS FIRST VESSEL

Year-old barge fabrication company delivers the Ho`omaka Hou to Young Brothers, Ltd.

PORTLAND, Ore. – (October 15, 2007) Members of the media are cordially invited to attend the private christening of U.S. Barge’s first barge on October 16, 2007. The ceremony marks delivery of the Ho`omaka Hou to customer Young Brothers, Ltd, of Hawaii and will be held from 3 to 5 p.m., at the U.S. Barge facility, 5555 N. Channel Ave, Portland, OR.

Ho`omaka Hou means “new beginning” in Hawaiian – a name with special meaning as U.S. Barge celebrates its first completed barge. The christening event also celebrates the success that U.S. Barge has seen over the course of its first year of business. Since 2006, U.S. Barge has directly added 200 family-wage manufacturing jobs to the Portland area. The company is delivering its first barge, the Ho'omaka Hou, to Young Brothers, Ltd., as phase one in its multiple barge contract with the customer.

U.S. Barge is co-owned by Oregon Iron Works, Inc. and Vigor Industrial LLC, two well-established contributors to the local economy. With bookings through the next twelve months, the company is actively soliciting customers who are interested in starting a project in 2008. The company can construct all types of barges, from bluewater to inland to specialty, and is looking at deliveries across the United States.

For more information on U.S. Barge, visit www.usbarge.com or email info@usbarge.com. Also see www.vigorindustrial.net and www.oregoniron.com.

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