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INDUSTRY VETERAN JOINS U.S. BARGE TEAM

PORTLAND, Ore. – (June 19, 2007) The U.S. Barge team has hired Kenneth Lackey as their Vice President and General Manager. Lackey is a well-known name in the barge building industry, bringing with him close to thirty years of experience with some of the biggest names in the business.

“Kenneth combines a solid technical background with a creative approach to operations management—just the kind of mindset that U.S. Barge is known for,” remarked Frank Foti, U.S. Barge CEO, “He’s a strong addition to our team and we’re glad to have him on board.”

In his new role, Lackey will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of all phases of barge construction at U.S. Barge. A primary focus will be continuing the company’s industry-changing drive towards streamlined production processes that emphasize worker safety while maximizing quality and minimizing turnaround time.

“I’m excited to join such an energetic organization,” stated Lackey, “U.S. Barge was founded by two dynamic individuals whose technical innovations have set the stage for a great period of growth. I’m happy to be part of it, and can’t wait to get started.”

With bookings through the next twelve months, U.S. Barge 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.

U.S. Barge is supported by a partnership between Vigor Industrial, LLC and Oregon Iron Works, Inc—companies that total close to one hundred years of marine fabrication experience between them.

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