

VT HALTER MARINE DELIVERS THE FINAL OF TEN ARTICULATED TUG BARGE UNITS FOR CROWLEY MARITIME

Pascagoula, Miss., July 15, 2011 – VT Halter Marine, Inc. (VT Halter Marine), a subsidiary of VT Systems, Inc. (VT Systems), today announced a significant milestone with the delivery of the final in a series of ten 185,000-barrel articulated tug barge (ATB) units built for Crowley Maritime Corporation’s subsidiary, Vessel Management Services, Inc. (Vessel Management Services). Since construction of the first unit in 2005, all ten 185,000-barrel barges have been built at VT Halter Marine’s Pascagoula Operations while the 9,700-hp tugs were built at its Moss Point Marine Operations.

Barge 650-10, like its sister vessels (650-1 thru 650-9), is certified by ABS Classification Society to comply with the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Green Passport program. Additionally, 650-10 has a Crude Oil Washing (COW) system whereby oil tanks are cleaned out with crude oil, instead of water; which makes the cleaning process far more effective. The COW system is mandatory on new tankers under the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution by Ships (the MARPOL Convention). All of Crowley’s ATBs are built under the ABS SafeHull program for environmental protection.

The 650-Class barge measures 587 feet in length, 74 feet in breadth, and 40 feet in depth. It has a fully-loaded draft of 30 feet and a 27,000 dwt capacity. VT Halter Marine has a separate contract with Vessel Management Services to design and build three 330,000-barrel, 750 series ATB barges.

“We are pleased to take delivery of the tenth ATB in this program. These vessels represent the very successful partnership established between VT Halter Marine and Crowley through the past years and we look forward to continuing this relationship with the deliveries to come in the next series of vessels.”

**~ Ed SCHLUETER
Vice President, Vessel Management Services, Crowley Maritime**

“The delivery of the tenth 650 Class ATB is a significant milestone for VT Halter Marine. We are proud of our long standing partnership with Crowley—a professional and well respected company—and look forward to also delivering the series of 750 Class ATBs.”

*~ Bill SKINNER
Chief Executive Officer, VT Halter Marine*



*Seated, left to right: Ed Schlueter, VP, Vessel Management Services, Crowley Maritime; GEN (Ret.) John G. Coburn, CEO and Chairman, VT Systems; Bill Skinner, CEO, VT Halter Marine
Standing, left to right: Sid Mizell, Sr VP, Business Development, VT Halter Marine; Ray Martus, Director, New Construction, Vessel Management Services, Crowley Maritime; Patrick Sperry, Manager, New Construction, Vessel Management Services, Crowley Maritime; Rick Zubic, VP, Business Development, VT Halter Marine.*

VT Halter Marine is the marine operations of VT Systems. Based in Pascagoula, Miss., it is a leader in the design and construction of medium-sized ships in the United States. VT Halter Marine designs, builds and repairs a wide variety of ocean-going vessels such as patrol vessels, oil recovery vessels, oil cargo vessels, ferries, logistic support vessels and survey vessels. Please visit www.vthaltermarine.com.

VT Systems is an engineering company providing integrated solutions to the commercial and government markets in the aerospace, electronics, land systems and marine sectors. VT Systems' innovative solutions, products and services include aircraft maintenance, repair and modification; software solutions in training and simulation;

satellite-based IP communications technology; network solutions that integrate data, voice and video; rugged computers and computer peripheral equipment; specialized truck bodies and trailers; weapons and munitions systems; road construction equipment; and ship design and shipbuilding. Headquartered in Alexandria, Va., VT Systems operates globally and is a wholly owned subsidiary of ST Engineering. Please visit www.vt-systems.com.

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