

HARVEY GULF SIGNS CONTRACTS TO BUILD FIRST U. S. FLAGGED LNG-POWERED VESSELS



NEW ORLEANS (October 6, 2011) – Today, Harvey Gulf International Marine became the first U.S. vessel operator to contract for construction of vessels capable of operating exclusively on natural gas. The agreement is for two, 302' X 64', Dual Fuel Offshore Supply Vessels, with an option for a third. The contract was signed with Trinity Offshore, which will build the vessels at their Gulfport, MS shipyard.

In addition to being powered by cleaner burning natural gas, the vessels will achieve “**ENVIRO+**, **Green Passport**” Certification by the American Bureau of Shipping. The requirements for this certification include, among others, that the vessels be continuously manned with a certified Environmental Officer, be completely constructed with certified environmentally friendly materials, and have advanced alarms for fuel tanks and containment systems. Along with Harvey Gulf’s other vessels under construction, they will be the first OSV’s to achieve this certification, making them the most environmental friendly OSV’s in Gulf of Mexico.

Harvey Gulf CEO Shane J. Guidry announced the signing: “Today Harvey Gulf continues its commitment to environmental protection by becoming the first to build U.S. a flagged vessel that can run entirely on nature gas. These vessels will meet the highest emissions standards that exist today and even higher standards that haven’t been created yet. We recognize the strong stance on environmental protection by the administration in

the wake of the oil spill and are doing our part to respond to it and provide our customers support for their environmental commitments. We hope the government will recognize these achievements and put people back to work in the Gulf of Mexico.”

John Dane III, Trinity’s President and CEO, stated “This project is a significant step for our re-entry into the Deepwater Support Vessel sector and will employ 300 workers at its peak during the next 30 months.”

Founded in 1955, Harvey Gulf International Marine is a marine transportation company that specializes in towing drilling rigs and providing offshore supply and multi-purpose support vessels for deepwater operations in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico. For more information on Harvey Gulf, please visit www.harveygulf.com.

Trinity Offshore, LLC, founded in July 2003, is a builder of patrol vessels, tug boats, oil spill response vessels, inland and offshore barges as well as oil field support vessels. For more information on Trinity Offshore, please contact Jim Rivers at Riversj@trinityoffshoreLLC.com or John Dane, III at jdane3@trinityoffshoreLLC.com.

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