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Vigor Industrial Awarded Multiple MARAD Grants West Coast Ship Repair Company Receives Funding Under Stimulus Act

Portland, OR.- (August 20, 2009) Vigor Industrial recently won \$1.6 million dollars in federal stimulus money under the Maritime Administration's Small Shipyards Grant Program. The company was successful on all five grant applications it submitted, for projects ranging from facility improvements to workforce training.

Vigor Industrial's grant-funded projects include:

- A **Plural Paint Application System** to increase efficiency of paint application, reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds, and reduce hazardous waste. By allowing precise mixing of paint components immediately prior to application, the plural paint system will deliver both production benefits and improved environmental performance.
- A **Virtual Paint Training System** to improve the quality of training for painters. The system uses a computer-aided receiver to provide immediate quality control feedback to the trainee. This project will enable development of current and future workforces, and will improve productivity, quality, and environmental performance.
- An **Integrated Thermal Cutting System** to increase efficiency during cutting operations. This state-of-the-art technology also benefits workforce safety.
- A **Drydock Automation Program** to centralize monitoring and control of Dry Dock 5 evolutions. Installing an automation system increases both safety and reliability of the dry dock operation.
- A **Portable Package Boiler System** to replace the old steam system in Portland. Transitioning to a package boiler system will increase energy efficiency at the facility, resulting in large energy savings and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

"We focused on projects that, in addition to production, also have net safety and environmental benefits," stated Frank Foti, Vigor Industrial CEO, "Winning these grants will help our company continue to grow. I'm extremely pleased that we will be able to move forward quickly on these improvements."

Vigor Industrial LLC is a privately-held company headquartered in Portland, Oregon, with operations across the U.S. West Coast. Rooted in a long tradition of craftsmanship, the company offers integrated ship repair, vessel construction, and related industrial services to public and private sector clients.

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