



Harvey Gulf Awards Eastern Shipbuilding Contract for Six - 300' "Tiger Shark" Series DP2 Offshore Support Vessels

NEW ORLEANS (Jan. 7, 2010) – Harvey Gulf International Marine, LLC of New Orleans, LA announced the award of a contract to Eastern Shipbuilding Group, Inc for the construction and delivery of six (6) 300' x 64' x 24'6" Offshore Support Vessels. The signing ceremony was held Monday January 4, 2010 at Harvey Gulf's new office at One Shell Square in downtown New Orleans with Harvey Gulf, starting off Harvey Gulf's New Year with a bang!

Delivery of the first vessel will be in nineteen (19) months, with the additional vessels to be delivered in five (5) month increments thereafter. These "Tiger Shark" series vessels are approximately 5650 DWT and are well suited for world-wide operations, meeting all of the latest Marpol and IMO regulations. These vessels will be classed by American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) with ✕A1, ✕AMS, ✕ACCU, ✕Circle E, ✕FIFI 1, ✕DP2, UWILD and ENVIRO + certifications. Each Vessel will have 11,000 sq. ft. of clear deck space and cargo capacities of: 19,500 bbl liquid mud, 14,350 cu. ft. dry bulk, and 1,700 bbl methanol. Also equipped with a Converteam supplied diesel electric propulsion system with Schottel Z-drives rated for a total propulsion output of 5000KW with overall power provided by four (4) Cummins QSK60M diesel generators rated at 1825KW each, these vessels have been engineered to provide Harvey Gulf with fully integrated, fully automated Offshore Support Vessels.

These new vessels for Harvey Gulf will follow on the heels of a third 280' x 60' x 19'6" DP2 Offshore Support Vessel, the HARVEY CARRIER, currently being built by Eastern for Harvey Gulf and scheduled for delivery in June. The two sister vessels are the award-winning¹ HARVEY SPIRIT and HARVEY SUPPLIER. The engineering and design work for all of these vessels have been produced through the efforts of Harvey Gulf and Eastern, as well as Eastern's design agent, STX Europe of Vancouver, Canada.

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 dive support vessels for deepwater operations in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico. For more information, please visit www.harveygulf.com.

¹Workboat's 2007 Significant Vessels of Year; and Marine News' Great Boats of 2006.