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Morgan City, LA: Conrad Shipyard hosted a Steel Cutting Ceremony for Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company (GLDD) at its shipyard in Morgan City, Louisiana. The ceremony signifies the start of construction of two Damen-designed Multi-Cat vessels, the first Multi-Cats to be built in the U.S. Deliveries are scheduled for Q3 and Q4 of 2022.

The two identical vessels measure 98.92' in length, and are powered by three Caterpillar C32 TTA engines capable of meeting speeds of 10.2 knots. Equipped with large winches and deck cranes, the vessels will have maximum bollard pull of 31.75 short tons.

David Johanson, GLDD's Senior Vice President of Project and Area Operations for the Gulf of Mexico, said the new vessels eliminate the need for assorted floating support equipment such as derrick barges, towboats and anchor barges. "The Multi-cats also significantly increase operational safety – enabling hose and pipe maintenance works to take place securely on deck reducing the risk of man-overboards compared to standard industry methods utilizing floating pontoons. This will improve our operational efficiency," he said.

Brett Wolbrink, Conrad Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, discussed the relationship between Conrad and GLDD:

“We are pleased to be constructing multiple vessels for GLDD and we value the continued confidence that GLDD has shown in Conrad and in our talented workforce not only in new construction but also in repair. It is our pleasure to work with your team, and it is our honor to build these unique and versatile vessels for you,” he said.



PHOTO: Left to Right:

- Dan Conrad – Conrad Sr VP
- Dan Gaiennie – GLDD Director Engineering New Builds
- Brad Breaux – Conrad Program Manager
- Vidar Lindmoen – GLDD New Build Project/Program Director
- David Johanson – GLDD Sr Vice President Projects & Area Operations Gulf of Mexico
- Col. Stephen F. Murphy – USACE
- Brett Wolbrink – Conrad Chief Operating Officer
- Francisco Bermudez – GLDD Program Manager
- Mark Wingate – USACE

ABOUT CONRAD SHIPYARD

Conrad Shipyard was established in 1948 and is headquartered in Morgan City, Louisiana. The company designs, constructs and overhauls tugboats, ferries, liftboats, barges, offshore supply vessels and other steel and aluminum products for both commercial and government markets. Conrad provides both repair and new construction services at its five Gulf Coast shipyards located in southern Louisiana and Texas.

ABOUT GREAT LAKES DREDGE & DOCK

Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corporation is the largest provider of dredging services in the United States. In addition, the Company has a long history of performing significant international projects. The Company employs experienced civil, ocean and mechanical engineering staff in its estimating, production and project management functions. Great Lakes owns and operates the largest and most diverse fleet in the U.S. dredging industry, comprised of over 200 specialized vessels.

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