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SMIT Marine Canada Joins Green Marine Environmental Program

Quebec City, Quebec (May 9, 2011)- SMIT Marine Canada Inc., which provides harbour towage services for six ports in British Columbia, has joined the Green Marine environmental improvement program.

SMIT's group of companies in Canada owns and operates 21 tug boats in its harbour towage operations.

SMIT has been actively working on finding solutions to decrease the environmental impact of its operations on a global scale — including the development of hydro-hybrid tug boats that use hydrogen and fuel cells — and sees the Green Marine program as a good benchmark for its Canadian operations.

SMIT Marine Canada's Vice President & General Manager, Frans Tjallingii, said: "Green Marine is a natural fit for us. We are part of a worldwide company that has an extensive internal environmental program in place that includes developing green vessels together with partners in the market, investigating modifications to improve vessel emissions and fuel economy, and embedding the green mindset in SMIT's work through the training of our workforce. Green Marine will allow us to compare our efforts against other companies in the industry as well as set new targets to make further improvements."

Green Marine, the first program of its kind in North America, aims to improve participants' environmental performance beyond regulatory compliance by requiring them to introduce best practices, reduction targets and/or new technologies to improve their record in areas such as invasive species, air emissions and greenhouse gases, cargo residues, and oily waters, among others.

Initially founded by Canadian and U.S. companies in the Great Lakes region in 2008, Green Marine has been rapidly expanding into various regions of North America, including British Columbia and Atlantic Canada. More than 50 shipowners, shipyards, port authorities and terminal operators are currently part of the program.

Although a voluntary program, all Green Marine results are independently verified by a third party and shared publicly to demonstrate participants' environmental commitment.

Green Marine has endorsements from high-profile NGOs including Ducks Unlimited and the World Wildlife Fund and was recently recognized by the Mayors of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative with a special resolution supporting the Green Marine initiative.

David Bolduc, executive director of Green Marine, said: "SMIT is clearly innovative in its approach to reducing its environmental footprint. The company will be a great asset to the Green Marine program in terms of sharing knowledge about technology being developed in the market. At the same time, the Green Marine program will allow SMIT Marine Canada to work towards new objectives."

For a full list of Green Marine participants and the latest performance results go to www.green-marine.org.

About SMIT

SMIT has a proud tradition of nearly 170 years of service in the maritime sector. The company has earned an excellent reputation by combining expertise and experience with high-quality materials and equipment in the nearly 50 locations around the world where SMIT is active. SMIT aims to provide its worldwide services in the main to shipping companies, producers in the oil and LNG industries, (offshore) construction companies, insurers, governments and shipyards. SMIT maintains the highest standards in respect of Safety, Health, the protection of the Environment and Quality. Since May 2010, SMIT is a member of Royal Boskalis Westminster nv.

SMIT's services are organised into four Divisions:

- **Harbour Towage:** harbour towage services and related maritime services.
- **Terminals:** towage services and related maritime and management services to offshore and onshore terminals.
- **Salvage:** salvage, wreck removal, environmental protection and consultancy.
- **Transport & Heavy Lift:** chartering, barge rental & transport, ocean, coastal and river towage, heavy lifting and marine support to a variety of civil and offshore projects and subsea services.

SMIT is currently working on the development of an environmentally friendly harbour tug called the "E3", which stands for: Efficient in operations, Environmentally friendly and Economically viable. SMIT was awarded a prestigious "KVNR Shipping Award," acknowledging the innovative E3 tug, which was found to set SMIT apart as a leader in its industry and in areas of environmental awareness as well as vessel design. The company is also investigating innovative coating solutions to produce an environmentally friendly coating for harbour tugs.

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