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Fincantieri Delivers Second Moran ATB Unit

Sturgeon Bay, WI: Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding (FBS) has delivered the Articulated Tug Barge Unit (ATB), tug Leigh Ann Moran and tank barge Mississippi, to Moran Towing Corporation. FMG President and CEO, Francesco Valente, made the announcement. This is the first complete ATB unit delivered to Moran under a 2014 contract, although another ATB barge was previously delivered in May. One more ATB unit, a 5300-HP tug and 120,000-barrel barges, is scheduled for the second quarter of 2016. A similar model will be on display at the Fincantieri Marine Group booth at the International WorkBoat Show.

The Leigh Ann Moran is a 6000-HP tug and the Mississippi is a 160,000-barrel barge. Its full load displacement, including lightship weight and cargo weight, is 24,259-Long Tons. The ATB unit will work the East coast of the United States and in the Gulf of Mexico.

“We are extremely pleased to deliver these vessels on time and within contracted costs,” said Valente. “The quality delivered on this workhorse ATB is a testament to the hard work and craftsmanship of the seasoned professionals of Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding, America’s premier shipbuilding team.”



Photo Cutline: The ATB tug Leigh Ann Moran and barge Mississippi make preparations for sailing from Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

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Fincantieri is one of the world's largest shipbuilding groups and number one by diversification and presence in all high value-added market sectors, having built more than 7,000 vessels in over 230 years of its maritime history. It is world leader in cruise ship construction and a reference player in other sectors, from naval vessels to cruise ferries, from mega-yachts to special high value-added vessels, from ship repairs and conversions to offshore vessels. Headquartered in Trieste (Italy), the Group has almost 20,900 employees, of whom approximately 7,700 are in Italy, and 21 shipyards on four continents. In 2013 the Group acquired **VARD**, a company listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange that builds offshore support vessels for oil & gas exploration and production. **Fincantieri** has doubled in size to become the West's leading shipbuilder.

Fincantieri operates in the United States through its subsidiary **Fincantieri Marine Group** (FMG). This company, which serves important government customers, including the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard, has three shipyards (Fincantieri Marinette Marine, Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding and Fincantieri Ace Marine), all located in the Great Lakes region.

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