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### **Two GPA 640 PSVs for Trico Marine**

Seattle, Washington- Guido Perla and Associates, Inc. (GPA), announced that Trico Marine Services has ordered two of the well-proven GPA 640 Platform Support Vessels (PSV).

Each of the DP2-certified vessels, measuring 64 meters in length, will employ three diesel-powered generators, including two 1,825 kW (2,447 hp) generators powered by 16-cylinder Cummins QSK60 D(M) engines and one 910 kW (1,220 hp) generator powered by a Cummins KTA38 D(M) engine. This engine configuration has demonstrated excellent flexibility and fuel savings as one or more of the generators can be shut down for stand-by or slower moving operations such as seismic or cable laying that are often required of this type of vessel. The vessel's outstanding fuel efficiency and lower operating cost for the owner combined with competitive pricing results in an excellent return on investment.

A distinctive feature of the GPA 640 PSV, which will be constructed at Bender Shipbuilding & Repair Co. in Mobile, Alabama, is an additional deck level that provides increased accommodation for client personnel, making the vessel attractive for global deployment, including specialized disciplines such as subsea, seismic and ROV applications. Placing great importance on crewmember security and comfort, GPA applied the highest safety standards to the design of the GPA 640 PSV.

GPA expects Trico Marine to receive the first GPA 640 PSV in March 2008 with the second to follow in July 2008.

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