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GPA's confirms order for GPA 670 MKII Special Products vessels

Seattle, Washington- Guido Perla, Chairman of Guido Perla & Associates, Inc. announced today that French marine services provider Bourbon Offshore has placed an order for 4 **GPA 670 MKII Special Products** vessels, thereby expanding their well-proven GPA designed fleet to 100 vessels, including 54 GPA 254 AHTS, 28 GPA 654 PSV and 4 GPA 670 ROV, which were all ordered within the last year.

The 70-meter GPA 670 MKII Special Products vessels, currently under construction at Zhejiang Shipyard in China, will be equipped with two Z-Drive, open-water propeller units, as well as two tunnel bow thrusters. The use of environmentally friendly diesel-electric propulsion results in excellent fuel efficiency, as well as lower operating cost for the owner.

GPA's priority is to ensure client satisfaction. In addition to the fuel efficiency of the vessel, competitive pricing for the GPA 670 series, of which Bourbon is already successfully operating ten vessels, provides the owner with an excellent return of investment.

By applying the highest safety standards and comfort levels, offshore operations are being conducted without risk to the health or security of crewmembers, thus providing maximum dependability.

The GPA 670 MKII will primarily be engaged in the transport of stores, materials and equipment to offshore installations in tropical areas and distinguishes itself from other platform support vessels mainly due to its ability to carry approximately 170 cubic meters of special products in specially designed tanks located in the aft end of the vessel. Furthermore, the DP2- and FFV1-certified vessel, which can accommodate 23 crewmembers, also provides the capability to carry 255 cubic meters of bulk material, as well as 1083 cubic meters of liquid products.

Delivery for the first GPA 670 MKII Special Products is expected at the end of May 2008 with the last due in December 2008, increasing the number of GPA 670 PSVs Bourbon owns to 18.

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