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WESMAR Stainless Steel Dual Prop Thrusters Win ABS DP1 Approval

Woodinville, WA –29 October 2008 – WESMAR continues its lead in the bow thruster industry with an announcement today that their Model V2-20NS Vortex dual prop all stainless steel bow thruster has been given ABS approval for dynamic positioning applications (DP1).

After a comprehensive assessment of design plans and data WESMAR said they have received the ABS certificate of design assessment.

The horsepower rating for the V2-20NS is 75 to 150, and the company anticipates similar approval soon for their V2-26 and V2-36 systems, which operate on vessels up to 350 HP.

The coveted ABS rating clears WESMAR thrusters for use on ABS DP1 classed vessels and widens the scope of business with newly constructed offshore supply boats and crew boats for the rebuilt offshore oil industry in the post-Katrina U.S. Gulf Coast. “We believe WESMAR is the only stainless steel counter rotating dual prop bow thruster system to have ABS DP1 certification,” said Bob Sentz, Vice President of WESMAR’s Mechanical Division.

WESMAR’s rugged and powerful all stainless steel design sets WESMAR thrusters apart from all other bow and stern thrusters. Polished stainless steel props are standard, and stainless steel seal with bearing carriers sync with WESMAR’s stainless steel casting. The design meets WESMAR’s focus on low maintenance, more thrust per input horsepower, easier retrofit and upgrades, more precise control, and extremely rugged and reliable operation.

Like all WESMAR products the thrusters are built for the toughest of sea conditions backed by WESMAR’s 43 years of experience in design of rugged underwater equipment for work boats, commercial fishing boats, yachts, excursion vessels, and ships of the world’s navies.

The counter rotating dual prop design is WESMAR’s invention, and has since been copied by several companies. It provides up to 40% more thrust with the same tunnel size and with the same input power.

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