

## **Vigor to construct two 83,000 bbl. tank barges for Harley Marine**

PORTLAND, Ore. (March 3, 2014) – Vigor Fab has been awarded a contract to build two 83,000 bbl. tank barges for Harley Marine Services, Inc. The 422'x 76' x 27' tank barges, designed by Elliott Bay Design Group to be part of articulated tug and barge configurations, will be among the largest vessels constructed for Harley Marine's fleet.

Construction will begin this month at Vigor's 60-acre shipyard in Portland, Ore. With an 800 foot buildway, 600 ton gantry crane, and 360,000 square feet of covered fabrication areas, the yard is well equipped to handle large projects like these. Vigor also built the *Sixty-Five Roses* tank barge, about the same size as new barges and currently the largest vessel in Harley's fleet, in Portland.

"These vessels will be the ninth and tenth we've built for Harley Marine," said Bryan Nichols, Vigor's Sales and Marketing Manager. "We're glad we could earn this opportunity to help Harley expand their fleet. We work hard to provide the best possible products and services, and there's no higher compliment than repeat business."

"Vigor has been an excellent partner in building barges over the years. Vigor not only has the capacity needed to build multiple large vessels, they consistently provide the quality craftsmanship we depend on to serve our customers," said Keith Barnes, Harley Marine's Director of Petroleum Barge Operations.

The first tank barge is scheduled for delivery in spring 2015, with the second barge set for delivery in the summer of 2015.

*Harley Marine Services is a leading provider of marine transportation services in the United States, with operations along the West Coast (including Alaska), New York Harbor and the US Gulf Coast. Services provided include the transportation and storage of petroleum products, ship assist and escort, the transportation of general cargo and rescue towing. Harley Marine is dedicated to providing excellent customer service and maintaining our obligations to employees, shareholders, our community and the environment.*

*Vigor is a leading provider of shipbuilding, ship repair and other industrial services in Oregon, Washington and Alaska.*

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