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### **Andrie Implements FuelTrax<sup>®</sup>**

**Fuel management system to improve performance and reduce operating costs.**

**Houston, March 9, 2009** – Nautical Control Solutions announced today that Andrie Inc. of Muskegon, Michigan is implementing their FuelTrax fuel management system on M/V Karen Andrie, a 120 foot tug.

“We are always looking for tools and practices that improve efficiency,” said Stan Andrie, President, Andrie Inc. “However, it can be a challenge measuring improvement on a day-to-day basis when our focus is on running the business. FuelTrax will provide us a way to establish an operational baseline and then identify areas where improvements can be made. It will automatically capture data such as throttle and engine RPM settings, fuel burn rates, and vessel location and present the data in reports so we can create a baseline. We gain visibility into exactly how we are using fuel and where we can improve operations to reduce fuel consumption.”

“We are very pleased to add Andrie to our growing list of customers,” said Anthony George, CEO of Nautical Control Solutions. “Fuel management is growing in importance and acceptance worldwide and although fuel prices are low now, most operators believe this to be a lull before another high-priced storm. Forward thinking operators such as Andrie are using this time to analyze operations and then apply technologies so they are better prepared when fuel prices go back up. We are looking forward to partnering with Andrie to help them achieve their goals.”

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### **About Andrie Inc.**

Andrie is the U.S. Midwest's premiere marine transportation company. Founded in 1988, they provide a wide range of services to a broad range of customers – from local, national, and global corporations to government agencies to small and medium-sized companies. Andrie prides itself on its knowledge of the industry, experience on the water, its highly qualified people, and superior specialized equipment. From tugs to towboats, Andrie's multifaceted vessels lead the Great Lakes in quality, performance, and delivery. From its centralized headquarters in Muskegon, Michigan, Andrie serves a diverse marine customer base by executing projects from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. Visit [www.andrie.com](http://www.andrie.com) to learn more.

### **About M/V Karen Andrie**

Repowered in 2009, Karen Andrie is a 516 gross ton, 3,600 HP tug recently upgraded with a JAK coupling system to push a 360 foot oil barge. FuelTrax will monitor her two main engines which are EMD 8-710's. FuelTrax will also be monitoring fuel usage on her two John Deere 8.1 L Power Tech 6081 OEM Diesel engines with 135 kW Spectrum Detroit Diesel generators. Visit [www.andrie.com/equipment/vessels/karen\\_andrie.html](http://www.andrie.com/equipment/vessels/karen_andrie.html) to learn more.

### **About Nautical Control Solutions**

Nautical Control Solutions focuses engineering talent and efforts on improving operations and reducing fuel usage on marine vessels. Drawing on 17 years of control systems design, development, and manufacture, its patented FuelTrax marine fuel management system entered the market in 2006 and is now proven on vessels worldwide in both brown and blue water environments. Visit [www.fueltrax.com](http://www.fueltrax.com) to learn more.

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