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### **Buffalo Marine Service Implements North America's Most Advanced Bunkering System**

**New FuelTrax® fuel bunkering feature enters field-testing.**

**Houston, July 7, 2009** – Nautical Control Solutions (NCS) announced today that Buffalo Marine Service of Houston is rolling out an advanced bunker fuel measurement system to support customers along the Texas and Louisiana coasts. Part of the FuelTrax Marine Fuel Management system, this new feature provides a highly accurate data acquisition and reporting tool that will automatically measure bunker fuel as it is pumped from a barge onto a vessel.

FuelTrax will now provide real-time measurement of bunker fuel deliveries irrespective of product type, viscosity, or temperature. More importantly, the system will accurately measure barrels and metric tons regardless of whether there is air, fuel, or both in the piping system. Bunker suppliers and vessel operators will benefit due to the increased measurement accuracy of this new feature of FuelTrax.

"We have a state-of-the-art command and control center, new top-of-the-line tugs, and safety-proven double-hulled bunker barges. It makes sense for us to lead the way in helping the industry improve the accuracy of the bunkering process," said Pat Studdert, President, Buffalo Marine Service. "We realize that reliable and prompt service is our hallmark and we are the best marine bunker service company along the U.S. Gulf Coast. Our focus has been and continues to be delivering bunkers safely, promptly, and professionally without fear of creating a pollution incident. With the advent of FuelTrax, our customers can rest assured that the delivery process is a model of precision and extraordinarily accurate. We are excited to be the first in North America to install such a system."

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"We are very pleased to announce Buffalo as our first bunker system customer," said Anthony George, CEO of NCS. "Their reputation as a leading, first-class bunkering service couples well with this leading-edge technology. FuelTrax will accurately measure any kind of bunker fuel, drastically reducing the errors associated with the manual measurement techniques currently used. We expect that as bunkering accuracy increases across the industry, quantity disputes will decrease around the globe. It's a win-win situation for the bunker suppliers and vessel owners."

FuelTrax utilizes Coriolis meters that have no moving parts and do not require regularly scheduled maintenance. These meters are highly accurate and have the ability to measure the actual mass of the fluid moving through them. This is important in an industry where fuel is loaded in bulk and delivered by volume/mass (barrels/metric tons). Once the delivery is completed, FuelTrax will produce a hardcopy meter ticket for the customer that includes the exact amount of fuel delivered in both volume and mass measurements.

"Future versions of the system will provide customers with 24 hour, seven day per week Web-based access to their bunkering events worldwide", continued Mr. George. "Coupled with a fuel product digital signature, both bunkering agents and vessel owners will have the ability to reconcile purchases online once the bunker delivery is completed. Our ultimate goal is to revolutionize the bunkering industry through advanced automation, accurate Coriolis metering technology, and the Internet."

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**About Buffalo Marine Service, Inc.**

Buffalo Marine Service began in 1935 with one barge on the Houston Ship Channel. Today, Buffalo maintains one of the newest, most energy-efficient, and most powerful fleets with 14 towboats and 28 tanker barges. Buffalo Marine provides the highest quality bunkering and line-haul towing services of any company along the U.S. Gulf Coast. Visit [www.buffalmarine.com](http://www.buffalmarine.com) to learn more.

**About Nautical Control Solutions, LP**

NCS is the leader in marine fuel management technology. Drawing on 17 years of designing and manufacturing control systems, its patented FuelTrax Marine Fuel Management system entered the market in 2006 and is now proven on over 100 vessels worldwide in both brown and blue water environments. Visit [www.fueltrax.com](http://www.fueltrax.com) to learn more.

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