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Oregon Contractor 'Piling' on Marine Construction Jobs
Complex Pile Placement Experience Drives Company Growth

COOS BAY, OR - December 2011- As the number of upcoming coastal highway, marine transportation, and existing port maintenance projects rise nationwide – along with the current volume of military construction funding – West Coast Contractors' (www.westcoastcontractors.com) increased focus on marine pile driving services will equate to company growth.

West Coast Contractors currently utilizes cranes, excavators with pile driver attachments, hydraulically-operated barge, templates, and other heavy equipment to place, drive and monitor steel and concrete test piles used to construct industrial docks and bridges in Oregon, Northern California and Washington.

"We consistently provide highly complex pile-driving services including the coordination of multiple, concurrent operations that are an integral part of in- and over- water projects," West Coast Contractors Construction Manager Tim Smith says.

In October, the contractor completed the $15 million, in-water portion of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Operation Center-Pacific project in Newport, Oregon. During construction, West Coast Contractors utilized a hydraulically operated, GPS guided barge template to precisely and rapidly place the piles that serve as the foundation for the new 1,300-foot-long pier and small vessel dock. Aside from the NOAA, the contactor has recently completed work for the U.S. Corps of Engineers, the Coast Guard, and the Oregon ports of Morrow, Newport and Coos Bay.

With owner, David Kronsteiner, West Coast Contractors has unique insight into the marine construction industry and is well aware of the current and future demand for environmentally sensitive, pile driving contractors in the Northwest.

"Many of the marine projects we work on require specific environmental protections. Through experience we've learned to mitigate the effects of heavy equipment by pioneering new methods," Kronsteiner said. "These methods include choreographing the precise movements of cranes, pile-driving equipment and containment barriers to match the tides, while designing cushioning devices to reduce the noise of our equipment."

Recent forecasts support Kronsteiner's demand-related observations, as the American Association

of Port Authorities (AAPA) has projected U.S. ports will spend an estimated $2.1 billion annually to enhance their facilities. More than 90 percent of the nation's top 50 ports involved in foreign waterborne commerce will require regular upcoming maintenance, as by 2020 total freight moved through these ports will increase by more than 50 percent when compared to 2001. Is in 2007 the AAPA passed a resolution encouraging sustainability as a standard business practice for ports, construction activity within these ports will require sensitivity to the environment.

About West Coast Contractors

Founded in 1962, WCC is a general contractor that specializes in heavy construction projects including bridges, harbors, marine facilities, commercial developments, governmental projects and industrial complexes. Based in Coos Bay, Oregon WCC is headed by President and CEO, David Kronsteiner and Vice President of Operations, Lonnie Kronsteiner. WCC is renowned for construction projects on land and at sea that are able to withstand severe weather conditions, and is a leader in developing environmentally sound procedures for sensitive locations. Clients include the U.S. Corps of Engineers, U.S. Coast Guard, states of Oregon and California, Chevron, NOAA, Roseburg Forest Products, and the Ports of Morrow, Newport and Coos Bay. Find more information visit www.westcoastcontractors.com or contact Jessica Kopach at Christie Communications at jkopach@christiecomm.com or via phone at 805.969.3697.

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