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ASPIN, KEMP & ASSOCIATES DEBUTS ITS HYBRID MARINE PROPULSION TECHNOLOGY

OWEN SOUND, ONTARIO, January 30, 2009 – Canadian engineering company Aspin, Kemp and Associates ('AKA') made a significant contribution to marine history today with the much anticipated unveiling of the world's first hybrid tugboat in Long Beach, California. AKA is proud to provide the propulsion and control systems for the "Carolyn Dorothy", the low-emissions tug that will be operated by Foss Maritime.

The tugboat industry is experiencing considerable pressure to make their operations more environmentally friendly and Foss Maritime has taken a leading role in this regard. Susan Hayman, Foss' Vice President of Environmental and Corporate Development states: "At Foss we are committed to bringing forward innovative solutions to address environmental concerns within the tug and barge industry. Partnering with AKA to make this ground-breaking tug a reality represents a significant technological advancement and will lead to greatly reduced emissions without sacrificing reliability or performance".

The goal of Hybrid technology is to improve fuel economy and reduce emissions. Diesel engines are designed to be most efficient at or near full load. The reality is that harbour assist tugs spend the majority of their time at low power levels. The result is costly inefficiency and negative environmental impact.

The hybrid propulsion system efficiently satisfies operational requirements by closely matching the power generated to the power required at all times. This leads to reduced fuel consumption, lower maintenance and repair costs due to minimized engine use and a quieter workplace for the tug's crew.

Neale Kemp, COO of Aspin Kemp and Associates stated "Foss' decision to build the world's first hybrid tug is a significant milestone in greening the maritime industry. At AKA we are very proud to have played a major part in this project and we are committed to the ongoing development of this game-changing technology."

The hybrid propulsion system design is highly scalable and is equally applicable for new construction and retrofits of existing vessels.

About Aspin Kemp & Associates

Aspin Kemp & Associates ("AKA") is a systems integration company specializing in developing, applying, managing, supporting and maintaining engineering solutions primarily in the marine and offshore oil and gas industries. AKA is the developer and

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manufacturer of the world's first hybrid energy management system for tugboats. Established in 1996 with headquarters in Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada, AKA operates internationally with offices in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia; Stratford, Prince Edward Island; Houston, Texas and Singapore. Our highly skilled team is dedicated to developing and delivering leading edge technologies and cost-effective applications to our worldwide client base. Please visit www.aka-group.com for more information.

About Foss Maritime

Founded in 1889, Seattle-based Foss Maritime offers a complete range of maritime services and project management to customers across the Pacific Rim, Europe, South America and around the globe. The company has harbor services and transportation operations in all major U.S. West Coast ports, including the Columbia and Snake River system. With one of the largest fleets of tugs and barges on the American West Coast, Foss operates two shipyards and offers worldwide marine transportation, emphasizing safety, environmental responsibility and high-quality service. See www.foss.com for more information.