

DELTA EXPANDS ITS OPERATIONS WITH NEW METAL HULL FACILITY

Seattle, March 2009 – Delta, already a world-leader in the yacht building industry, has combined its expertise in composite construction with steel and aluminum hull fabrication to open a new yard dedicated to metal hull construction. The new facility, Delta North, is located just down river from Delta's current 25-acre site and consists of a high-bay building roughly 400' long x 100' wide. This fully enclosed facility allows Delta to build metal hulls over 100-meters in length.

The Delta North site had been previously used for building ferries and tugs, and had the high overheads and rugged utility infrastructure needed for large scale commercial shipbuilding. Last year, Delta took this facility and renovated it into a modern, fully equipped shipyard. Delta installed new rolling doors, security features, electrical and mechanical systems including two 25-ton overhead gantry cranes, and the latest equipment and tooling for metal fabrication. In addition to the investment in the facility and equipment, Delta compiled a highly experienced metal vessel construction team that represents the best in their field. This team includes skilled fabricators and welders, experienced production managers, and key additional engineers for the Delta Design Group.

The quality of work, the experience of the work force and the dedication to building the best yachts in the world are synonymous with the Delta name. Delta North complements this tradition. As each metal hull is completed, it will be transported to Delta's main site by barge, a distance of only three miles. All outfitting and finish work including electrical and mechanical installation, interior fabrication and painting applications will be completed at the main Delta facility by the skilled artisans and craftsman that have been a part of Delta for decades.

Although Delta is best known for its all composite construction, in the last several years it has expanded its efforts in building larger metal yachts. These projects include the 240-foot, LAUREL, with a steel hull and a 180-foot semi-displacement motor yacht, currently under construction, with an aluminum hull. With the new facility, Delta is positioned to lead the industry in building metal hulls with entirely composite superstructures. "This allows us to be more innovative, less restricted by history and find unconventional solutions, lightweight, creative forms that are more progressive in design and utility," says Jay Miner, Delta's Chief Naval Architect.

The first hull to be built at Delta North is a 200-foot steel and composite expedition yacht with diesel electric propulsion and dynamic positioning. Responding to the trend for more self-sufficiency, Delta has designed a yacht that has no geographic limitations and is designed to the latest in environmental standards, including a comprehensive waste management plan. It has helicopter landing capabilities and is currently designed to include a recessed helicopter garage. With an ice-class designation, this yacht is suitable for luxury entertaining and personal exploration anywhere in the world, or even remote oceanographic research. The interior and superstructure can be custom designed to meet the requirements of the owner. Hull construction is well-advanced with delivery scheduled for 2011.

About Delta – Delta is a world leader in composite yacht construction, pioneering the use of composite superstructures on metal hulled yachts. Our reputation for building seaworthy, quality vessels is built on years of experience and the drive to create innovative and beautiful yachts. Complete with a team of naval architects, marine engineers and skilled workers with years of experience in specialized fields, Delta expertly combines traditional craftsmanship and the latest technology. We are located just five minutes from Boeing Field, a private jet center, and 10 minutes from Downtown Seattle. For more information contact Michelle Jones at (206) 763-2383 or mjones@deltamarine.com.