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West Coast Contractors – Big Equipment Small Footprint

Experience Helps Company Exceed Environmental Standards and Pioneer New Technology

COOS BAY, OR – July 2011 – Founded in 1962, West Coast Contractors (www.westcoastcontractors.com) has long been known for its experience in heavy construction – building harbors, bridges, telecommunication stations and other industrial and government facilities. But lately, what impresses clients the most isn't the large size of their equipment, it's the small size that the impact of their projects have on the environment.

West Coast Contractors has tasked its team with not just meeting environmental standards, but with developing new technologies and equipment to exceed them. With more than 50 years of experience, West Coast Contractors is well aware of the impact that a 220-ton, Manitowok crane or Komatsu D155AX-6 dozer can have on the land or sea. West Coast Contractors often works on projects in sensitive or remote areas such as the ocean and mountains and has learned to mitigate the effects of heavy equipment by pioneering new methods designed to reduce their footprint.

"The planning and preparation that goes into environmental protection is pretty complex," West Coast Contractors Construction Manager Tim Smith says. "We submit detailed plans about our methods and equipment to permitting agencies. Our focus is to develop effective solutions that meet or exceed environmental standards."

A recent notable example can be found in the new Ship Berthing Facility at Newport, Oregon built for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The permitting agencies mandated the construction process to minimize disturbance to wildlife and aquatic plants. One of their primary concerns was sound abatement in the water. To meet this requirement, West Coast Contractors designed a cushioning device to reduce noise on their pile driver and limited the number of impacts per day.

"The NOAA facility at Newport is a good example of what we can do to protect the environment while developing economically important projects," West Coast Contractors President & CEO David Kronsteiner said. "The NOAA installation will help predict weather, study environmental changes and prevent disasters. At the same time, it will create new jobs and provide an economic boost to Newport."

Many of the marine projects that West Coast Contractors works on require specific environmental protections. The Bodega Bay Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail project also faced strict environmental



protection standards. One phase of construction required moving heavy equipment onto the beach with minimal disturbance, avoiding the movement of the tides and finishing the beach work under a tight deadline.

For this project, engineers designed a single access road to minimize disturbance to the beach, and had to choreograph the precise movement of cranes, pile-driving equipment and containment barriers to match the tides and avoid contact with the ocean. This phase was completed in less than four months and the road was removed. The beach soon returned to normal without a trace of heavy equipment ever being there.

Kronsteiner says West Coast Contractors is very conscious of the environmental issues involved in large scale projects and that extensive effort and cooperation goes into working with regulatory agencies to insure each project's environmental requirements are not just met, but exceeded whenever possible.

About West Coast Contractors

Founded in 1962, West Coast Contractors is a large-scale, general contractor that specializes in heavy construction projects including bridges, harbors, marine facilities, commercial developments, governmental projects and industrial complexes. West Coast Contractors is well known for construction projects in challenging locations on land and at sea that are able to withstand severe weather conditions. West Coast Contractors is a leader in developing environmentally friendly procedures for sensitive locations including oceans, rivers, deserts and mountains.

West Coast Contractors is a family-owned business headed today by President and CEO, David Kronsteiner and Vice President Lonnie Kronsteiner. Based in Coos Bay, Oregon. West Coast Contractors uses a proprietary project management system to plan and coordinate projects with owners, designers, governmental regulatory agencies and other contractors. This system, along with state-of-the-art equipment, ensures that projects are completed efficiently and are built to the highest quality standards. Clients include the U.S. Corps of Engineers, Coast Guard, states of Oregon and California, Chevron, NOAA, Charter Communication and AT&T. For project inquiries, contact WCC at (541) 267-7689.

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