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**900 TON CRANE MAKES FIRST LIFT
PORT WELCOMES NEWEST ASSET**

June 11, 2010, Mobile Ala. – Barnhart Crane & Rigging Company began providing heavy lift barge crane services to cargo customers at the Port of Mobile. In the company's first lift, the new 900T heavy lift crane transloaded to barge a 102 metric ton down coiler machine from Grieg Star Shipping's vessel the M/V STAR GRIP. The lift operation took place at the Alabama State Port Authority's Pier 2 terminal

Stevedore services were provided by CSA Stevedoring and Nord-Sud Shipping Inc., served as the vessel agent. Barge and transporter services were provided by Interstate Transport and the freight forwarder was UTC Overseas, Inc.

"This heavy lift crane is now well positioned to significant benefit to shippers at both public and private terminals," said Alabama State Port Authority Director & CEO, Jimmy Lyons, "The crane will attract new business into the port and better serve our heavy lift market over neighboring ports."

The Alabama State Port Authority partnered in January with Barnhart Crane & Rigging Company, as one of the largest heavy lifting and heavy transportation companies in the United States, to provide turnkey heavy lift and transport services from ship to site. "We are extremely pleased to have this service here and underway. Barnhart is committed to providing the Port Authority's customers and others along the Gulf Coast with a broad range of new heavy lift and heavy transport services," said Barnhart's Jeff Latture, Senior Vice-President for Sales & Marketing. In addition to the barge mounted crane operations, Barnhart offers project cargo customers a variety of on-carriage options including barge, rail and storage. This range of services truly makes the Port of Mobile a turnkey option for project cargo.

Barnhart Crane & Rigging, established in 1969, is a leading national supplier of heavy lifting and transportation solutions, and operates its Memphis Heavy Lift Terminal featuring 1,250 Ton derrick crane. The company, with 23 locations across the United States, provides logistics, machinery moving and plant relocations. Barnhart's Quality Management System is certified to the ISO 9001:2008 international standard and has been registered since 2000.

The Alabama State Port Authority, headquartered in Mobile, Ala., owns and operates Alabama's public deepwater port facilities at the Port of Mobile. The Port of Mobile currently ranks 9th largest U.S. seaport in total volume. The Authority's container, general cargo, bulk and heavy lift facilities have immediate access to five Class 1 railroads, two interstate systems, and nearly 15,000 miles of inland waterway connections.

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