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## **PaR Marine Completed Successful Performance Testing of Electric Aircraft Elevator**

*The first electric elevator variant flagship product for aircraft carriers*

BRUNSWICK, GA, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 – PaR Marine, a division of PaR Systems, Inc., is a world leader in engineering, developing, and manufacturing marine auxiliary and material handling systems. PaR Marine has successfully accomplished a major testing gate toward fully qualifying the new electric system for the U.S. Navy. The significant performance testing gate qualification for the first Electric Aircraft Elevator (E-ACE) was completed on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and this system will be installed on the John F. Kennedy (CVN 79) for Newport News Shipbuilding, a division of Huntington Ingalls Industries (NYSE:HII). This accomplishment further solidifies PaR Marine as the leading provider of aircraft elevators for the global Naval market.

This week's performance testing was an extensive milestone test with the U.S. Navy. Further qualification testing of principal units will take place mid-year 2016. The dedicated development of the first E-ACE has been a 10 year effort for PaR Marine and PaR Systems, with the past 4 years focused on extensive detail design and production leading up to this successful test.

Aircraft elevators are one of many flagship products for PaR Marine. The E-ACE provides clear technical and commercial benefits over the legacy hydraulic system with lower ship total cost of ownership including a significant reduction in system weight and increased system reliability. This system design is Full Mil spec qualified and is in concert with the U.S. Navy's strategy of electrification.

Daren Pietsch, President of PaR Marine stated, *"Passing the performance testing represents a success for not only the PaR Marine team, but also for our customers and partners in HII Newport News and the USN. E-ACE as a cost effective but enhanced mission critical system represents a win-win for all stakeholders"*.

About PaR Systems Inc.

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