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PaR Marine and Marine Systems Technology Qualify COMFIRE® A60 Bulkhead Paneling System for Marine Applications

Saint Paul/Minneapolis, Minnesota (August 1, 2013) – Marine Systems Technology Ltd. (MST), which is part of the PaR Marine division, has developed and successfully qualified a superior fireproof paneling system for A60 marine applications. The [COMFIRE®](#) A60 Bulkhead Paneling System offers the most advanced fireproof composite technology available today. It is non-combustible, lightweight, completely stable in a wet environment, structurally robust, and has excellent sound dampening properties. This particular qualified A60 system was developed for the cruise ship/commercial marine market, but will be introduced into the offshore oil and gas market for top-side living quarter applications.

Approved to IMO Resolution MSC.307 (88), Annex 1: Part 3, the COMFIRE® A60 Bulkhead Paneling System has undergone the rigorous testing required for protecting personnel and property in the marine environment. In addition to bringing enhanced safety and product performance, this system can be installed efficiently with minimum effort and can easily be built into modular systems such as galleys, living quarters, and control rooms. Pre-assembled, finished enclosures, fully fitted out for differing applications, are within MST's scope of operations.

Mike Williamson, General Manager of MST, said, "PaR Marine's companies have a remarkable track record of developing innovative products and systems, but this new A60 paneling system truly stands out. I am very proud of our team for developing a system that provides superior safety and product performance while making installation faster and less expensive for our customers."

MST recently demonstrated the superior characteristics of COMFIRE® by successfully completing a four hour fire test at temperatures exceeding 1000°C with a door measuring only 138 mm thick. MST also offers many additional COMFIRE® products and systems that include: B15, B30, and A60 door systems (including Water and/or Gas Tight), Blast A60 doors, gas turbine and engine acoustic/fireproof enclosures, data center enclosures, and furniture. Specialized applications using this same technology provides benefits into many high temperature applications for Hydrocarbon and N levels of fire protection as well.

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