

SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY DSC HOSTS DREDGE TOURS FOR VISITING GUESTS

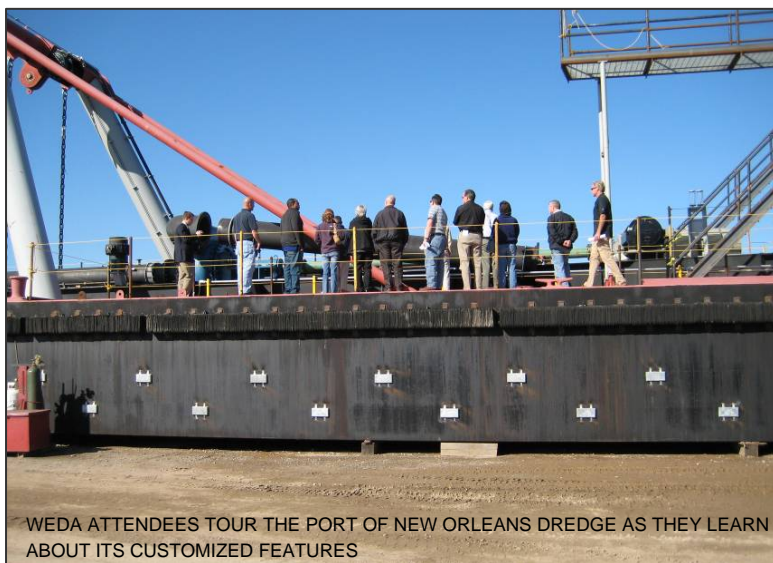
RESERVE, LA – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE On Thursday, December 3, a delegation of 11 officials representing **Colombia Ports and Waterways** visited Dredging Supply Company's (DSC) manufacturing facility for a site tour. The Colombian visitors, who were sponsored by the U.S. Trade and Development Agency, travelled to the U.S. to learn more about U.S. capabilities in areas such as navigation and logistics technologies, cargo screening and handling technologies, tugboats and barges, and vessel traffic equipment.

Because of Colombia's geographic characteristics, the country relies heavily on international maritime trade. Currently their highest priority is the development of their coasts and inland ports to make transportation more efficient. In 2008, DSC delivered a 22" x 20" Shark Class dredge to the Port of Cartagena for use during port expansion and maintenance. Cartagena is strategically located on



20" SHARK CLASS DREDGE AT THE PORT OF CARTAGENA IN COLOMBIA

the Caribbean coast of northern Colombia, only 320 miles from the Panama Canal, and is a growing epicenter for international trade. Upon departure, the Colombian group will have spent two weeks in the U.S. meeting and visiting with various port entities, equipment suppliers, and service providers.



WEDA ATTENDEES TOUR THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS DREDGE AS THEY LEARN ABOUT ITS CUSTOMIZED FEATURES

Earlier this month, guests attending the **Western Dredging Association's (WEDA)** annual Gulf Coast meeting also made a stop at DSC to tour the facility. The visit, which was sponsored by WEDA's Gulf Coast Chapter, the USACE New Orleans District, and DSC, was a prelude to WEDA's Chapter meeting held in New Orleans. The annual meeting provides a forum for exchange of information between regulatory and resource agencies, contractors, manufacturers, and various other dredging industry associates.

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Both Colombian and WEDA visitors were able to exhibit the newly constructed Design Building, allowing DSC to showcase their engineering and automation capabilities. The groups were also able to tour a custom DSC Marlin, which is currently under construction and is being built for the Port of New Orleans. Since DSC dredges are initially erected on land, visitors were able to see the dredge in its entirety without the safety hazards of touring a dredge in water. Many visitors have never been on an actual dredge before and this was quite the learning experience for them.

The Port of New Orleans purchased the 24" cutter suction dredge to maintain the Port's facilities along the Mississippi River. Featuring a 100' ladder, the dredge is capable of excavating up to 60 feet below the water's surface. This unit was customized to include four offices, a galley, and storage and workshop areas so that the dredge crew could carry out their daily operations onboard. With an assembled length of 182 feet and overall height of 57 feet, this dredge weighs in at an astonishing 500 tons! The dredge is expected to be completed mid-2010 and because of its close proximity to DSC headquarters, it will be a main attraction for future customers.

Overall the tours were an excellent opportunity for those interested in the industry to see and explore the **most modern** port dredge first hand. To date, no other manufacturer has ever designed and constructed a more advanced dredge. DSC enjoys hosting such events and sharing their enthusiasm in dredge manufacturing and their passion for design with others. As the company continues to grow, they look forward to the opportunity to host many more events and share their knowledge with fellow associates.

ENGINEERING RENDERING OF THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS 24" CUTTER SUCTION DREDGE



The US Trade and Development Agency's (USTDA) mission is to promote economic growth in developing and middle income countries, while simultaneously helping American businesses to export their products and services, thereby creating U.S. jobs. In addition, USTDA supports U.S. policy objectives related to development and capacity building activities.

WEDA's main initiative is to emphasize the importance of dredging to create a stronger economy and cleaner environment. The association promotes the exchange of knowledge between fields related to dredging, navigation, marine engineering, and construction by sponsoring national and international conferences and seminars.

Dredging Supply Company, Inc., the world's leading designer and manufacturer of cutter suction dredges and underwater pump mining dredges, is located in Reserve, Louisiana. For more information about the company and their products and services, please visit them at www.dscdredge.com.

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