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**DREDGING SUPPLY COMPANY CONTINUES GLOBAL EXPANSION
DSC DELIVERS BARRACUDA TO EL SALVADORIAN NAVY**

RESERVE, LA (September 27, 2006) – Dredging Supply Company, Inc. (DSC) of Reserve, Louisiana, the world's leading designer and manufacturer of cutter suction dredges, is proud to announce the successful delivery of a 12" x 10" Diesel-Powered *Barracuda* dredge to El Salvador. The dredge was delivered to the Punta Ruca Naval Base in La Union, El Salvador under contract with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The U.S. Government purchased the *Barracuda* as part of a co-operative effort with the El Salvadorian Navy to solve a shallow water problem at the Punta Ruca Naval Station.



Launching the DSC 10" Barracuda dredge

While not all vessels were affected, some moored patrol vessels became grounded during periods of low tide, diminishing the ready status of the naval station. The Barracuda will be used to dredge waters in and around the naval station to depths of 6.4 meters during low tide and allow the naval station to operate at 100% ready status 24-hours a day, greatly enhancing their patrol capabilities.



10" Barracuda on location at Punta Ruca Naval Base in La Union, El Salvador

In January 2006, DSC entered into a contract with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to build and supply the dredge, pipeline, floats, hardware, as well as provide field engineering services and personnel training. Dredging Supply Company manufactured the Barracuda dredge with Spanish labels for dredge controls, supplied a complete Spanish manual with drawings, and provided a Spanish translator for on-site training in

El Salvador. The equipment was built and delivered within the contract's specified 6-month period. David Driver of Bull Dredging, Inc. was contracted by DSC to provide the field engineering services in El Salvador. David

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supervised the dredge assembly and launching and educated the local personnel by teaching them how to fuse the HDPE pipeline section and training them in project planning and mapping. Charles Johnson, the project manager for Dredging Supply Company, Inc., also traveled to the Punta Ruca Naval Station in La Union, El Salvador where he conducted a 1-day class on Basic Dredge Operating. The class included valuable information on the Centrifugal pump, excavating system, water & slurry characteristics, dredge pump and pipeline wear, dredge operation, dredging techniques, booster pumping, and dredge and pump maintenance. Professor Bayron Melendez, Professor of English at the Punta Ruca Naval Academy, provided the Spanish translation of the training class materials as well as real-time translation of the classroom dialogue.

Since taking delivery of the new *Barracuda* dredge, the El Salvadorian Navy has been "pleased with its performance", said Ensign Daniel Rivas, Dredge Operations Manager at the Punta Ruca Naval Station. "This is a very important project for the El Salvadorian Navy and our country and I am proud to be a part of it." Captain Sergio Sandoval, Commandar of the Punta Ruca Naval Station, said the DSC *Barracuda* dredge represents the first hydraulic dredge in El Salvador.

DSC's *Barracuda* Class dredge features a swinging ladder design and comes in standard discharge sizes ranging from 10-inch through 16-inch. The *Barracuda* has been most commonly used in waterway maintenance and lake revitalization projects, but offers its user endless possibilities through its highly portable, robust design.



Right to left, David Driver – Bull Dredging, Inc., Captain Sergio Sandoval – Punta Ruca Naval Base Commander – El Salvadorian Navy, Charlie Johnson - Dredging Supply Company, Inc., Ensign Daniel Rivas – Dredge Operations Manager - El Salvadorian Navy, Professor Bayron Melendez – Professor of English - Punta Ruca Naval Academy