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Subj: R/V Marcus G. Langseth – Project Update

The redelivery of the Marcus G. Langseth has been delayed. The original delay had an expected completion of August 10 however the shipyard had approximately 50 claims for change orders that were in dispute. The shipyard work force was substantially reduced pending resolution of these issues, which has in turn resulted in extended project duration.

In order to resolve the impasse LDEO sought the assistance of Fisher Maritime. Fisher Maritime is a highly regarded company that has been used by UNOLS institutions, government entities and private industry to assist in the resolution of shipyard contracts when there is an impasse. Fisher Maritime was asked to evaluate the claims by the shipyard and assist in developing a plan for resolution of the outstanding issues.

In early September LDEO and Fisher Maritime conducted an in depth review of all claims, which included an on site inspection of the ship in the shipyard. LDEO and a representative from Fisher Maritime met with the shipyard representatives on September 25th. At that time we requested specific additional information for most of the work items so that we could fully assess their claims. On October 3rd, LDEO and a representative from Fisher Maritime again met with shipyard representatives and using information the shipyard had provided and information LDEO had prepared we reached a consensus on a draft plan for the completion of the Marcus G. Langseth conversion. This plan will be presented to the NSF on Tuesday, October 10.

We are planning for the continued involvement of Fisher Maritime through vessel redelivery.

On redelivery of the vessel the R/V Marcus G. Langseth will be repositioned to Galveston, TX where much of the seismic equipment has been in storage. The ship will be rigged out, system integration will be accomplished and final items planned for the conversion will be completed before the R/V Marcus G. Langseth undertakes a planned Test and Calibration Cruises.

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