



Under New Ownership, Freeman Marine becomes part of Advanced Marine Technologies

January 4, 2012 - **Freeman Marine Equipment Inc.**, a globally recognized brand and major US supplier to the worldwide marine industry, is now part of **Advanced Marine Technologies (AMT)**. The company was purchased by AdvanTec Global Innovations of British Columbia, Canada. AdvanTec owns the four companies that make up the AMT Group. The other members of the group are Diamond Sea Glaze, Steelhead Marine and Manly Marine.

Freeman Marine is the latest acquisition AdvanTec has made in its marine manufacturing division. Freeman brings thirty-six years of innovative design, manufacturing experience, project management and customer support to the enlarged AMT family of leading brands for yacht, commercial, ferry, military, patrol & rescue vessel needs. Located in Gold Beach, Oregon, USA, the company has 85 employees, including a specialized team of engineers and designers. With a customer base spanning over 50 countries worldwide the company will continue to operate from its present location with no changes to management planned.

Freeman is a world leader in marine closures. They offer a broad line of both fabricated and cast products. Freeman's cast aluminum deck hatch product line provides more features, sizes and shapes than any other manufacturer in the world. Their custom crafted closures can be found on a wide range of vessels including megayachts, government security boats, fish, tug and supply vessels, passenger ferries and large recreational boats. They also offer an extensive line of precision-machined aluminum portlights and custom windows to meet the needs of marine builders around the world. Freeman Marine is an ISO 9001:2008 registered company following lean manufacturing practises.

"We are very excited and looking forward to the addition of Freeman Marine to the AMT Group", says Dave Bockhold, CEO of the marine group. "Freeman is an excellent fit with our existing product range and will bring new capabilities and expertise to AMT's speciality of designing and manufacturing quality components for the marine industry. There is very little overlap in terms of product redundancy and competition between the companies. This means we are better able to provide our customers with more choices to select exactly what they need."

Bo Shindler, Freeman's General Manager, adds "Freeman is proud to be a respected force in the marine closure products industry and we are looking forward to developing new areas of growth. Together with the other members of the AMT Group we can collaborate to share process efficiencies so that we are able to offer builders an even broader line of premium doors, hatches, windows, cranes and specialty products. Our combined strengths will offer our customers product innovation and customization, cost efficiencies, and worldwide sales, distribution and after-purchase support."

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Sea Glaze**



**FREEMAN
MARINE**



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MARINE**



**STEELHEAD
MARINE**

Freeman Marine, Diamond Sea Glaze, Steelhead Marine and Manly Marine operate from their own locations; however, product sales will be managed at a group level. For more information please visit www.AdvancedMarineTechnologies.com .

AdvanTec Global Innovations

AdvanTec Global Innovations is a privately owned management company responsible for the oversight and direction of groups of manufacturing companies within the marine and industrial sectors. These companies include; Diamond Sea Glaze, Steelhead Marine, Manly Marine, Advanced Bending Technologies, RM Machine, Advanced Flow Systems, Surround Technologies and now Freeman Marine Equipment. Headquartered in British Columbia, with company operations in BC, Alberta and the US, AdvanTec's companies are all well established. AdvanTec continues to search out global business opportunities that will complement the synergies each company offers.

Freeman Marine

Freeman Marine outfits vessels worldwide including megayachts, sailing yachts, expedition vessels, offshore trawlers, and large sport cruisers as well as patrol and commercial boats with the very best options available in watertight marine closures. This includes doors, hatches, windows, portlights and hardware.

Opening in 1975 in Gold Beach, Oregon, Freeman Marine is one of the most recognized and respected international names in marine closures. Their 85,000 square foot fully integrated fabrication facility provides capabilities to design, manufacture, and distribute their products for global delivery. For more information please visit: www.FreemanMarine.com

Diamond Sea Glaze

As an integral member of the AMT Group, Diamond Sea Glaze designs and manufactures custom windows, doors, hatches and a variety of specialized glass products. They serve the unique closure needs of the yacht, commercial marine, security and heavy equipment customers around the world. For over 30 years Diamond Sea Glaze has been offering innovative marine closures to shipyards, builders and vessel owners. For more information please visit: www.DiamondSeaGlaze.com

Steelhead Marine

Steelhead Marine supplies the yacht industry, including both recreational and megayachts, with cranes, davits, passerelles and hardware. Their high performance yacht cranes can be found on vessels in marinas all around the world. For more information please visit www.SteelheadMarine.net

Manly Marine

Since 1946, Manly Marine has supplied commercial duty, type approved, watertight and fire rated doors, windows and hatches. They equip tugs, ferries and tankers, cruise ships and coast guard vessels as well as offshore oil rigs, wind towers, hydro dams and bridges. Manly closures are class approved by all the major rating agencies. For more information please visit www.Manly.com

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