Pascagoula, Miss., Dec. 10, 2019 – A month after its barge launched, the Q-Ocean Services tug launched from the docks at VT Halter Marine, Inc. (VT Halter Marine), a company of ST Engineering North America. The tug has 5,100 horsepower, powered by two GE 6L250 MDC EPA Tier 4 main engines, with Wärtsilä Z-drives, and dimensions of 128’ x 42’ x 21’.

VT Halter Marine launched the Q-LNG 4000 barge in October. The pair makes up America’s first offshore Liquefied Natural Gas Articulated Tug and Barge (LNG ATB) bunkering unit. The Q-LNG 4000 barge is designed to carry 4,000 cubic meters of LNG, with dimensions of 324’ x 64’ x 32’.6”.

“Q-LNG Transport is committed to being a leader in developing LNG infrastructure in the United States and abroad,” said Shane J Guidry, Chief Executive Officer of Q-LNG Transport. “Q-LNG is focused and dedicated to deliver extremely safe transit to all the ports this ATB unit will service.”

The LNG ATB Unit is designed to meet the requirements of American Bureau of Shipbuilding and the International Gas Carrier code as an LNG bunkering barge.

Anticipated delivery of the ATB unit is in the first quarter of 2020.

In November 2017, VT Halter Marine was awarded a contract by Q-LNG Transport to build the ATB LNG unit, which was announced as part of a long-term contract with Shell Trading (U.S.) Company, to deliver LNG as a fuel source to various ports in Florida and the Caribbean. It will bunker Carnival Cruise Line’s two new dual-fuel ships and two dual-fuel Siem Car Carrier pure car truck carriers chartered by the Volkswagen Group to transport vehicles from Europe to North America.
“We are proud of this successful launch,” said Ron Baczkowski, President and Chief Executive Officer of VT Halter Marine. “It marks a significant milestone in our role to deliver cleaner and more efficient fuels for the cruise and commercial ship industries. The professional and dedicated employees of VT Halter Marine demonstrated we are capable of engineering and building technically challenging and high value-added marine platforms.”

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VT Halter Marine, the marine operations of ST Engineering North America, is based in Pascagoula, Miss., and is a leader in the design and construction of medium-sized ships in the United States. VT Halter Marine designs, builds and repairs a wide variety of ocean-going vessels such as patrol vessels, oil recovery vessels, oil cargo vessels, ferries, logistic support vessels, auxiliaries, and research and survey vessels. Please visit www.vthaltermarine.com.

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