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**MARCO GLOBAL ANNOUNCES SALE OF BUSINESS TO SMITH BERGER MARINE**

Seattle, Washington, April 19, 2017 –MARCO Global announced today a definitive agreement to sell its assets and inventory to Seattle based Smith Berger Marine, Inc. Smith Berger Marine will offer sales, service, and spare parts support for all MARCO products. Smith Berger Marine is committed to provide the fishing industry with the same MARCO quality products and service.

The MARCO Global phone number (206-285-3200), website ([www.marcoglobal.com](http://www.marcoglobal.com)), and email addresses will remain available to minimize any inconvenience.

**About MARCO Global:**

Founded in 1953, MARCO introduced fishing equipment, such as the Puretic Power Block and other deck machinery, that revolutionized the purse seine industry world-wide. The Seattle shipyard was closed in 2005. Since 2005, MARCO Global has been manufacturing high quality commercial fishing machinery specializing in Power Blocks and deck winches for the purse seine fisheries, longline fishing systems, pot hauling machinery for both the crab and cod fisheries, hydraulic pump drives and hydraulic or air actuated clutches, and its signature Eggstractor machine for the salmon processing industry.

Hans Schmidt, son of Peter Schmidt, will continue to run the South American group of MARCO companies.

**About Smith Berger Marine:**

Smith Berger Marine, headed by President Bonnie Warrick, is an employee owned manufacturing company whose roots in the Alaska commercial fishing industry date back to 1902 when Edmund Smith tackled one of the tough problems facing the West Coast fishing industry: how to process the huge salmon catches. His invention, the Iron Butcher, could do in one hour the same amount of work performed by 55 men. The latest version of this same machine is still in use in salmon canneries in both the U.S.A. and Canada.

Smith Berger Marine is located just south of downtown Seattle along the Duwamish waterway. In addition to making fish processing machinery for Alaska salmon processors, they also build mooring and towing equipment for the commercial maritime and offshore energy industries. The acquisition of the MARCO products, including its Eggstractor business, is a logical addition and integration into the Smith Berger product line.

Smith Berger is committed to diligently maintaining the quality and customer service associated with the full range of MARCO products.

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