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Algoma Announces New Domestic Shipbuilding Program

“Today we have taken a very important step towards achieving our fleet renewal goals. We expect these four vessels to be only the beginning of the renewal of our domestic dry-bulk fleet.

Once delivered, they will be the most *efficient* and the most *environmentally* advanced vessels operating on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Waterway.

In addition, we are excited for our *employees* who can now have the confidence that Algoma Central Corporation will continue its long and proud ship owning tradition well into the future.”

Algoma Central Corporation announced today that it has entered into a contract with Nantong Mingde Heavy Industries, a shipyard located in the Yangtze Delta area of China, for the construction of four new maximum St. Lawrence Seaway-sized dry bulk lake freighters. The contract also provides for the purchase of two additional vessels at the Corporation’s option.

This construction project, in which the Corporation expects to invest \$205 million, provides for the construction of one gearless bulk freighter and three self-unloading bulk freighters. The first ship is expected to enter service in 2013 with the remaining ships to follow through mid-2014.

Upon their arrival, the vessels will be chartered to Seaway Marine Transport, which will deploy them in their dry bulk trade on the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence Waterway. These new vessels will replace existing ones that are approaching the end of their economic lives.