

PyroGenesis Announces that the US Navy is Moving Forward with a Two-Ship Buy; 12.5 Million Dollar Contract Imminent

MONTREAL, QUEBEC (GlobeNewswire – January 10th, 2019) - PyroGenesis Canada Inc. (http://pyrogenesis.com) (TSX-V: PYR) (OTCQB: PYRNF) (Frankfurt: 8PY: FRA) a TSX Venture 50® high-tech company, (the "Company", the "Corporation" or "PyroGenesis") a Company that designs, develops, manufactures and commercializes plasma atomized metal powder, plasma waste-to-energy systems and plasma torch products, is pleased to announce today that, further to an earlier press release dated October 10th, 2018 on the topic (*PyroGenesis Announces US Congress Support For the Purchase of Two Aircraft Carriers*), the U.S. Navy has reached an agreement with the shipbuilder, Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII), to move forward with the purchase of two Ford-class aircraft carriers. This transaction will cover CVN 80 (the Enterprise) and CVN 81 (yet-to-be-named), which are the third and fourth carriers of the Gerald R. Ford-class.

"This is great news for PyroGenesis as we are the proud supplier of plasma-based waste destruction systems to the U.S. Navy. We are in the design of the aircraft carrier, and have delivered two systems to date," said Mr. P. Peter Pascali, President and CEO of PyroGenesis. "The original schedule envisioned ordering one aircraft carrier in 2018. Amending this schedule for a two-ship buy required various approvals causing some minor delays which, as we see from today's press release, have all been overcome."

According to the *Daily Press*, "The Navy has reached an agreement with HII for a block purchase of two aircraft carriers. James F. Geurts, the Navy's chief weapons buyer, told Congress in November that he expected a decision on a two-carrier purchase by year's end (2018). The deadline was made with a few hours to spare, with first word of the deal coming Monday afternoon, New Year's Eve. That day, the Defense Department notified select members of Congress, in a letter, that it had reached an agreement. Capt. Danny Hernandez, a spokesman for Geurts [the Navy's chief weapons buyer], confirmed the agreement and said more details would be forthcoming after the contract award.¹

HII spokesperson Beci Brenton said in a statement that a two-ship buy is "a significant step toward building these ships more affordably...it is important to note that the multi-ship purchase of aircraft carriers helps stabilize the Newport News Shipbuilding workforce, enables the purchase of material in quantity, and permits a fragile supplier base of more than 2,000 in 46 states to phase work more efficiently."

"The U.S. Navy, and the shipbuilder, have effectively come to an agreement to build two aircraft carriers at the same time, instead of one," said Mr. P. Peter Pascali, President and CEO of PyroGenesis. "The order is for approximately \$12.5MM and will represent the largest commercial contract to date. The Company has been put on notice that an order is imminent. One system typically takes between 12-15 months to build so we would expect a two-order contract to take a few more months."

¹According to Daily Press' article "Huntington Ingalls, Navy reach deal on two-carrier purchase" January 3rd, 2019 <u>https://www.dailypress.com/news/military/dp-nws-two-carrier-purchase-20190102-story.html</u>

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