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Clarkston, WA: Renaissance Marine Group, Inc. Acquires Assets of Hells Canyon Marine, LLC.

Byron Bolton, CEO of Renaissance Marine Group, and Ryan Rogers, owner of Hells Canyon Marine, LLC announced that Renaissance Marine Group (RMG) has purchased certain manufacturing assets, inventory and rights to build and market the Hells Canyon Marine (HCM) brand of welded aluminum sport and fishing boats.

Renaissance Marine Group, Inc., founded in 2000, is the parent company and manufacturer of Duckworth, Weldcraft, and Northwest Boat brands of heavy gauge welded aluminum boats from 17' to 30' that are sold through a network of over 50 independent marine dealers primarily in the Western U.S. and Canada. RMG will continue production in its Clarkston, Washington factory, and expand into the current HCM Snake River Facility located nearby in the Port of Wilma.

Founded in 2005, HCM is recognized as a leader in manufacturing the toughest, highest quality, heavy gauge aluminum river jet boats designed for some of the most extreme whitewater use. Ryan Rogers stated that, "Renaissance Marine Group shares the same values we do. The reputation we have for customer service, craftsmanship, and an environment customers and associates want to be a part of will continue." For Rogers, this transaction will allow him to focus his efforts on the expansion of his automotive business.

"We are offering jobs to all current HCM employees and look forward to adding the HCM staff to our RMG team. We are always looking for ways to better serve our customers and this asset purchase helps us do that," said Bolton. "The hiring of the talented HCM boat builders and an additional manufacturing facility will allow us to better meet growing demand." With regards to future plans, Bolton said that, "During the next year we will review the HCM product for inclusion into our existing brand portfolio, expand large boat production at the Snake River facility and increase the capacity of other boat models at the existing RMG site. We anticipate adding to our Clarkston workforce, growing our U.S. based production and improving our overall costs. Our vision is to become the preferred heavy gauge aluminum boat manufacturer. This is another step forward for RMG and our team of employees, dealers and boat owners."

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