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## Cianbro ships first modules to Texas refinery project

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BREWER, Maine —Cianbro today ships the first four massive oil refinery modules by barge to the Motiva Refinery Expansion Project in Port Arthur, Texas.

Scores of Maine people from youngsters to mill workers to senior citizens lined the banks of the Penobscot River today to view the departure. They took photos, waved, stood beside homemade "bon voyage" signs, and set off fire hoses in salute. Some school children even sang the National Anthem as the tug and barge with its giant cargo traveled downriver, passed under the new Penobscot Narrows Bridge, and made its way out into the Gulf of Maine.

The huge, geometrically complex modular units are the first four of 53 units that Cianbro's Eastern Manufacturing Facility, located in Brewer, Maine, is contracted to complete for the Motiva Enterprises LLC Port Arthur Refinery Expansion Project. Motiva is a joint-venture owned by affiliates of Shell and Saudi Aramco.

The modules weigh up to 700 tons each and average 40-feet by 50-feet by 120-feet in size. Crews at Cianbro's Brewer, Maine site used a heavy duty, 224-wheeled platform to move the modules onto a specialized, 354-foot by 94-foot, ocean going barge, the Columbia Boston.

The Emma Foss, a 100-foot, sea-going tug operated by Foss Maritime, will haul the loaded barge approximately 2,500 miles, from Cianbro's bulkhead on the Penobscot River to the Gulf of Mexico. The trip from Maine to Texas is estimated to take 15 to 20 days depending on weather.

Cianbro is the first of four modular yards in the United States and Mexico to deliver modules to the Motiva Port Arthur Refinery Expansion Project.

Motiva's entire project will create a 325,000 barrel-per-day (b/d) capacity expansion at the Port Arthur refinery, increasing its crude oil throughput capacity to 600,000 b/d. The expansion will make the refinery the largest in the U.S., and among the top 10 in the world. The project is equivalent to building a major new refinery and is expected to go online in the first quarter of 2012. The last new refinery in the United States was built more than 30 years ago.

A Maine vision—Exporting knowledge and skill

Cianbro recently revitalized a former paper mill site to create its new state-of-the-art Eastern Manufacturing Facility to fabricate and assemble modular industrial structures. This modular facility is the vision of Peter Vigue, President, Chief Executive Officer, and Chairman of The Cianbro Companies, and enables companies around the world to employ Maine's skilled workforce in the construction of new industrial plants. It also allows Maine workers to live at home while exporting their knowledge and skill.

Cianbro's module assembly contract for the Motiva Port Arthur Refinery Expansion Project is its first major job for the Eastern Manufacturing Facility. The task creates approximately 500 local, quality jobs and contributes significantly to Maine's economy.

These new jobs require the talents of highly skilled welders, pipe fitters, and millwrights, among other top craftspeople and engineers. To secure the large, specialized workforce needed to build the modules, Cianbro invested more than five million dollars in a unique, on-the-job training and mentoring program. Cianbro officials believe the investment has paid off handsomely.

"The experts claimed it could not be done within the short time-frame that we had," said Cianbro's Peter Vigue. "But it turns out more than 250 Mainers took us up on our offer of paid training and a good job once they learned the skills. And now they've proven what their minds and hands can build, as they work alongside our veteran team members here at the facility."

Bob Pease, Motiva President and Chief Executive Officer, added: "The investment in the Port Arthur refinery is part of Motiva's strategic positioning for the long haul and will help meet energy demands that are expected to increase in the coming decades. Cianbro and its workforce can take great pride in knowing they are contributing to America's long term energy security."

On Wednesday, March 25, 2009, Maine Governor John E. Baldacci joined federal, state, regional, and local officials, along with Motiva representatives and Cianbro's Peter Vigue to celebrate the send-off of these first modules for their voyage to Texas.

To mark the historic occasion and commemorate the creation of hundreds of quality jobs at a time when many American manufacturing firms are downsizing, Cianbro welders and fabricators performed the final welds to secure the modules on their ocean going journey to market.

#### About Cianbro

Cianbro is an employee-owned company and a leading health and safety innovator providing construction and service solutions to clients throughout North America. With the ability to self-perform all aspects of heavy industrial and civil construction projects, Cianbro also provides steel fabrication, modularized construction, and construction management services. Headquartered in Pittsfield, Maine, Cianbro's 2,500 team members operate from regional offices in Pittsfield and Portland, Maine, Bloomfield, Connecticut, and Baltimore, Maryland. Cianbro's gross annual sales exceed \$450 million.

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#### Pronunciation Guide

Cianbro - (CHIN-bro)

Motiva - (Mo-TEE-vuh)

Vigue - (VIG-you)

