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NRG Dunkirk Power LLC Helps Fund Effort to Move Historic Ship to Dunkirk

DUNKIRK, NY, JULY 5, 2006—Efforts to bring an historic amphibious assault ship to Dunkirk moved another step forward today as NRG Dunkirk Power LLC announced the Company would help fund the feasibility study representing the next phase of this significant relocation effort.

Launched as the LST 963 (Landing Ship Tank) in 1944, the ship—USS Sphinx—served in four major armed conflicts including World War II, Korea, Viet Nam and the US Navy's war on drugs. From 1965 to 1987 it served as a spy ship for Navy intelligence operations targeted at illegal drug smuggling activity along the coasts of the Caribbean Sea, Nicaragua, Panama and South America. It was decommissioned in 1992 and is currently based in Norfolk, VA..

According to NRG Dunkirk Power Plant Manager Thomas Kilburn, Dunkirk Power's Community Action Team voted unanimously to donate \$18,500 to the Dunkirk Historical Lighthouse and Veterans Park Museum to complete a project feasibility study and hire a capital campaign management firm to assist with funding this effort.

In 2002, Dunkirk Historical Lighthouse and Veterans Park Museum took ownership of the 328-foot USS Sphinx from the US Navy with the hope of bringing the ship to Dunkirk to serve as a floating Armed Forces museum. The cost to transport the ship from Norfolk, VA to Dunkirk is estimated at \$500,000. The total project cost is estimated to be between \$3.5 to \$4 million.

“In evaluating this project, it was evident to members of our Community Action Team that various engineering, permanent mooring and fundraising issues need to be addressed in order to successfully relocate this ship to Dunkirk,” Kilburn said. “We are pleased to be able to help advance these critical steps.”

“Relocating this ship is truly a team effort and we are pleased to have NRG Dunkirk Power on board to help make this a reality,” said Harold Lawson, President of the Dunkirk Historical Lighthouse and Veterans Park Museum.

Once the USS Sphinx is relocated to Dunkirk it is expected to host public tours and military reunions. It also would be used as a training facility for the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves, Seabee cadets, and Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops.

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