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T&T BISSO REFLOATS SUNKEN TUG

HOUSTON (March 18, 2010) – T&T BISSO, an industry leader in vessel emergency response, salvage and marine firefighting services, refloated a tugboat that sank in the Houston Ship Channel.

T&T BISSO used the C/B CURTIS T to prepare the sunken tug for lifting after its dive team recovered the body of a missing crewmember onboard the vessel. The vessel then was lifted to the surface by a derrick barge and dewatered. The 56-foot tug sank with five people aboard near the Sims Bayou turning basin. The other four crewmembers were rescued by nearby refinery workers.

Before the tug was refloated, the T&T BISSO dive team plugged all fuel vents and fill pipes to reduce the threat of pollution and performed a survey on the hull. Once the vessel was successfully lifted to the surface and moved, a portion of the Ship Channel that had been closed was reopened to vessel traffic.

Formed in 2005, T&T BISSO is a stand-alone response contractor servicing the maritime, shipping and offshore energy industries. T&T BISSO combines the resources and experience of T&T Marine Salvage, which was founded in 1957, and Bisso Marine Company, founded in 1890. T&T BISSO's worldwide response network includes firefighting systems, inert gas generators, nitrogen generators, ship-to-ship pumping and lightering systems, pulling systems and diving systems. For more information, please visit www.tbisso.com.

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