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MORE THAN 2,000 TONS OF EQUIPMENT TO ARRIVE AT CLEVELAND PORT FOR PRODUCTION OF F-35 STRIKE FIGHTER

Increased transport of project cargo through Cleveland's waterfront is good news for local jobs

Cleveland – November 1, 2010 – Eleven massive pieces of project cargo, each weighing as much as a railroad locomotive, will be unloaded today at the Port of Cleveland and delivered to Alcoa's Cleveland Works facility in Cuyahoga Heights. The shipment – weighing a total of 2,100 metric tons – includes structural components needed to refurbish Alcoa's 50,000-ton forging press used to produce major parts for commercial and military aircraft, including the F-35 Strike Fighter.

"The local economy has a manufacturing base that relies on the ability to move 'project cargo' – heavy, bulky pieces such as this shipment needed for Alcoa's press," said Will Friedman, CEO of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority. "This capability is also important for new, emerging industries like wind energy that need cost-competitive solutions to transport wind turbines. Heavy lifts have provided a steady stream of work and revenue for both the Port and local companies, and it is something we can continue to capitalize on. We're very proud to have a role in making this Alcoa Cleveland Works project a success."

This year, the Port is scheduled to transfer approximately 3,400 metric tons between local companies and domestic and international partners. Friedman recognized the expertise of the Port's waterfront workforce, the International Longshoremen's Association, and terminal operator, Federal Marine Terminals, to handle such heavy loads.

The press components being transferred this week will be unloaded by the vessel, TRACER, traveling from Germany via the Netherlands. The pieces will be unloaded directly from the specially-equipped ship onto a barge and transported upriver. Shipments this size requiring such ship to barge transfers are rare.

A local company coordinated the freight delivery and will supervise the shipment to Alcoa's facility. UTC Overseas, Inc., with offices in Middleburg Heights, was hired by the German-based shipper, Siempelkamp, to coordinate the shipment from Germany to the Alcoa facility located on Harvard Avenue in Cuyahoga Heights.

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**** Bryan Fathauer, Branch Manager of UTC, will be available to discuss shipment details between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. today. Photographers are welcome. Access is via the Port's main gate located west of Cleveland Browns Stadium. Security will direct visitors to Dock 22. ****

“UTC Overseas specializes in project moves for a myriad of industries – power, steel, forging and wind,” Fathauer said. “We’re grateful to be working with Alcoa on such a significant piece of infrastructure. We examined many possibilities for discharge but agreed Cleveland was a good fit and we’re happy that the Port has worked with us closely on this project. The discharge operation is very unique for the Port and significant planning has gone into its successful completion.”

Friedman added: “We believe project cargo is a growing niche for Cleveland. We are focused on reaching out to the shipping community to make sure they know we are open for business and can deliver on their diverse cargo needs.”