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## **SynDeck™ Ultra Lightweight Underlayment Used on the USS New York (LPD-21)**

**PLACENTIA, CA (June 2009)** – The military ship building/repair industry is highly focused on the efficiencies that come from ultra lightweight materials. However, most deck underlayments do not meet the lightweight requirements of the marine industry. California-based Epmar Corporation, with more than 20 years of experience providing the marine industry with primary deck coatings and underlayments, designed the SynDeck™ product line to meet the specific needs of surface materials, application and underlayment performance requirements for military and commercial marine vessels. SynDeck™ Ultra Lightweight Underlayment gives the highest possible performance with the lightest possible weight, and provides excellent corrosion resistance (MilSpec 3135).

Northrop-Grumman Ship Systems, Avondale Operations, located in the greater New Orleans area, is currently building new LPD-class amphibious transport ships using Epmar's SynDeck™ Ultra Lightweight Underlayment in all inhabited interior deck spaces. This new class of ship includes the LPD-21 USS New York, which was named to honor those that died in the September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center. In fact, the bow stem of this particular ship was forged from reclaimed steel from World Trade Center buildings.

When completed, the USS New York is slated to return to New York City to be commissioned into the US Navy, and will be operating out of the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Gary Hayes, sales manager for the SynDeck™ line said, "Epmar Corporation is extremely proud to have SynDeck™ Ultra Lightweight Underlayment, SS1290, used for the deck underlayment on this class of ship, and on the USS New York in particular."

SynDeck™ is a complete line of deck underlayment products and systems used in the construction, overhaul and repair of decking and other surfaces in the marine environment. Products are certified for Navy use, including ultra lightweight underlayments that meet Navy military specifications for weight and performance. SynDeck™ products have lowered maintenance and repair costs and have proven to be durable against corrosion and wear in the most extreme conditions.

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