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RSL Fiber Systems, LLC Lights to be used on LPD 17 Flight II

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Navy acquisition chief James Geurts announced that Navy's dock landing ship replacement program was officially named the San Antonio-class LPD Flight II. These ships built by Huntington Ingalls Industries in Pascagoula, MS will replace the Whidbey Island-class LSD with LPD 30 as the first LPD Flight II class ship and share much of the design of the LPD 17 San Antonio Flight I class, consisting of 13 ships. Ultimately, this will create a class of 26 San Antonio hulls – 13 Flight I and 13 Flight II.

The San Antonio class was designed to provide the Navy and U.S. Marine Corps with modern, sea-based platforms that are networked, survivable, and built to operate with 21st century transformational platforms, such as the MV-22 Osprey, air-cushioned landing craft (LCACs), and future means by which marines are delivered ashore, displacing more than 25,000 tons at full load including troops and equipment. The first 11 ships of Flight I are recognizable by composite forward and aft masts that resemble octagonal pyramids and encase communications and monitoring equipment. A number of changes were implemented starting with LPD 28 and will be transitioned into Flight II including traditional stick masts. The entire 26 ships class however will retain a high degree of commonality of parts and systems that will facilitate training and supply logistics.

RSL Fiber Systems is the exclusive supplier of navigation and signaling lights for the LPD 17 Flight I class and will continue to supply the lights on Flight II. The RSL remote source lighting fiber optic lights were selected due to the low maintenance and high durability. The topside components are constructed with all non-metallic parts, eliminating corrosion which is a tremendous problem for all warships. "We are very proud to continue supporting this great class of ships" said Ms. Billie Jo Mitchell, Vice President of Manufacturing. "I have been on many Flight I ships to inspect our systems and was very impressed to see how well they have been performing. We are glad that we have been selected to continue supplying the next generation LPD class ships".

For more information on LPD 17, San Antonio Class Flight II:

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