Legal Notice

NOTICE OF THE UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S SALE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION
CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:22-cv-3540

The dredging unit consisting of the dredge CAPT FRANK BECHTOLT, Official No. 656965; the booster barge CIT-103; and the idler spud barge, currently located at the Harbor of Refuge in Port Lavaca, Texas, will be sold "WHERE IS – AS IS" by the United States Marshals Service to the highest bidder, free of all claims and liens, at public auction on **December 8, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., at the U.S. Post Office and Courthouse, First Floor Lobby, 601 Rosenberg Street, Galveston, Texas 77550**. The sale will be conducted subject to the Southern District of Texas local admiralty rules. Objections to the sale must be filed with the U.S. Marshals Service within seven (7) days of the sale date. Anyone interested in viewing the vessels must make arrangements with the U.S. Marshals Service and substitute custodian Manuel A. Martinez, Jr. beforehand. The winning bidder must deposit at least 10% of the winning bid with the U.S. Marshals Service at the time of the auction, in the form of a law firm check, cashier's check, or certified check drawn upon a first-class commercial bank with an office or branch within the Southern District of Texas, with the remaining balance due within seven (7) days of the auction. The failure to pay the balance will result in the forfeiture of the deposit for the benefit of the parties to this case as their respective interest may appear, and the U.S. Marshals Service may thereupon sell the vessels to the next highest bidder who satisfies the conditions set down by the Court. Questions must be directed to U.S. Deputy Marshal William Groth at 409-684-9423. Inquiries to the custodian may be directed to counsel for Plaintiff John Bludworth Shipyard, L.L.C. at zcain@blankrome.com. A 2021 vessel survey report is available and may be requested from Plaintiff's counsel.

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