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The Celtic Group — 2005 Year In Review

As we approach the 2005 holiday season and the end of the year, we reflect on a course of recent events that have for many, changed the world forever. Flooding, drought, river closure, storm weather and energy costs all played significant roles in affecting hundreds of thousands of people and all areas of the economy during the year. There is no doubt that this year's hurricane season has been one of the most traumatic in terms of lives affected, job and industry loss in Louisiana and other coastal areas.

With our corporate office in Baton Rouge, LA, we are situated between New Orleans and Lake Charles. We are close enough to both areas to have seen and experienced first-hand the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina in Southeast Louisiana and the Mississippi Gulf Coast, as well as that caused by Hurricane Rita in Southwest Louisiana and Texas. While Baton Rouge was not as severely affected, many people in this area have family and friends directly affected by loss due to wind damage and flooding. Many people and churches in this area have opened their doors to house those displaced by the storms. A number of Celtic's business partners and their employees and families have been severely affected as well. The outcome of the recovery process in the aftermath of both hurricanes has yet to be determined. Added to these, Hurricane Wilma raked Mexico and Florida.

It has been said that times and events such as these are a true test of character. There are those who risk life and limb to save others, while on the other end of the spectrum there are those who seek personal gain from tragedy. Fortunately there are many more that have performed selfless acts of heroism and kindness than those who have sought personal gain.

The Celtic Group would like to express our sincere thanks to all those men and women who have put forth in some cases Herculean efforts in rescue and recovery. FEMA, Red Cross, military, government, law enforcement and catastrophic response personnel from around the country and from around the world have worked tirelessly, under unimaginably difficult conditions to help those who could not help themselves. We also express our deepest condolences to those who lost loved ones in these catastrophic events.

With regards to transportation, the ports of Louisiana were greatly affected by the storms. Problems have included inaccessible streets, terminals, wharves and warehouses damaged or flooded, scores of river barges and towboats grounded or sunk, ocean going vessels stranded, restricted drafts, cargo clearance delays, river and canal closures, and the loss of manpower due to evacuation. The ports faced daunting tasks in restarting movement of cargo. Nevertheless, working under extremely difficult conditions, terminal operators, stevedores, fleets and towing companies

are once again handling vessels through the ports of South Louisiana, although still at reduced capacity in many cases.

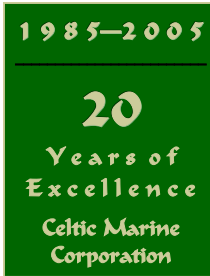
Truck, rail and barge service have been affected by problems with infrastructure, such as blocked roadways, damaged tracks, and restricted navigation. Curfews and lack of housing have affected manpower and hours of operation. Personnel are being housed on ships due to lack of local housing.

In Baton Rouge, as in other areas, communications and traffic have been problematic due to the large influx of people and business from the areas hardest hit. Approximately 3500 New Orleans based businesses relocated here.

While some have begun to return to New Orleans, it is projected that as many as 2500 will stay in Baton Rouge permanently. It is also estimated that out of the approximately 250,000 evacuees relocated to this area, as many as 35-50,000 will remain permanently.

The devastation in south Louisiana has been horrific. But working together, with a strong commitment to Louisiana, we can rebuild what was destroyed. The Celtic Group stands ready to play our part in helping the recovery process.

Our logistics division, Celtic Marine Corporation, is working with FEMA, other government agencies and businesses in providing transportation services for much needed materials and emergency response supplies. We're working with business partners in transportation to redistribute cargo and equipment to meet our customers' needs. Celtic Commercial Services, our commercial moving, warehouse and distribution division, is working with SBA, CDC, businesses and contractors, and local government agencies in moving offices, storing files, materials and equipment, and renovation of buildings.



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Our vessel agency, Celtic International Shipping, is working with owners, charterers, ports, and government personnel to handle vessels in and out of Louisiana and gulf ports. Our financial services group, Celtic Financial Services, Celtic Mortgage, and Celtic Title are working to secure financing, mortgage, and title services to those displaced and seeking to purchase or replace housing.

Finally, although this article has been dedicated to reporting on Louisiana, The Celtic Group wishes to ex-

press our thanks to all of our business partners throughout the U.S. and around the globe. We fully realize that excellent corporate and personal business relationships are vital to the future of the local and global economy and to growth in transportation services. As we go forward, our commitment to "providing the highest quality of service" in the industry, and to all our business partners, is unwavering and remains the cornerstone of the building process.

The Celtic Group wishes a joyous holiday season to all and a bright and prosperous 2006.

Celtic International Shipping Agency

We here at Celtic International Shipping Agency, all feel fortunate to have made it through both hurricanes, Katrina and Rita, relatively unscathed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to our friends, relatives, and associates who were not so fortunate.

The Agency continued operations throughout the storms and maintained a high level of communication to all of our clients. This was greatly assisted by our membership in MRMA which provided information concerning the authorities, pilots and vendors. The Mississippi River Maritime Association also provided extremely important information on the current events which was used to our customers' advantage. We handled one of the first vessels allowed in the river after Katrina and were also agents for one of the first deep draft vessels (39 feet) to enter the river.

The Agency is involved in the disaster relief efforts as agents for the owners of the "Finnjet" - a vessel which was chartered by FEMA through LSU. Its purpose is to house the LSU Medical School students and faculty displaced from New Orleans. Using vessels to provide temporary housing for disaster relief is known world wide to be one of the best solutions for this type of problem because a vessel is self contained. This particular vessel is a RoRo passenger ferry which was in service as an overnight ferry in Europe. It can house 1,200 persons and 300 plus vehicles. The crew and catering staff number about ninety-six with mostly Finnish and Pilipino nationalities.



Above New Orleans the river is very busy with the over flow of business that was originally scheduled to be discharged at berths below New Orleans, which are still out of operation due to damage from Katrina. This is causing delays for many vessels that call in this area.

We have a couple of break-bulk vessels that are due at the New Orleans City Front docks in the near future. A shortage of labor is the main problem in this area with employers competing over this limited resource. The Navy has moored vessels in the area where the laborers can sleep and eat while working there, which has been a tremendous help.

The recovery will be slow but it would be impossible without the return of commerce and the jobs it brings. Grain has started to move and the end of the year brings the rush to meet contract quotas, etc...

We expect a good end of the year and wish the same to all reading this.

Celtic Marine Corporation

Celtic Marine Corporation is currently celebrating our 20th year in business. Celtic Marine started in 1985 with only two employees providing cargo supervision services. The company has grown to over 20 employees at the headquarters in Baton Rouge, LA and has outside sales offices in New York, Chicago, Louisville, Houston, New Orleans, and Monterrey Mexico. Celtic has also

diversified to include barge, truck and rail services through out the United States, Mexico and Canada. We also provide International Vessel Chartering Services.

We look forward to a bright future in the transportation industry and to the next 20 years of service.

Celtic Mortgage Employee Spotlight

Tammy Falgout is the Executive Administrator of Celtic Financial Services. Joining the "Celtic team" in September 2000, she began as a processor for the note broker division. Shortly thereafter, Celtic Mortgage was created. She expedited the initial set up of all approved lenders, credit companies and affiliates to begin Celtic Mortgage's residential and commercial mortgage lending activities.

In October 2001, Celtic Title was established. Tammy assisted in the accumulation of necessary forms and documents for the inception of the title company, as well as ordered abstracts, cleared and prepared title work, HUD Settlement Statements and Cash Sale Deeds. Having vast experience and knowledge in all areas of

these three companies, she is presently responsible for funding and disbursements of all transactions, setting up new accounts in Peachtree, preparing documents for the purchase and sale of mortgage notes and scheduling these closings nationwide. Some of her other duties include accounts payable, accounts receivable, daily banking transactions and balancing of all accounts, monthly reports and human resources duties, such as initial applications and maintenance of employee packets, insurance benefits and licensing.

Since starting in the financial industry in 1981 as a loan processor and originator, Tammy has successfully expanded her horizons, allowing her to obtain the position that she now holds.

Celtic & Stone Liquid Consulting, L.L.C.

Celtic & Stone Liquids is very excited about its first two years. We can proudly say that we have met and exceeded our first year's goals & objectives. Thanks to the support of our customers, and business partners.

In 2005, we are enthused with the opportunity to have moved product on all the major Tributary Routes/Western Rivers, including the Missouri River in it's first two years of operation. Celtic & Stone has established a

good track record in providing our customers quality services at the highest safety standards. With Celtic & Stone Liquids, recent move to Houston, we are anticipating broadening our customer base and making 2006 another prosperous year.

Our office is located at 1322 Space Park Drive, suite A248, Houston, TX. Phone: 281-333-9060 Fax :281-333-9760 (www.csliquids.com).

Celtic Commercial Services

As of March 2005, AARC and ABC Commercial Movers is now know as Celtic Commercial Services. There are three divisions within Celtic Commercial Services:

Celtic Record Management Solutions - is your offsite records management company. We offer convenient, prompt, and confidential services pertaining to records storage, retrieval and destruction. We can store any type of file, including computer, audio and video tapes, x-rays, microfilm and hard copies. We also offer Scan on Demand, which is a web service for your stored files that saves you time and money for retrieving your records. Scan on Demand allows us to scan customers documents and make them available to the customer via our secure website for viewing and printing. This save the cost of pickup and delivery of documents or file boxes. Please contact Celtic Commercial Services for more information.

Celtic Commercial Movers - we offer affordable rates and outstanding personal service. We have invested in specialized equipment for handling computers and glass.

You can either pack your self or let us do the packing for you. We also offer moving supplies for your convenience.

Celtic Warehouse & Distribution - we offer short or long term storage and we have the facilities and equipment to unload or load trucks. Our warehouses are safe and secure.

We have completed renovating the two existing warehouses and as of September 2005 have completed construction on our third climate controlled warehouse.

Our document storage facility is fully air conditioned with dust collectors, allowing climate and humidity controlled storage. We offer 24/7 access of records via the Internet with our online services.

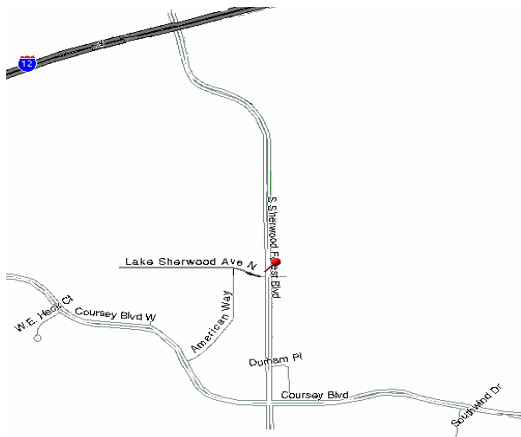
Meet our professional and friendly staff:

Brad Ross-Warehouse Manager-Started Nov 2003
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The Celtic Centre

The Celtic Centre is growing. Our next phase of construction is Building III, which is currently under construction and awaiting new tenants in order for us to complete. The building is 6000 Square Feet, with 1800 square feet currently available in this one story office building next to Starbucks Coffee and facing North Lake Sherwood.

Building I houses The Celtic Group which consists of Celtic Management, Celtic Marine, Celtic International Shipping, Celtic Financial and Celtic Commercial Services.

Building II is shared by Jerrold Black, CPA and Premier Resource Group.

Starbucks Coffee (Building IV) is on the corner of S. Sherwood

Forest Blvd and N. Lake Sherwood.

Along with these buildings, The Celtic Centre will be comprised of several more new buildings to be constructed in the future for long term lease to commercial businesses.



Main Office Building in the Celtic Centre Complex