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**Irving Shipbuilding, Inc. Awards Bardex Corporation contract for the largest shiplift drydock in North and South America**

HALIFAX, NS and SANTA BARBARA, CA., August 14, 2024 - Irving Shipbuilding, Inc. has awarded Bardex Corporation a contract for a 165-meter shiplift drydock with a capacity of over 27,000 metric tons. The OmniLift™: Shiplift by Bardex will include fifty-six 575-metric ton chain jack lift stations.

The system will support Irving's River-class destroyer shipbuilding program, a part of the National Shipbuilding Strategy and the most complex Canadian shipbuilding program since World War II.

"It's a pleasure to welcome Bardex onto the River-class destroyer program. A reliable, long-term shiplift asset is vital to the success of the River-class program and partnering with the world class Bardex Corporation to implement this project is the first step. We now look forward to working closely with Bardex and their chain jack technology moving forward," Said Charles Clow, Director of River-class destroyer infrastructure at Irving Shipbuilding.

"We're honored to have been selected to support this mission-critical piece of marine infrastructure. Our chain jack technology has a decades-long proven track record for boosting fleet readiness. As we rebrand our lift systems with the OmniLift name, we're on a mission to rewrite how the world thinks about shiplifts and drydocks. Our collaboration with Irving and our local agent, NOSO, is the next chapter of delivering a technology unlike anything else on the market." Said Thomas Miller, CEO & President at Bardex.

About Irving Shipbuilding, Inc.: Irving Shipbuilding is Canada's National Shipbuilder, selected in 2011 to build the new fleet of combat vessels for the Royal Canadian Navy. To date, four Arctic and Offshore Patrol Ships (AOPS) have been delivered and a further two are under construction. The company is also building two variants of the AOPS for the Canadian Coast Guard before commencing the larger River-class destroyer Fleet. Their team of 2,400 shipbuilders is proudly based in Halifax, NS, and includes the largest team of apprentices in Atlantic Canada. [www.shipsforcanada.ca](http://www.shipsforcanada.ca)

About Bardex Corporation: Bardex provides novel engineering insights and designs, prototypes, and manufactures proprietary equipment to solve the marine industry's heaviest challenges. For over 60 years – and 300+ projects for shipyards, ports, and the offshore energy industries – the Bardex mindset has always been to be a trusted, collaborative partner whose first step in any project is to understand exactly what the client needs to accomplish. That approach has produced more than 20 patents, many repeat clients, and countless innovations that make the seemingly impossible possible, while improving safety, efficiency, and our clients' profitability for a diverse range of applications. Bardex facilities are ISO 9001, ISO 14001, and ISO 45001 certified. To learn more, visit <https://www.bardex.com>, and follow them on LinkedIn to stay in touch.

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