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## **C. K. COOPER & COMPANY INITIATES COVERAGE OF TIDEWATER, INC.**

Irvine, Calif. – Dec. 16, 2009 – C. K. Cooper & Company, an independent, full-service investment bank, headquartered in Irvine, Calif. announced today that it has initiated coverage of Tidewater, Inc. (NYSE/AMEX: TDW).

“Tidewater, as the world’s largest public marine transportation company serving the oil and gas industry, focuses on safety first, which is very important when you operate approximately 400 vessels with 8000 employees around the world. Tidewater has zero net debt, is building 38 new vessels, pays a \$1.00 dividend, selectively buys back stock, and is presently in the acquisition mode, both on individual or groups of vessels, to increase market share during this downturn,” said Lewis Kreps, Senior Research Analyst with C. K. Cooper & Company. “With over 54 years in the industry, Tidewater has shown it is the market leader in more ways than one.”

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