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AIRCRAFT LATCHES PROCURED FOR 'HELIOS'

Aerospace-grade cabinetry latches designed and fabricated by Saint Louis Designs (SLD), Austin, TX, have been specified and ordered by Hotel & Ship Interiors (HSI), which is working on 'Helios' (God of the Sun) as a subcontractor. The 193-ft luxury motoryacht is undergoing refurbishment at the Knight & Carver Yacht Center in San Diego.

According to SLD president and CEO, Carole Tower, HSI was not concerned about the price difference between traditional marine hardware and the aircraft-quality products her company supplies. "In fact, a number of other yacht builders and outfitters have contacted us recently to order products they couldn't find in their own side of the industry. Aircraft products are now easily affordable to high-end yacht builders," she explained.

Santa Clarita, CA-based HSI project manager, Danny Andrews, said the company specializes in Scandinavian designs and maintains its headquarters in Gothenburg, Sweden, where the firm is known as Hotell & Fartygsinredning, or HFI. The 'Helios' project will be completed by the end of January, according to Andrews.

Delivered by the Oceanco Shipyard in 2001, 'Helios' has a multi-million-dollar refit inside and out, and is a popular yacht for luxury yacht vacations at \$395,000 per week.

'Helios' can accommodate up to 12 charter guests in one master suite, four king-sized cabins and a double cabin.

