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**Ryan Smith is New CEO of Fincantieri Marine Systems North America**

WASHINGTON D.C. – This week marked the start of new leadership at Chesapeake-based Fincantieri Marine Systems North America, as longtime Floridian Ryan W. Smith assumed the position as CEO for the company.

“Ryan brings years of experience and strong leadership, after leading major repair and maintenance projects supporting the U.S. Navy,” said Dario Deste, Fincantieri Marine Group President and CEO. “We are pleased to bring him onboard.”

“I am excited to join FMSNA as our CEO and look forward to growing the services provided to our government and commercial customers,” said Ryan Smith, FMSNA CEO.

FMSNA is a U.S. corporation that offers essential products and services to the Department of Defense for use in homeland security and commercial business. They offer nearly every facet of service, including engineering support, service of marine propulsion systems and components, as well as training and maintenance support. FMSNA recently expanded into total ship sustainment starting with Trial Card completion and Post Shakedown Availability (PSA) support in Jacksonville, FL.

Smith brings over 15 years of experience in program management and engineering roles with Northrop Grumman and BAE Systems, as well as project management and lifecycle consulting services for major defense contractors and ship repair organizations focusing primarily on support of U.S. Navy programs. Smith brings over a decade of waterfront management experience at multiple ports to help lead the expansion into total ship sustainment.

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**Fincantieri Marine Group**

Fincantieri operates in the United States through its subsidiary Fincantieri Marine Group (FMG). This company, which serves commercial and government customers in the U.S., including the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard, has three shipyards (Fincantieri Marinette Marine, Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding and Fincantieri ACE Marine) located in the Great Lakes. [www.fincantierimarinegroup.com](http://www.fincantierimarinegroup.com)

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