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## **RICO'S SUPPLIES DESIGN EFFORTS FOR US NAVY DD(X) SHIPS**

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**(July 22, 2004 – Medina, Ohio)** RICO has been awarded a contract to provide engineering services to integrate specialized handling mechanisms into shipboard lift trucks. Included in these efforts is the integration of a special Mobile Tip Up Device (MTUD). The MTUD is a device that will handle specialized pallets containing ordnance and ship's stores during replenishment operations on DDX platforms.

"We are very proud that our engineering team was selected by the lead naval architect for this project. This is a very exciting contract for our company," says company president Dave Mueller. "This revolutionary program confirms that our engineering and design talents are world class."

The DD(X) is the centerpiece of the Navy's 21st century transformation and is the cornerstone program for a family of surface combatants to be designed and built over the next 25 years.

The DD(X) family of ships includes destroyers, cruisers and littoral combat ships, as well as technology to be back-fitted into today's existing fleet of Aegis-equipped cruisers and destroyers.

RICO is proud to be fabricators of the world's finest specialty lift trucks. With more than 125 years of industry experience, RICO has pioneered the design, development and manufacture of specialized lift trucks with capacities ranging from 3,000 to 300,000 lbs. The company's products are sold to a diverse customer base which includes users in the industrial, military and commercial markets.

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