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**Northrop Grumman Promotes Geoff Hummel to Director of the Surface Ship Unit
Production Program**

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. – Sept. 23, 2008 – Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) has promoted Geoff Hummel to director of the surface ship unit production program at Newport News. He reports to Ken Mahler, vice president of Navy Programs for Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding at Newport News.

Hummel is responsible for program and construction management of unit production and assembly work accomplished at Newport News in support of ship production contracts held by Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding on the Gulf Coast.

“Geoff’s new assignment supports a continued emphasis on the integration of the Newport News and Gulf Coast shipbuilding teams,” said Mahler. “His experience working with the Gulf Coast team on the LHA and LPD ships is key to the success of this effort to coordinate and share work efforts across the shipbuilding sector.”

Hummel joined Newport News in 1987 and has held positions of increasing responsibility in engineering, quality and construction management on submarine, commercial and aircraft carrier programs. Most recently, he was on special assignment working with Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding-Gulf Coast to identify ways to capitalize on the sector’s combined capabilities.

Hummel earned a bachelor's and a master’s degree in naval architecture and marine engineering from the University of Michigan’s College of Engineering.

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