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Skanska Readies Hudson River Pier for USS Intrepid's Thursday Return

NEW YORK, NY (September 29, 2008) – A countdown clock at Pier 86 in Hudson River Park is ticking off the days until Thursday, October 2, when the newly restored aircraft carrier USS Intrepid will return in the early afternoon to its rebuilt home on the Hudson River.

Skanska, one of the world's leading construction management companies, has been entirely rebuilding Pier 86 (on the west side of Manhattan, at 12th Avenue and 46th Street) into a state-of-the-art "military-style" pier facility from the riverbed up. Skanska is working under contract to the Hudson River Park Trust through funding secured by the Intrepid Museum.

The decommissioned carrier – operated as the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum – has no onboard water or power supplies. It will be towed from its repair berth at the U.S Navy's Staten Island Homeport in Stapleton.

By mid-October, Skanska will plug the ship into its utility "umbilicals" on the pier, and install gangways for visitors. The museum plans a grand public reopening for the weekend of November 8-9.

Construction features: According to Skanska project manager Stephan Freid, Skanska first removed the original deteriorated pier and then built its replacement on 360 steel-pipe piles sunk to bedrock. The pier structure is a "sandwich" of drainage

mat, high-density traffic-bearing foam fill, gravel, soil, and finished concrete paving. Skanska brought in a special team of divers and underwater engineers to complete the environmentally-sensitive project.

The pier's deck surface design resembles the waving stripes of a flag. The pier itself is 782 ft. long by 150 ft. wide and extends into the Hudson from a 217-ft-long peninsula bulkhead. Notable features include a 65-ft-tall glass elevator tower up to the museum's hangar and flight decks, three other stair towers, shade structures, and all of the utilities that serve the ship. In addition, the pier is an accessway for fire and tractor-trailer trucks. A Concorde aircraft will be positioned on the pier's western end. *[Background on Skanska and the source for more visuals, including time-lapse photographs below pictures.]*



**As of September 24, the countdown clock at Pier 86 marked 8 days until the Intrepid's return.
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Project Superintendent, Mike Maione (left), supervises installation of the final shade structure support. *Photograph by Julienne Schaer*

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