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### **Port Commission Briefed on Construction Updates for the International Terminal Renovation and NOAA MOC-P Homeport Projects**

NEWPORT – The Port Commission was briefed on the progress of the International Terminal Renovation project at its monthly meeting Tuesday, March 22, 2011.

Project manager Frank Berg of DAY CPM Services advised the Commission that Natt McDougall Company (NMC) has completed installing and testing the water treatment system. In compliance with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requirements and other regulatory conditions of the in-water permit, the treatment system will filter out contaminants before the water is discharged back into Yaquina Bay. Berg said that DEQ representatives visited the project site on March 17, 2011 and found the treatment system to their satisfaction.

Of the progress made this month, Berg said NMC set up, started, and is near completion of the vibroflotation work on the grounds north of the Pasley. This work was required in order to consolidate and stabilize the soil to prevent liquefaction during a seismic event. Tests completed prior to the start of the vibroflotation work indicated the soil now meets its desired strength. NMC is continuing to monitor the Pasley for movement.

Referring to the project schedule, Berg said remediation of the Pasley will start this week and similar remediation work of the Hennebique is scheduled to begin in April. Once fully remediated, the Pasley will then be demolished. He also reported that a revised phasing plan in which Phases 1 and 2 will fully complete the project obligations of Bond Measure 12-114, is underway; however additional funds may be required to complete the east pier development.

Berg then provided an update on the project budget. To date, NMC's contract totals \$10,349,099 in Contract Amendments. Contract Amendment #9 will include the Pasley's demolition work and will be presented to the Port Commission at some future date. At this point the remaining Phase I construction budget and contingency total \$2,968,167.

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Mike Day, president of DAY CPM Services, then briefed the Commission on the NOAA Homeport project. Mr. Day noted the dredging and pile driving have been completed which concludes the in-water work; however work continues on the piers above the water line. He also said the next critical milestones are Substantial Completion (May 1, 2011) when NOAA takes over occupancy of the upland structures and three of the main pier berths; and Project Completion (July 1, 2011) when NOAA will be occupy the entire facility.

With all the challenges of winter weather, a tight schedule and the recent tsunami event, the project remains on time and on budget. Of the \$28.8 million project budget, approximately 75% has been spent to date and is in line with earlier projections.

Day also noted the upland work which includes the office, warehouse, guard house, generator building and all the site work should finish on time.

Glenn Schnaidt, project manager with Day CPM told the Commission the Port is making excellent progress completing the state and federal construction-related conditions and requirements of the in-water work permit as well as the contractual requirements of the government's Solicitation for Offer (SFO). (The SFO is one of the contract documents that comprises the lease agreement between the Port and NOAA). Both the in-water permit and the SFO contain construction requirements as well as post-construction monitoring and other deliverables.

Mark Reusser (project superintendent) and Julian Koerner (pier work project manager), both of Andersen / West Coast Contractors, provided a photo presentation and description of the upland and pier work recently completed. Most of the office and warehouse interior finish work has been completed and the pier is expected to be ready in line with the lease requirements.

In anticipation of increased public interest, project information has recently been updated on the Port's web site ([www.portofnewport.com](http://www.portofnewport.com)) which now includes a Frequently Asked Questions page as well as an online comment form.

For more information about the project, contact General Manager Don Mann at the Port of Newport, 541-265-7758, or visit the Port's Web site at [www.portofnewport.com](http://www.portofnewport.com). Comments can be submitted at anytime by emailing [terminalproject@portofnewport.com](mailto:terminalproject@portofnewport.com).

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