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Meanwhile, infrastructure improvements are continuing with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers presently dredging Baptiste Collette Bayou to a depth of -16 MSL. As part of ongoing improvements to the Port, VPC began construction of 355 linear feet of bulkhead along Tiger Pass and 400 linear feet of bulkhead along Site 49 on Slip 2. Each site will be available for lease in January 2012.

Fab-Con has also leased Sites 44-47 and has tripled its dock space and storage area on Slip 2. Additionally, the VPC continues our efforts with the Venice Port Coalition to secure federal funding for routine maintenance dredging of Baptiste Collette Bayou, Tiger Pass and South Pass.

The VPC has also joined forces with the Big River Coalition to lobby for increased funding for dredging projects in the Lower Mississippi River.

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**Fab-Con’s Venice dock, on Slip 1, recently underwent dredging of the slip and new steel pile bulkheads were installed to provide the best and safest dockside facility as possible. Their Morgan City location, which also opened in 2007, provides fabrication services and well as dockside service and repairs. Labor and support personnel are dispatched from both the Morgan City and Boothville locations, and the company can provide full service fabrications from either location on demand.

**Throughout its expansion, Fab-Con continuously upgraded dock equipment and facilities to perform all of their services in a safe and timely manner, as safety and customer satisfaction are their highest priorities.**

**Future growth includes expanding to Sites 44-47 on McDermott Road and Slip 2 with over 600 feet of dock space to draw on the ‘Deep Water’ vessels and work being performed in the Gulf. Fab-Con also is drawing plans for a dry dock facility to repair boats and barges as their business growth demands.**

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