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## **Vigor Marine Completes *Empress of the North* Repairs**

*Dry Docking Accomplished Quickly and with Perfect Safety Record*

Portland, Ore.- (July 6, 2007) The *Empress of the North* left Vigor Marine's shipyard with all repairs successfully and safely completed. The project went smoothly, with no unexpected findings over the course of the job.

"Majestic America Line was very diligent in their approach to the repair plan," stated Rene Doiron, Vice President for Vigor Industrial. "The extent of their on-site management's involvement in the project is a strong demonstration of their dedication to safe vessel operations."

The work package for the dry docking included steel repairs, hull coating, and general inspections. Vigor Marine was able to complete the steel renewals four days ahead of schedule without incident or injury.

"Vigor Industrial has been an excellent partner helping to ensure the safe return of the *Empress of the North* back into service," said David A. Giersdorf, President, Majestic America Line. "Vigor's team of experts went the extra mile to complete this important project on time and when it comes to their quality of work, they clearly hold themselves to the highest standards."

Vigor Marine's management is committed to putting safety first on all projects. This focus allowed the company to complete the *Empress of the North* repairs with a perfect safety record.

"Safety is our first thought and our first priority at Vigor Marine," Doiron continued, "Our workforce understands that the top priority is their well-being. Company-wide, we plan our jobs to minimize employee risk."

The *Empress of the North* will travel to Juneau in preparation for her return to service on July 7. The ship will make 11 roundtrip sailings from July through September.

**Vigor Marine LLC**, a Vigor Industrial company, is a leading provider of marine repair services on the West Coast, offering vessel repair and construction services in Portland, Oregon, and repair services throughout the Puget Sound and San Francisco's Bay areas. With state-of-the-art equipment and experienced personnel, Vigor Marine is capable of handling ships of virtually any size. Please see: [www.vigormarine.com](http://www.vigormarine.com).

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