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Vigor Marine Drydocks Empress of the North in Portland

Portland, OR.- (June 11, 2007) Majestic America Line's Empress of the North arrived over the weekend at Vigor Industrial's shipyard in Portland, Oregon. Repair work for the vessel will be performed by Vigor Marine.

The Empress of the North made headlines a month ago after running aground in Alaska. At that time, Vigor Marine sent mobile crews north to Ketchikan to make the immediate repairs necessary to stabilize the vessel for travel to the shipyard. Roughly twenty craftworkers and supervisory staff traveled to the remote location from Vigor Marine for a seven day repair period. In addition to the temporary steelwork, the team accomplished approximately nine tons of permanent repairs to the fuel tanks.

"We have done work on the Empress of the North in the past, so know the vessel pretty well," stated Rene Doiron, Vice President of Vigor Industrial, "Our skilled labor resources made it easy for us to help out and we look forward to a timely completion of the job here in Portland. Majestic America Line is a great customer to work with and we anticipate that the project will go smoothly."

The vessel arrived Saturday evening at Vigor Industrial's facility in Portland, and was drydocked without incident. Permanent repair work started with day shift Sunday, and is well underway.

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. For more information, visit www.vigormarine.com.

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