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**Companies located at the Port of Greater Baton Rouge** indicate positive projections for 2011 in terms of shipping, planned expansion, additional capital investment and jobs creation.

Port tonnage was up in 2010 due to shipments of pipe brought in by T.G. Mercer for the Haynesville Shale project and due to increased raw sugar shipped out from the port's Bulk Sugar Distribution Facility. Katoen Natie—Louisiana will expand its capabilities by adding a second commodities bagging system. Westway Terminal Co. completed a \$6 million expansion, increasing its terminal capacity by one-third. Centerpoint Terminal Company's planned expansion is expected to double the liquid bulk capacity at the oil terminal when completed. The port

recently purchased an additional 24 acres adjacent to the Inland Rivers Marine Terminal for future expansion. This additional land increases capacity at the IRMT to 84 acres.

Construction is under way on the three-story Maritime Security Operations Center overlooking the Mississippi River. This project is made possible through a cooperative effort among the port's other security partners, legislators, port commissioners, Louisiana's congressional representatives, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Under the direction of the port commission, your port will continue to promote the assets of this public maritime facility and place emphasis in 2011 on strategic planning for future port growth.