

Expansion project in the works for McInnis Cement

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PORT DANIEL: - Over the past few months, McInnis Cement has planned and undertaken work in several of its facilities to add storage and loading capacity. This work has been made necessary by the increased customer demand for its products.

Two new cement silos will be built at the Port-Daniel-Gascons cement plant. Nearly 200 workers will be mobilized on the site during the peak

construction period of the two silos, during fall 2019.

The Bronx terminal in New York has doubled its loading capacity for customers. A second truck loading lane is now fully operational.

A new 40,000 metric tonne warehouse is currently under construction at the Providence Terminal bringing the total storage capacity to 75,000 metric tonnes. A new truck loading lane will also be added and commissioned in time for the 2020 spring construction

season.

With NOVA Marine Carriers, McInnis recently confirmed the charter of the NACC New Yorker, a 24,000 metric tonne capacity self-unloading vessel, that will join the NACC Quebec (14,000 metric tonnes), the Cielo di Gaspésie (35,000 metric tonnes) and the Resolute unloading barge.

In addition to improving cement distribution capacity for McInnis Cement customers, the refinancing paves

the way to new markets. So the firm anticipates the upcoming development of satellite terminals in the northeastern United States, as well as adding more infrastructures to its distribution network and permitting the distribution of cement additives to different markets.

The plant's engineering team began planning a future rail yard to be timed in conjunction with the reopening of the railway to Port-Daniel-Gascons. Direct loading of the cars at the cement plant will

make it possible to prospect new territories, like New Brunswick, and the plant will eliminate 160,000 tonnes of cement annually from the roads, or approximately 8,000 trips.

"These investments will better position McInnis Cement to meet the increased demand from our customers. With our partners and investors' support, we now have all the tools to continue our momentum," concludes Mr. Moreau.