



South Bay Boat Yard, located along the Chula Vista, California waterfront, is reinventing itself. At the end of 2006, the South Bay Boat Yard will become The Marine Group LLC and will reveal itself as one of the largest capacity boatyards in the U.S. When the new equipment is operational later this year, the facility will be able to haul out up to 665 tons (220 feet long and 54 feet wide). This is only the second lift over 500 tons ever to be made in the U.S. and will be the largest operating in the U.S.

Construction on the new \$6 million facility began April 15, and will involve three major construction phases: Phase one will involve demolition of 20,000 square feet of structures and

paving of four acres and will take approximately two months to complete. Phase two, with an estimated start date of June 20, will include the construction of a new office complex and workshops, totaling about 25,000 square feet.

Phase three – start date September – will involve the construction of a 150-foot pier that the machine will operate on. The lift weighs in at 1.3 million pounds, and will be transported to Chula Vista from Wisconsin in pieces aboard 49 16-wheel trucks. Completion is scheduled for mid-December. The boat yard will remain operational during the entire construction process.

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