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**THE PORT OF GULFPORT BULK HANDLING FACILITY
PROJECT TO GO VERTICAL STARTING ON TUESDAY, JULY 7**

What: The new bulk handling facility at the Port of Gulfport will begin going vertical this week with the construction of 15 new silos.

When: The construction on the first 12 silos, which will go from foundation to 152 feet within eight days, will begin on Tuesday, July 7, with the first concrete truck arriving at 7:30 a.m. Construction on the remaining three silos, which will top out at 172 feet, will begin on Monday, July 20, pending any weather concerns.

Where: The bulk handling facility will be located on the far south end of the West Pier.

How: This project is funded by an \$85 million private investment made by the Port of Gulfport and Chemours, formerly DuPont. Brown, Mitchell & Alexander, Inc. is the lead design and engineering firm, Yates Anderson Joint Venture is overseeing the construction and management of the project, and Bayou Concrete/Gulf States Concrete is tasked with delivering the 12,000 cubic yards of concrete. On average, 10 to 15 concrete trucks will be entering the Port every hour and the structures will rise 8 to 10 inches per hour.

Why: Once the silos are complete, this project will streamline the ore handling process and will reach a static capacity of 200,000 tons, which will double the existing storage capacity.

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