

Duluth Cargo Connect lends space & skills to GPM team

Manufacturing moxie moves mine dewatering project forward

When GPM, Inc., needed to construct not one but two mine dewatering pump houses to withstand extreme heat or frigid temperatures, project engineers looked no further than Duluth's industrial sector to assemble a uniquely qualified team of construction experts.

The base super-structure of each dewatering pump house, designed by GPM, was built by a crew at Industrial Weldors & Machinists, after which they were moved indoors to the shop at Duluth Cargo Connect where both portable all-season pump houses were assembled by GPM and DCC technicians.

"Duluth Cargo Connect proved to be a great working partner on this project," said Sam Hodel, GPM project engineer. "The skilled labor, additional floor space and heavy lifting capacity necessary to complete the pump house, especially in a climate-controlled setting during the cold winter months, were all contributing factors that allowed us to complete the project in a timely fashion while ensuring the highest quality."

"We were pleased to partner with

GPM on this construction project," said Pete Kramer at Duluth Cargo Connect. "We've already been crating units and stuffing containers for GPM products heading overseas, so it was a natural fit to team up on building these pump houses. Supporting companies who, in turn, contract with other local companies to meet the needs of mining customers near and far, is what Duluth Cargo Connect is all about. Any time we can provide value-added services for one of our customers, it's a win for the entire region."

The structure—upon which the pump, motor, piping, electrical and house are secured—was designed to be mobile and can be moved as changing water levels dictate. Customers are encouraged to contact the GPM sales office for additional specs and quotes. info@gpmco.com

The company was one of the earliest companies to locate in Airpark, the industrial park owned and developed by the Duluth Seaway Port Authority. The original facility, built in 1972, underwent a huge expansion in 2000 to accommodate the company's growth as a manufacturing and servicing center. (see p. 10)



Duluth Cargo Connect photos

Project cargo moved by water too!



Dennis O'Hara

Duluth Cargo Connect handled domestically produced windblades for export to Europa in November.