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**Textron Increases Plant Size for New Positions**

NEW ORLEANS, La. (September 12, 2011) - Textron Marine and Land Systems of the New Orleans area has just announced that they are planning to expand their manufacturing facility. This will allow the company to expand its production to increase by 33% and allow the 20 new jobs to have more space. Textron has said that they are thinking of extending their branch by 5,000 feet. This space will be used to add more machines to create more production on their marine and land vehicles. This project could range up to $100,000 for the buildings and about another $500,000 for the equipment added in the new space.

“We hope that expanding the plant will allow production to be even more faster than ever and allow us to create more products”, said Scott Donnelly, the current Board of Directors. Donnelly hopes that with the high demand of vehicles from the military that production will be faster and even more efficient with the new machinery being added to help make more vehicles.

“This will allow the company to grow”, said by Ted Ward, an employee of Textron. “The spacing was needed with all the new ideas and the high demand for vehicles, that this will benefit the company greatly”.

The local officials were not as optimistic at first, but then realized that it is possible for Textron to expand during this time. “We didn’t see how they were doing this now”, said local official Bob Gordon. “The economy is on the rocks, so we were skeptical. However, we have come to realize that it is possible for Textron to expand with their vast amount of resources”.

Textron Marine and Land Systems provides the best and finest in marine and land based vehicles for military and commercial use. There are 4 different locations and is owned by Textron Systems. The power of Textron, is the power of their brands since 1923.

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