

1) The junction of two segments of the protective dam was completed on the Bystroe Canal

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The junction of two segments of the protective dam was completed on the Bystroe canal. In the future the dam shall protect more securely the maritime canal from the maritime currents and alluvia, declared today for UKRINFORM the press service of the state enterprise „Delta Lotsman”, the beneficiary of the works on the Bystroe canal. The protective dam is one of the important components of the Ukrainian project to restore the deep sea navigation on the river Danube – Black Sea route. One of the segments, having a length of up to 400 m, was built in 2004 by the German Company “Josef Moebius”. Another segment of the dam was built during the preceding five months by the Company „Azovmeh” (Ukraine). At the moment of the junction the length of the Ukrainian segment was of 1670 m.

„The last 100 meters up to the junction were extremely difficult for us” comments Alexandr Golodnitskii, the head of „Delta Lotsman”. He explained that the location of the junction was near the axis of the flow of the Danube and, as the distance to the “German” segment grew shorter; the speed of the current going through the gap became greater. At the end of the works the length of the dam shall be of 2830. In accordance to the „Delta-Lotsman” management, the segment built until now (more than 2000 meters) „shall greatly ensure the protection of the canal from the deposits and alluvia form the sea”.

2) The President has established the date of his visit in the Odessa Region

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The President of Ukraine Viktor Yuschenko shall visit the Odessa Region on 7 April, on the occasion of the finalization of the works of the first stage of the restoration of the deep sea navigation Danube-Black Sea canal, has affirmed the Ukrainian official. He mentioned that, during the visit, the head of State shall inspect and assess the results of the activities completed until now.

We recall that, until 19.03.2009 the protective dam at the exit into the sea of the Danube – Black Sea Canal was built in a proportion of 46%. It is placed at a distance of 1,910 meters from the shore and shall prevent the silting of the navigation route.

A 5.85 m depth level necessary for the passage of vessels is ensured on the deep sea navigation route. Experts explain that the dam is needed in order to prevent the clogging of the canal.

Note of the editor:

As announced by *Reporter*, on the occasion of the finalization of the first stage of the restoration of Danube-Black Sea canal, at 28.03.2009, the minister of transportation and communications Iosif Vinski was expected to come to Odessa, but this visit did not take place.