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SOUTH TANGIPAHOA PARISH PORT COMMISSION BREAKS GROUND ON NEW INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

(Manchac, LA) The South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission (STPPC) recently hosted an official groundbreaking photo ceremony for its upcoming Bulkhead/Dredging Project. The new infrastructure projects are part of a \$3 million construction program primarily funded by the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development (DOTD). Honorary attendees at the event included LA State Senator Mac “Bodi” White (LA-District #6), State Rep. Steve Pugh (LA-District #73), and LA-DOTD Port Priority Program Manager - Randall Withers, Tangipahoa Parish President Gordon Burgess, and members of the South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission (STPPC).

Upon conclusion of the groundbreaking ceremony, STPPC President Don Boihem commented “It is exciting to begin construction on the series of infrastructure improvements that have been engineered to re-develop the Port

Manchac inter-modal terminal into a state-of-the-art inland trans-loading facility designed to attract new industries and create new job market opportunities for residents of the Tangipahoa Parish region”.

The South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission serves as the official governing authority for Port Manchac. The seven (7) commission members are appointed by the governor of Louisiana to six (6) year terms and receive no compensation for their community service to the organization. The commission was originally created by Act #299 of the Louisiana Legislature in 1962.

South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission Officers for 2015:

Donald Boihem – President
Daryl Ferrara – Vice-President
Ernest Drake, III – Secretary
Lucas Watkins – Treasurer
James Wesley Daniels, II – Member
Cheryl Brumfield – Member
William Joubert - Member

The \$3 million investment program will also include internal roadway, drainage & parking improvements, rail spur maintenance, lay-down storage area improvements, as well as bulk-head/harbor dredging improvements at the facility. The projects will provide safe & efficient cargo storage/trans-loading operations for bulk, break-bulk, neo-bulk, and containerized cargo by barge, rail, and truck. The new infrastructure is part of the port’s master plan for future development that was originally developed in 2007 and designed to attract new industries and create new job opportunities for residents of the Tangipahoa Parish area. The current construction phase is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

The 140-acre inter-modal terminal is located directly adjacent to Interstate Highway-55 at the southern end of Tangipahoa Parish. Port Manchac is also adjacent to the mainline of the Canadian National Railroad (CN) that provides regular service to the 6’000 ft. of storage track at the site. The terminal’s ideal location also provides direct trucking links to nearby Interstate’s 10 &12, and offers maritime access for barge shipments to Lake Pontchartrain, Mississippi River and The Port of New Orleans via North Pass. Additional infrastructure and logistical info on the Port Manchac inter-modal terminal is available @ www.portmanchac.com.

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