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**11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PORT FREEPORT GOLF TOURNAMENT DELIVERS RECORD PROCEEDS**

**FREEPORT, TX (November 21, 2022)** – During the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Port Freeport Commission and staff presented a check in the amount of \$83,200 from the proceeds of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Port Freeport Golf Tournament to Chris Moore, Director of Texas Port Ministry (TPM).

The golf tournament was held on October 17, 2022, at The Wilderness Golf Course in Lake Jackson, Texas, with a single-flight foursome scramble format. The generosity of 36 teams and over 70 sponsors from the Freeport and Houston maritime transportation industry, and local businesses within the district made the tournament a huge success achieving record net proceeds of \$83,200. These proceeds will benefit TPM, and the important services provided to seafarers, truckers, and others.

“Port Freeport continues its dedication to giving back to our community. The proceeds from the event will assist TPM as they continue their important humanitarian service for those that come into contact with the Freeport Harbor Channel community,” said Port Freeport Executive Director/CEO Phyllis Saathoff. “We appreciate how well the tournament was received and the support from our partners and local businesses,” said Saathoff.

Texas Port Ministry provides for the spiritual, social, and physical needs of mariners, truckers, and port workers within the Freeport Harbor Channel community. Their center provides transportation services portwide, allowing shore side access to mariners transiting secure facilities. Additionally, it has accommodations such as comfort stations, communications stations, and areas to log downtime. Each year, Texas Port Ministry impacts over 10,000 international seafarers from

over 50 countries, over 150,000 truck drivers, and many local port workers. The work of the ministry is completely funded through donations and through the service of over 40 volunteers representing 20 area churches.

“The Port Commission and I would like to extend a special thank you to our dedicated sponsors, their teams, and all of the volunteers for their commitments each year,” said Port Commission Chairman John Hoss. “It has been a pleasure to host the annual tournament benefiting Texas Port Ministry, and I am extremely proud of our staff for making it another successful community event with this huge outcome.”

*Elite Sponsors* – Enterprise Products, McCarthy Building Companies, Ports America, South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District; *Platinum Sponsors* – Freeport LNG, TDECU, Vulcan Materials Co.; *Gold Sponsors* – Gulf Stream Marine, HDR Engineering, Inc., ME Global, Red Hook Terminals; *Silver Sponsors*– Bay-Houston Towing Co., Brazos Pilots Association, QSL, Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc., Suderman & Young Towing; *Bronze Sponsors* – BBC Chartering, Dole Fresh Fruit, G & H Towing Co., Freeport Mooring & Marine, Inc., Jacobs, Norton Lilly International, West Gulf Maritime Association, Phillips 66; *Golf Balls Sponsor Beverage Cart Sponsors*– Gulf LNG Services, Port Freeport Commissioner John Hoss/ Harris Hoss Mediation & Arbitrations, South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District, Superior Fabrication; *Lunch Sponsors*- Bracewell LLP, Killum Pest Control, South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District, Red Hook Terminals; *Tent and Hole Sponsors* – LJA, Structure Preservation Systems, Tolunay-Wong Engineers, Inc.; *Breakfast Sponsors* - Brandei Goolsby, South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District, Terracon; *Putting Green Sponsors* – CP Tech, Gulf LNG Services, LJA, Port Freeport Commissioner Shane Pirtle; *Awards Sponsors* – Crain Caton & James, Terracon; *Photo Station Sponsor* - Brandei Goolsby; *Hole Sponsors* – BearCom, Blank Rome, Brazosport Tire Company, Doyle & Wachtstetter, Inc., Evergreen North America, First State Bank, Freeport Launch Services, Gallagher & Co., Gulf LNG Services, IAD Architects, Judge Matt Sebesta & Commissioner Donald Payne, KM&L, LLC, Masterson Advisors, LLC, One Lane Services, Port Freeport Commissioner Dan Croft, Port Freeport Commissioner Ravi Singhania, Port Freeport Commissioner Rob Giesecke, Samson Fabrication & Construction, Sunstates Security, LLC, Terracon, USAL, USAL Solutions; *Raffle* - Academy, Big Kountry Gun Range, Chick-fil-A, Evco, Grapevine & Gifts, On The River Restaurant, Rooster's Crow Guide Service, Talk About Good,

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Port Freeport is a leading port in the export of crude oil and natural gas liquids and ranked 6th in chemicals, 11<sup>th</sup> in foreign waterborne tonnage, and 26th in containers. A 2019 Economic Impact Study by Texas A&M Transportation Institute revealed that, nationally, the Freeport Harbor Channel generates 279,780 jobs and has a total economic output of \$149 billion. Port Freeport serves Atlantic Container Lines, AMPORTS, BASF, Chiquita Fresh N.A., CEMEX, Dole Fresh Fruit, The Dow Chemical Company, Enterprise Products, ExxonMobil, Freeport LNG, Glovis, Grimaldi Lines, Hoegh Autoliners, Kirby Marine, Liberty Global Logistics, Mammoet, MEGlobal, NYK, Phillips 66, Riviana Foods, Inc., Sallaum Lines, Tenaris, U.S Department of Energy, Wallenius Wilhelmsen, and Vulcan Materials Company.

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**PHOTO CUTLINE: Port Freeport Commission and staff present a \$83,200 check to Texas Port Ministry.**