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PORT FREEPORT RECEIVES FIRST RAIL SHIPMENT FROM VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY

FREEPORT, TX (May 7, 2020) – Port Freeport is pleased to announce the arrival of the first rail shipment from Vulcan Materials Company to Port Freeport’s Parcel 14 multi-modal industrial park, a 250-acre site adjacent to State Highway 36. Union Pacific, a long-term partner of Port Freeport, delivered 95 gondola railcars loaded with aggregate limestone rock from Medina County, Texas.

“Port Freeport is excited to welcome the first shipments of aggregate from Vulcan Materials Company’s Medina Quarry to the new rail-served industrial park,” said Jason Miura, Director of Business and Economic Development for Port Freeport. “The Port continues to advance its service offerings that support our customers and economic growth in the region.”

In partnership with Port Freeport, Vulcan Materials Company will develop an aggregate distribution facility on Parcel 14, adjacent to the future Freeport Industrial Park. The facility will allow Vulcan to offer a wider variety of construction materials to their customers in Brazoria County and the region.

“We are very excited about this new chapter in our partnership with Port Freeport. Having rail access, in combination with our existing shipyard, allows us to better supply our customers and diversify our product line in the Coastal Texas Market,” said Shelley Wright, Vice President and General Manager for Vulcan Materials Company. “The Port has always been a creative, solutions-oriented partner and we look forward to working with them to grow our ship and rail presence in Freeport in the years to come.”

Vulcan Materials Company is the nation’s largest producer of construction aggregates—primarily crushed stone, sand and gravel—and a major producer of aggregate-based construction materials, including asphalt and ready-mixed concrete. Port Freeport and Vulcan have shared a mutually beneficial relationship since 2002 when the Port Commission approved the assignment of a Lease Agreement with Transit Mix Concrete and Materials Company to Vulcan Materials Company.

“The Port Commission is very pleased to see this new milestone achieved in partnership with our current customer and look forward to further positive economic impacts generated for the community as a result of Vulcan Materials Company’s expansion on Parcel 14,” stated Port Commission Chairman Shane Pirtle.

Port Freeport is a leading port in the export of crude oil and natural gas liquids and is ranked 10th in chemicals, 19th in total tonnage, and 26th in containers. A 2019 Economic Impact Study by Texas A&M Transportation Institution revealed that nationally the Freeport Harbor Channel generates 279,780 jobs and has a total economic output of \$149 billion. The Freeport Harbor Channel serves BASF, Chiquita Fresh N.A., CMA CGM, Dole Fresh Fruit, The Dow Chemical Company, Freeport LNG, Glovis, Grimaldi Lines, Hoegh Autoliners, Horizon Auto Logistics, Liberty Global Logistics, Mammoet, Phillips 66, Riviana Foods, Inc., Sallaum Lines, Seaway Crude Pipeline Company, Tenaris, and Vulcan Materials Company.

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PHOTO CUTLINE: An excavator unloads Vulcan Materials Company's first rail shipment of bulk aggregate to Port Freeport's Parcel 14.