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**PORT COMMISSION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS**

**FREEPORT, TX (June 11, 2021)** – During the June 10 Regular Port Commission Meeting, commissioners unanimously elected John Hoss as Chairman of the Port Commission. Rudy Santos will serve as the Port Commission Vice Chairman. The other officers are as follows: Dan Croft, Port Commission Secretary; Rob Giesecke, Port Commission Assistant Secretary; Shane Pirtle, Port Commissioner; and Ravi Singhania, Port Commissioner.

John Hoss has served on the Port Commission since 2011 and most recently held the position of Assistant Secretary. Hoss is a Freeport native and second-generation marine business owner, serving as a principle in Freeport Launch, LP since 1997.

“I am excited to have the opportunity to lead the Port Commission during this time of growth and momentum on the Freeport Harbor Channel deepening and partial widening project,” Chairman John Hoss said. “It is through collaboration with my fellow commissioners, Port staff, our Navigation District community, and industry partners that Port Freeport will continue to support economic growth and job creation for Brazoria County and the surrounding region.”

Port Freeport is a leading port in the export of crude oil and natural gas liquids and ranked 6th in chemicals, 15th 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, CMA CGM, Dole Fresh Fruit, The Dow Chemical Company, Enterprise Products, Exxon Mobile, Freeport LNG, Glovis, Grimaldi Lines, Hoegh Autoliners, Kirby Marine, Liberty Global Logistics, Mammoet, MEGlobal, Phillips 66, Riviana Foods, Inc., Sallaum Lines, Tenaris, U.S Department of Energy, Wallenius Wilhelmsen, and Vulcan Materials Company.

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