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PORT COMMISSION ELECTS FREEPORT NATIVE JOHN HOSS CHAIRMAN AFTER TERRY AND SINGHANIA SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

FREEPORT, TX (June 14, 2013) – The Port Commission of Port Freeport elected new officers at their June 13th regularly scheduled meeting. Prior to the meeting, Bill Terry and Ravi Singhanian took an oath of office to serve another six-year term on the Port Commission during a formal swearing-in ceremony attended by family and friends. Brazoria County 412th District Court Judge W. Edwin Denman conducted the swearing-in of Singhanian followed by Brazoria County 149th District Court Judge Terri Holder swearing-in Terry.

John Hoss was elected unanimously by the Port Commission as the new Chairman. A native of Freeport, Hoss has spent his entire life in and around the maritime industry. He is a graduate of Brazosport High School; Oklahoma State University-CEAT and School of Fire Protection and Safety Engineering. Since 1997, he has been a principle in Freeport Launch, LP delivering supplies to ships in the region and servicing the offshore oil and seismic industry. Since 1999 he is an active member of Brazosport Marine Advisory Team (BMAT), a group which deals with planning emergency response activities in the Brazosport harbor area. In addition to being a Board member of BMAT, he is on the Board of the Brazosport Chamber of Commerce; Board member of K9's4Cops, a foundation which trains and donates dogs to law enforcement agencies and a member of the Brazoria County Chapter of Friends of NRA.

As Chairman, Hoss will also serve as the leader of the Brazos Harbor Industrial Development Corporation and the Pilot Board.

Paul Kresta was elected as Port Commission Vice Chairman. The other positions are as follows: Shane Pirtle Port Commission Secretary, Ravi Singhanian Port Commission Assistant Secretary, Thomas S. Perryman Port Commissioner, Bill Terry Port Commissioner.

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**JOHN HOSS, CHAIRMAN; PAUL KRESTA, VICE CHAIRMAN; SHANE PIRTLE, SECRETARY; RAVI K. SINGHANIA, ASST. SECRETARY;
BILL TERRY, COMMISSIONER; THOMAS S. PERRYMAN, COMMISSIONER; GLENN A. CARLSON, EXECUTIVE PORT DIRECTOR/CEO**