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U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION OPENS DOORS TO NEW OFFICE AT PORT FREEPORT

FREEPORT, TX (May 14, 2018) – On May 3rd, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) celebrated the completion of their newly constructed offices at Port Freeport with an official ribbon-cutting. In attendance at the event, along with CBP leadership and officers, were Port Commissioners, members of Port management, and several Port tenants

“We are pleased to see Customs and Border Protection open the doors to their new and improved facility. The necessary upgrades and increased office space will help facilitate their efficient screening of international cargo traveling through Port Freeport ensuring the safety of our nation,” stated Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director/CEO.

Construction began on the new facilities in March 2017. The new 3,000 square-foot facility includes office space for 11 officers, a screening laboratory, and a conference room.

“U.S. Customs and Border Protection enjoys a great partnership with the Port of Freeport and we are thankful that they have provided a state of the art facility for our agriculture specialists and officers to perform the important work of facilitating legitimate trade,” CBP Port Director Roderick Hudson said. “The facility is indicative of the port’s commitment to being a true stakeholder and partner in our shared responsibility to provide a secure stream for importing and exporting commodities.”

“Having U.S. Customs and Border Protection in a larger, functional work space in close proximity to the Port’s gates and Emergency Operations Center is beneficial to all Port users because of the key role the agency plays in operations at Port Freeport,” said Paul Kresta, Chairman of the Port Commission.

Port Freeport is ranked 10th in chemicals and 26th in containers. The Freeport Harbor Channel serves Dow Chemical, Phillips 66, BASF, Tenaris, Vulcan Material, Mammoet, Freeport Liquefied Natural Gas (FLNG), Riviana, Dole, Chiquita, Seaway, Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) and Hoegh Autoliners.

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PHOTO OUTLINE: Port Commission and management join U.S. Customs and Border Protection cut the ribbon to the new CBP office with CBP Port Director for Houston/Galveston Seaports, Roderick Hudson.