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**JOHN MANNION JOINS PORT FREEPORT AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

**FREEPORT, TX (October 23, 2017)** – John Mannion joins Port Freeport staff as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) with responsibility for the accounting and financial reporting, treasury, risk management, financial analysis and human resources functions. He brings extensive experience in the negotiation and execution of contracts and leases and in raising capital to finance projects.

Mannion has more than 25 years of executive-level experience in high-growth, global organizations in midstream, energy services, banking, manufacturing and transportation industries with companies including Bristow Group, Plains All American Pipeline LP, Continental Airlines, Quanex Corporation and Credit Suisse.

Mannion earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Wesleyan University and a Master of Business Administration in Finance and Accounting from Cornell University Johnson Graduate School of Management.

“The Port Commission would like to extend its welcome to Mr. Mannion as he joins the Port staff. We look forward to collaborating with him on Port projects,” said Port Chairman Paul Kresta. As the new CFO, Mannion will advise executive staff and play a significant role in the guidance of planning for the Port’s strategic objectives. “I am pleased to have John join the team. His knowledge and experience will be beneficial as we continue to expand the Port and attract new business,” stated Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director/CEO.

Port Freeport is ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in chemicals and 26<sup>th</sup> in containers. The 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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