



PORTCORPUSCHRISTI

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

MEDIA ADVISORY

For More Information Contact:
PATRICIA CARDENAS
Marketing & Public Relations Manager
Dir. Line: 361.885.6124
Cell: 361.816.3621
patricia@pocca.com

Port Takes Over Its Cold Storage Facility

Corpus Christi, Texas – On Tuesday, March 9, 2010, Port Corpus Christi Authority (PCCA) Commission voted to end the lease agreement of its Cold Storage Facility tenant, Coastal Bend Cold Storage Inc. The company's lease, which began July 1, 2009, included a minimum five-year lease with an option to buy the building.

Effective Wednesday, March 10, 2010 the port will resume the operation of the facility. Port staff will consider the option to lease the facility to another tenant or run the facility itself. *"The Port's business development team continues in the pursuit of refrigerated cargo with two strong potential accounts on the horizon, time-frame and tonnages of which should be known by May,"* advised John LaRue, Port's Executive Director.

The Port's Cold Storage Facility is a state-of-the-art, 100,000-square-foot refrigerated warehouse. From its strategic location on the Texas gulf coast, it serves the American and world markets with excellent shipping, rail and highway connections. It offers chilled and frozen space a short 60-foot distance from dockside with enclosed, temperature-controlled, rail and truck loading docks.

The primary economic engine of the Coastal Bend, Port Corpus Christi is one of the 10 largest ports in the United States in total tonnage. The Port's mission statement is to serve as a regional economic development catalyst while protecting and enhancing its existing industrial base and simultaneously working to diversify its international maritime cargo business. Strategically located on the western Gulf of Mexico, with a straight, 45'ft deep channel, the Port provides quick access to the Gulf and the entire United States inland waterway system. The Port delivers outstanding access to overland transportation with on-site and direct connections to three Class-1 railroads and uncongested interstate and state highways. The Port is protected by a state-of-the-art security department and an award-winning Environmental Management System. With outstanding management and operations staff, Port Corpus Christi is clearly, "*More Than You Can Sea.*"