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Port of Corpus Christi, Port of Rotterdam Enter Into Historic Agreement

Corpus Christi, TX, USA – The Port of Corpus Christi — the nation’s largest energy export gateway — and the Port of Rotterdam — Europe’s leading industrial deepsea port — have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding that will allow the two global entities to collaboratively improve their global maritime operations.

The two Ports have outlined a number of shared objectives, which include co-developing trade and commercial opportunities, fostering an exchange of information, and advancing the development and deployment of innovative technologies specifically related to navigational safety and environmental protection.

“We are honored to partner with an exemplary port authority that shares our resiliency and commitment to growth by design,” said **Sean Strawbridge, Chief Executive Officer for the Port of Corpus Christi**. “The Port of Rotterdam is recognized globally for its high-quality infrastructure, connectivity, and economic development. This alliance and the discourse it will generate will enhance the headway we have made toward safe and sustainable industrial facilitation of navigable commerce, and we are excited for the benefits this will bring to our Port customers and the communities we serve.”

Since Congress lifted the ban on U.S. crude oil exports to global markets in December 2015, the Port of Corpus Christi has become the nation’s largest crude oil export gateway, as well as the largest in total revenue tonnage. In 2020, the Port of Corpus Christi set an annual tonnage record for the fourth consecutive year, moving 159.7 million tons (144.9 million tonnes), driven primarily by increases in crude oil, LNG and agricultural exports. While the Port continues to reinforce its prowess in the global energy market, its leadership remains committed to Environmental, Social and Governance policies.

“The Port of Corpus Christi is a leading global energy hub. We share the ambition to be a global leader in applying pioneering innovations and in offering logistical efficiencies and we face the same sustainability challenges. It’s great to start this partnership to explore opportunities that will bring value to our shared customer base,” said **René van der Plas, Director of Port Rotterdam International**.

Like the Port of Corpus Christi, Port Rotterdam has taken proactive steps to reduce its carbon footprint and bring technology to bear to bolster environmental protection. These efforts include deployment of carbon capture and storage technologies, using hybrid, electric- or hydrogen-powered vehicles for port business and patrols, and discounts on port dues for sea-going vessels who exceed statutory environmental requirements.

The Port of Rotterdam in 2020 moved 436.8 million tonnes of cargo through its 42km waterway in the Netherlands. Approximately 30,000 ocean-going vessels and 100,000 inland vessels call on Port of Rotterdam per annum. Providing direct and indirect employment to some 385,000 people and representing 6.2% of the Netherlands’ GNP, the port of Rotterdam is an important pillar for both the Rotterdam region and the Dutch economy as a whole.

About Port Corpus Christi

As a leader in U.S. Crude Oil export ports and a major economic engine of Texas and the nation, Port Corpus Christi is the largest port in the United States in total revenue tonnage. Strategically located on the western Gulf of Mexico with a 36-mile, soon to be 54-foot (MLLW) deep channel, Port Corpus Christi is a major gateway to international and domestic maritime commerce. The Port has excellent railroad and highway network connectivity via three North American Class-1 railroads and two major interstate highways. With an outstanding staff overseen by its seven-member commission, Port Corpus Christi is “Moving America’s Energy.” www.portofcc.com

About Port Rotterdam

The port of Rotterdam is Europe’s largest deepsea port. The objective of the Port of Rotterdam Authority is to enhance the port’s competitive position as a logistics hub and world-class industrial complex. Not only in terms of size, but also with regard to quality. The Port Authority is therefore leading the transition to sustainable energy and it is committed to digitalisation in order to make the port, and the supply chain, more efficient. The core tasks of the Port Authority are to develop, manage and exploit the port in a sustainable way and to deliver speedy and safe service for shipping.

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