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Port of Corpus Christi and Watco's Texas Coastal Bend Railroad Celebrate Start of Service with Locomotive Unveiling

Corpus Christi, TX, USA – Watco's newest short line, the Texas Coastal Bend Railroad (TCBR), unveiled two locomotives emblazoned with the Port of Corpus Christi logo at a ribbon-cutting ceremony today.

The locomotives are part of Watco's five locomotive investment that will serve multiple customers at the Port of Corpus Christi. TCBR will begin providing rail service on the 63-mile line located within the Port of Corpus Christi on Aug. 3.

"We look forward to building our relationship with Port Corpus Christi and partnering with customers to create long-term value while investing in continuous infrastructure improvements," said **Dan Smith, Chief Executive Officer for Watco**.

"The Port of Corpus Christi is proud to offer world-class service and infrastructure to its existing customer base, as well as potential new customers," said **Clark Robertson, Chief Operating Officer for the Port of Corpus Christi**. "This investment from Watco significantly adds to that mission, and we look forward to working with them to better serve our customers in the years ahead."

In addition to being the nation's leading export gateway of U.S.-produced energy via the Corpus Christi Ship Channel, the Port of Corpus Christi moves an ever-expanding range of commodities through its rail system, including wind turbine components, agricultural commodities, refined fuels and military cargo.

The Port of Corpus Christi will be rail served by the TCBR along with three Class I Railroads – BNSF, UP and KCS – and the Port's own rail line, Corpus Christi Rail Terminal.

"The entire TCBR team is honored to serve the Port of Corpus Christi and its affiliates," said **Darl Farris, General Manager for TCBR**. "We are poised to meet their current rail transportation needs and excited about growing with the Port to meet any future needs."

About Port Corpus Christi

As the leading U.S. energy export gateway and a major economic engine for 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 I 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 Watco

Watco is a leading transportation service and logistics company. Meeting customer needs on a day-to-day basis has enabled Watco to continually grow throughout our nearly 40-year history. Today, Watco provides transportation, material handling and warehousing, logistics, railcar repair, and design and development for customers throughout North America and Australia. For more information, visit www.watco.com.

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