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PORT CORPUS CHRISTI PROMOTES CONTROLLER TO DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

“Chief Financial Officer Retires After 37 Years of Service to the Port”

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX – Effective July 1, 2010, Port Corpus Christi (PCC) has promoted Dennis J. DeVries to Director of Finance. DeVries replaced Daniel Hodgkins, Chief Financial Officer who retired on June 30th after 37 years of service to PCC.

Dennis J. DeVries began his professional career at PCC as Chief Accountant on August 17, 1984 and was promoted to the Controller position on October 1987 until last July 1 when he became the Director of Finance. Dennis J. DeVries has a Bachelors of Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting from Texas A& I University- Kingsville currently Texas A&M University – Kingsville.

Daniel Hodgkins was hired on November 26, 1973 as an Accountant and became Accounting Supervisor in 1977. He was promoted to Director of Finance in 1980 and oversaw Finance and Administration since 1985. Hodgkins served as Chief Financial Officer since July 2000 until his retirement on June 30th. *“Although, it is hard to see a member of our Port family leave, it is time for Mr. Hodgkins to enjoy all those years of hard work at the Port. At the same time, we are honored to promote Mr. DeVries to Director of Finance. He has the knowledge and the capacity to take over the leadership of the Finance Department left by Hodgkins .”* Said John LaRue, Executive Director.

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' 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.*"

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