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Port of Corpus Christi hosts International Dry Bulk Terminal Group conference welcoming visitors from seventeen countries

(Corpus Christi, TX) --- The Port of Corpus Christi played host to the 2006 International Dry Bulk Terminal Contact Group (DBTG) conference held at the Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz International Center from October 3rd – 5th. The DBTG is a not-for-profit society, established in 1998, and is open to all companies or organizations worldwide that own and/or operate a loading or unloading terminal for dry bulk products.

“This is the first conference to be held outside of Europe and we are excited to be in Corpus Christi and greatly appreciate our gracious host the Port of Corpus Christi for all they are doing for the Group,” said Julia Peckham, event organizer.

The DBGT’s purpose is to create mutual exchange of information on all aspects of dry bulk transportation and handling and to offer general support to these terminals. This year’s conference welcomed delegates from seventeen countries with an array of workshops and local events. The closed session workshops focused on; environmental demands, regulations and initiatives, materials handling automation and the control of operational cost, as well as market developments and a review of the dry bulk trade and shipping prospects.



“We are extremely pleased to have hosted the Dry Bulk Terminal Group annual conference at the Port of Corpus Christi and rate it as a successful, well attended and highly informative conference,” said Jerry Cotter, Director of Operations for the Port of Corpus Christi and local conference organizer.

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