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## PORT FREEPORT ANNOUNCES ARRIVAL OF CRANES

**FREEPORT, TX (July 23, 2014)** – Port Freeport is pleased to announce the arrival of our two Post Panamax Cranes. "The Gantry cranes departed from Shanghai, China on May 7<sup>th</sup> and arrived at Port Freeport on July 19<sup>th</sup>," Executive Port Director/CEO Glenn Carlson said.

The Zhen Hua 28, delivered the two 100-foot gauge container cranes completely erect for Port Freeport. Being approximately 80 feet wide each, both cranes will occupy a portion of Berth 7 at Velasco Terminal. They stand just less than 300 feet from the ground and can lift up to 75 tons. "This commitment from the Commissioners demonstrates that Port Freeport will make the financial investments to support the petrochemical industry in our region. For these companies to be able to ship directly from the port will allow them to reduce their supply chain costs and have access to the world-wide markets," Carlson said.

Following landing, the cranes will be taken through a detailed commissioning process, which will take around four to six weeks, before a formal hand over. "The cranes will allow us to attract new services and business to Port Freeport which will lead us in a new strategic direction that we are very excited about," said Carlson.

Port Freeport is committed to keeping the local community informed of our operations and results. If you have questions or comments about this article, please email or call Glenn Carlson, Executive Port Director/CEO at carlson@portfreeport.com or 979-233-2667.

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