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PORT FREEPORT GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES \$21,723.55 FOR TEXAS PORT MINISTRY

FREEPORT, Texas (December 13, 2012) – Continuing its commitment to the community, Port Freeport presented Texas Port Ministry over \$21,000 raised through a benefit golf tournament.

“Port Freeport is dedicated to giving back to our community and, in particular, supporting efforts that benefit individuals that come through the Port,” said Port Commission Chairman Bill Terry, who presented a \$21,723.55 check to Texas Port Ministry representatives at the commission’s December 12th meeting. “We’re really proud to have the opportunity to serve as host of the tournament and play a role in the commendable efforts of Texas Port Ministry.”

Texas Port Ministry of Freeport exists to provide spiritual, social, and physical care to the Freeport Harbor Community. Texas Port Ministry has been actively ministering to the maritime community since 1974. Each year, they will minister to over 10,000 international seafarers from over 50 countries of the world; over 150,000 truck drivers from across North America; and numerous local port workers. Texas Port Ministry is completely funded through donations. The work of the ministry is done through the volunteer efforts of over 40 individuals representing 20 area churches.

Eighty golfers, most from the Freeport and Houston maritime transportation industry, took part in the benefit golf tournament held in November at the Wilderness Golf Course in Lake Jackson.

Port Freeport currently ranks 16th among U.S. ports in international cargo tonnage handled. With a current channel of 45-foot depth, soon to be widened and deepened, just 3 miles from open Gulf of Mexico waters, Port Freeport offers more than 7,500 acres for future development. Port Freeport serves its customers and stakeholders through development and marketing of competitive world-class navigational capabilities, technically advanced marine and multimodal terminal services and port-related industrial facilities while achieving profits and creating jobs as a leading economic catalyst for the Texas Gulf Coast.

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