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### PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA DEDICATES TWO CRANES FOR GLOBALPLEX DOCK

Reserve, LA.



*Pictured L-R: PSL Commissioner Stanley Bazile; LA Senator Edward Price; LA Senator Gary Smith, Jr; PSL Commissioner D. Paul Robichaux; PSL Commission Chairman Ryan Burks; PSL CEO Paul Matthews, PSL Commissioner Katie Klibert, LA DOTD Multimodal Commerce Commissioner Renee Lapeyrolerie; LA Representative Gregory Miller; St. James Parish President Peter Dufresne; and Associated Terminals President Todd Fuller*

Today, the Port of South Louisiana officially dedicated and named its two Konecranes Gottwald Model 6 Portal Harbor Cranes for its public facility, the Globalplex Intermodal Terminal Dock along the Mississippi River. These cranes have increased the Port’s capacity for handling bulk materials and will allow for the handling of containers and project cargo.

As the nation’s leading grain exporter and one of the Western Hemisphere’s largest tonnage ports, the Port of South Louisiana is a sea gateway for international trade and commerce. To accommodate for increased throughput tonnage and the need for efficiency, the Port saw the need for new, updated equipment at its Globalplex facility, located in Reserve, Louisiana and on the east bank of the Mississippi River.

“These investments that have been made in the infrastructure at the Port of South Louisiana are not only increasing productivity and efficiencies here at the Port, but they are also creating indirect jobs for Louisiana families,” said Paul Matthews, Chief Executive Officer. “Today we are making it clear that we will continue to make these investments in our infrastructure so that we

— America’s Leading Grain Exporter —

can get the goods that families and businesses depend on every day, especially during these challenging times with supply chain issues.”

The purchase of the \$12.6 million cranes was funded in part (90%) by \$11.4 million from LA DOTD’s Port Construction and Development Priority Program.

“There is no investment our state can make that has a bigger return than investing in our ports,” said Renee Lapeyrolerie, Commissioner, Office of Multimodal Commerce - Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development. “The Port of South Louisiana is literally feeding and fueling the world and our department is proud to have collaborated with the River Region’s legislative delegation and Port officials to make this project a reality.”

The two new cranes, named the Iris and the Cypress, have a maximum lifting capacity of 125 tons. These flexible machines offer the potential for continuous-duty bulk material handling or heavy project cargo, but they’ll also include a boom-top cable reel to operate electric spreaders for container handling. Included are smart crane features such as cargo-hold totalizer, hoisting-height and working-range assistants. Further, web reporting and remote desktop control utilize the latest technology that add ergonomics, efficiency, and safety to crane operation and performance.

### **About the Port of South Louisiana**

Founded in 1960, the Port of South Louisiana [PSL] is a 54-mile port district on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, encompassing the parishes of St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, and St. James. The facilities located within the port’s district consistently handle over a quarter billion short tons of cargo annually, ranking it one of the largest tonnage ports in the Western Hemisphere [and the 16<sup>th</sup> largest in the world], the nation’s leading grain exporter, and one of the major energy transfer ports in the United States. Along the 108 miles of deep-water frontage on both banks of the river there are seven grain transfer facilities, four major oil refineries, 11 petrochemical manufacturing facilities and several other facilities for a total of more than 50 docks owned and operated by an impressive group of companies in the Port District, such as ADM, ArcelorMittal, Cargill, DowDupont, Marathon, Shell, Nucor Steel, Occidental, Valero, and Occidental Chemical. The Port also owns and operates the Executive Regional Airport [KAPS]. To learn more, visit us at [www.portsl.com](http://www.portsl.com), like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/portsl), and follow us on [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/portsl) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/portsl).

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