



PORT NOLA
THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS

PRESS RELEASE

**For Immediate Release:
December 12, 2017
Contact: Donnell Jackson
(504) 210-7952**

Port of New Orleans Collaborates with New Orleans-based Construction & Shipping Companies to Export Oil Platform Components

Second of Five Heavy-lift Project Cargo Pieces Shipped to Trinidad

NEW ORLEANS — The second of five heavy-lift project cargo pieces manufactured in Louisiana was recently exported through the Port of New Orleans, bringing together three New Orleans-based entities on an international supply chain solution. Port NOLA is partnering with Intermarine, a New Orleans-based shipping company, and Chet Morrison Contractors, a Harvey-based land and marine construction company, to export five shipments of locally manufactured oil platform components to Trinidad through 2019.

“The Port of New Orleans is proud to collaborate with our long-time shipping line partner Intermarine to be able to provide the most efficient international shipping option for a Louisiana-made product,” said Brandy D. Christian, Port of New Orleans President and CEO. “This partnership bodes well for the Port’s diverse capabilities and carrier options, as well as for our homegrown manufacturers’ ability to compete globally.”

The first piece, the base of an oil platform built by Chet Morrison Contractors, arrived at Port NOLA by barge at the Poland Avenue wharf and was discharged directly from barge to the Intermarine Industrial Edge by terminal operator Coastal Cargo in August. The second piece, the top side deck also built by Chet Morrison Contractors, arrived by barge at the Harmony Street wharf and was also discharged directly from barge to the Intermarine Industrial Edge by Coastal Cargo last month.

“Founded in New Orleans, Intermarine is always looking for any opportunities to bring our vessels to New Orleans,” said Fran Cruz, Commercial Line Manager for Intermarine, which specializes in transporting project, breakbulk and heavylift cargo. “It’s these strong partnerships with organizations like Chet Morrison Contractors and the Port of New Orleans that have contributed to the success of Intermarine.”

Chet Morrison Contractors is a leader in providing construction, maintenance and abandonment services for the oil and gas industry for land, inshore and offshore environments. For more than 15 years Chet Morrison has been shipping cargo exclusively with Intermarine through the Gulf of Mexico.



“Working hand in hand with our local resources we were able to identify cost savings for the transport of pre-fabricated modules from our Harvey facility to the project location in the Caribbean,” said Brent Desselle, Chet Morrison Contractors Project Manager.

Both oil platform components arrived in Trinidad and were successfully discharged. The next project will commence loading in March 2018 with the same two components.

The Port of New Orleans is a deep-draft multipurpose port at the center of the world's busiest port system — Louisiana's Lower Mississippi River. Connected to major inland markets and Canada via 14,500 miles of waterways, six Class I railroads and the interstate highway system, Port NOLA is the ideal gateway for containers and breakbulk cargo, as well as passenger cruises. A growing network of ocean carrier services, along with services like container-on-barge, make Port NOLA the superior logistics solution.

- End -

