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## **Gulf Coast Newest Private Port Processes 60,000 tons**

***Rockport Terminals announces first bulk product through its Private Port in 12 years***

*Rockport Terminals completed the first stages of environmental remediation / repairs and in October 2019, re-opened its private port for bulk liquids and product transfers. The site work commenced in 2016 and was part of the plan to clean up a historical dirty carbon black industrial site and turn it into a productive, environmentally sustainable facility that can benefit from and enhance the major activity that is turning Corpus Christi into the Nation's largest petroleum export port.*

The old Degussa Carbon Black industrial site which opened in 1941 and closed in 2008 was an environmental eyesore in Rockport (near Corpus Christi) and was sitting idle in care and maintenance. Rockport Terminals LLC saw the potential in the site and accepted the major challenge to clean up the 250+ acres by purchasing it in 2016. 3 years and significant funds were spent on the remediation project which resulted in the site being clean to the high environmental standards required by the TCEQ and is ready for business!

In 2019, repairs were made to the tanks, pipeline and dock that sustained damage during Hurricane Harvey. Permits were obtained from the Coast Guard, and relevant authorities to allow re-opening of the Port and Terminal Facility.

A bulk fuel company that was operating in temporary facilities around the Port of Corpus Christi moved in late October and will use Rockport Terminals as its base for regional operations. Bulk goods handler, CMC, from Louisiana moved operations to Rockport Terminals and will use it as its logistics bulk goods trans-load base. Between the two operators, over 60,000 tons of bulk liquid and pipeline pipe were processed and trans-loaded at the Port in Nov/Dec 2019.

- **Newest Private Port on South Texas Gulf Coast**
- **Employing over 50 local and regional staff**
- **Last operated in 2008, re-opened 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2019**
- **Has Port, Rail and Highway access for multimodal activity**
- **45,000 bbls liquid storage on site and room for up to 1m bbls storage**
- **3,500 bbls p/hr transfer rate through pipeline between dock and tanks**
- **50 acres waterside available for lay down yard or bulk goods processing**
- **250+ acres ready to develop with another 300 acres available for large projects**
- **Lies within 20 miles of \$54 billion worth of projects in Corpus Christi area**
- **Looking for new tenants to take help develop rest of facility**

*"Rockport Terminals created a much-needed base for companies that were already operating in the Corpus area but were having trouble finding dock and terminal space to conduct business and grow."*

The site will benefit both the operators and the local community of Aransas County.

*"The old carbon black site used to be the largest employer in Rockport prior to its shutdown and can return to that status now that it has been cleaned up and open for business." Matthew White – CFO Rockport Terminals.*

## The Company

Rockport Terminals LLC is a privately-owned Texas based company whose partners bring a wealth of experience in industrial development and operation. The Rockport property was previously owned by Nilok Chemicals who closed and dismantled the carbon black smelter that had operated there since 1941. Over 60,000 tons of affected soil was removed and remediated in the process of completing the Voluntary Cleanup Program. The property is now clear to develop and be a well-situated base for clean industries that require a location in the busy Corpus Christi / Ingleside area.

**Rockport Terminals is looking for partners or tenants** to help further develop the rare property and take advantage of the proximity to the many multibillion dollar projects nearby including; Exxon/Sabic plastics plant and Steel Dynamics electric arc steel mill near Sinton.

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