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PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY WRAPS UP DELIVERY OF
'CLEAN ENERGY FOR AMERICA'

HOUSTON – The final ships loaded with the delicate components for 81 wind turbine towers will be berthed along **City Dock #20 at the PHA's** Turning Basin Terminal for unloading during **Monday, April 21** and **Thursday, April 24**. Each ship will discharge 12 turbines, 18 blades, 12 hubs, and four containers. When fully constructed, each 200 ft. wind turbine tower will consist of three 135 ft. blades and a 165,000 lb. central hub called a nacelle. The 81 turbines combined will have the capacity to generate 150 megawatts of electricity, or enough power for about 45,000 homes.

“This intricate operation showcases all the capabilities that make the Port of Houston an industry-leading gateway for regional and national commerce,” stated Wade Battles, PHA Managing Director. “When it comes to fast and efficient turnarounds in inter-modal marine and rail transportation, Houston is the place to go.”

Manufactured by Vestas Wind Systems A/S of Denmark and imported through Houston by Vestas American Wind Technology Inc. of Portland, Oregon, hundreds of units of wind turbine components will be unloaded from BBC marine vessels and transported by Union Pacific to Sacramento, California. From there, the massive shipment will be trucked to a wind energy facility in Northern California. Davenport Marino will manage the logistics from the “ship’s hook,” rail, and trucking with Chaparral Stevedoring Co. of Texas, Inc. providing stevedoring services to the ships while berthed at the port. Additionally, the Port Terminal Railroad Authority (PTRA) has committed its resources, manpower and facilities in support of the project.

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About The Port of Houston Authority

The Port of Houston Authority owns and operates the public facilities located along the Port of Houston, the 25-mile long complex of diversified public and private facilities designed for handling general cargo, containers, grain and other dry bulk materials, project and heavy lift cargo, and other types of cargo. Each year, more than 6,600 vessels call at the port, which ranks first in the U.S. in foreign waterborne tonnage, second in overall total tonnage, and sixth largest in the world. The Port Authority plays a vital role in ensuring navigational safety along the Houston Ship Channel, which has been instrumental in Houston's development as a center of international trade. The Barbours Cut Container Terminal and Central Maintenance Facility are the first of any U.S. port facilities to develop and implement an innovative Environmental

Management System that meets the rigorous standards of ISO 14001. Additionally, the port is an approved delivery point for Coffee “C” futures contracts traded on the New York Board of Trade’s Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange. For more information, please visit www.portofhouston.com

About Vestas

For more information about Vestas Group, please contact Jo Anne Firestone at 503-327-2131 or visit www.vestas.com.

About Davenport Marino

Davenport Marino, a branch office of Marino Crane (operating since 1952 in Middletown, CT), is located in Houston, Texas. Davenport Marino is an experienced lifting & transportation company with locations across the USA specializing in turnkey multi-modal projects utilizing truck, rail, and barge transport and providing cranes, rigging, engineering, gantries and jacking equipment for loading, unloading and installation. For more information, please visit www.davenportmarino.com.

About Chaparral Stevedoring Co. of Texas, Inc

Formed in 1966, Chaparral Stevedoring Co. of Texas, Inc. is a Houston based, employee-owned corporation. It operates primarily at the Port of Houston Authority’s city docks handling steel and associated cargo. For more information, please send e-mail to Irby Banquer, ibanquer@evl.net

About Union Pacific

Union Pacific Corporation is one of America's leading transportation companies. Its principal operating company, Union Pacific Railroad, is the largest railroad in North America, covering 23 states across the western two-thirds of the United States. A strong focus on quality and a strategically advantageous route structure enable the company to serve customers in critical and fast growing markets. It is a leading carrier of low-sulfur coal used in electrical power generation and has broad coverage of the large chemical-producing areas along the Gulf Coast. With competitive long-haul routes between all major West Coast ports and eastern gateways, and as the only railroad to serve all six gateways to Mexico, Union Pacific has the premier rail franchise in North America. The Corporation's trucking operations include Overnite Corporation, which owns less-than-truckload carriers Overnite Transportation and Motor Cargo.

About PTRA

The Port Terminal Railroad Association was formed in 1924 by consolidating the 18 railroads that served the industrial facilities located along the Houston Ship Channel. The PTRA provides rail service to all the 165 customers located on both sides of the Houston Ship Channel including the City Dock, Turning Basin, and Barbours Cut. The PTRA employs about 350 people and handles over 500,000 rail cars annually.