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PORT LEADERS WELCOME M/V DEL MONTE SPIRIT DURING INAUGURAL CALL TO PORT FREEPORT

FREEPORT, TX (July 09, 2024) – On Monday, June 24, Port Leaders welcomed the M/V DEL MONTE SPIRIT to Velasco Container Terminal during its first call to Port Freeport. Port Freeport Executive Director & CEO Phyllis Saathoff Port Commission Vice Chairman Rob Giesecke and Port Commissioner Dan Croft presented a plaque to commemorate the occasion to Master of the Vessel, Captain Roman Fedorov, and to Del Monte’s Vice President of Network Shipping and Ports, Sebastian Montero and Freeport Terminal Manager Kevin Vascik.

“Port Freeport is proud to welcome the M/V DEL MONTE SPIRIT to Velasco Container Terminal, signifying the start of Del Monte’s operation at and regular service to Freeport, TX. This is just the beginning of what will become a long-term relationship between the port and Del Monte, and we are grateful for the partnership,” Port Commission Vice Chairman, Rob Giesecke said. “We look forward to serving Del Monte through the investments at Velasco Terminal and are confident our continued collaboration will lead to growing cargo volumes for both entities.”

Del Monte Fresh Produce N.A. recently completed a partial retrofit of Velasco Container Terminal and installed 688 electrical receptacles to receive imported fruit from their weekly vessel service. The M/V DEL MONTE SPIRIT was launched in 2020, like its five sibling vessels, has a cargo capacity of 1,276 twenty-foot equivalent container units that can carry 634 forty-foot-long high-cube refrigerated containers. This newer fleet of ships have fuel-efficient hull designs and emissions-reducing scrubber systems.

“Del Monte looks forward to calling weekly at Port Freeport’s newly retrofitted container terminal. The Velasco Container Terminal offers more efficient terminal access, allowing Del Monte to better serve its customers,” Sebastian Montero, Del Monte’s Vice President of Network Shipping

and Ports, says. “We see this as a long-term partnership with great potential for growth.”

“The completion of the 927-foot Berth 8 at Velasco Container Terminal and the new Gate 12 Entrance project under construction will provide efficient terminal access and will give Del Monte the first-class infrastructure needed to support their vessel and terminal operations and goals,” said Phyllis Saathoff, Port Freeport Executive Director & CEO. “We are excited about Del Monte’s arrival and the resulting positive economic impact that their Freeport operation will have on the citizens in the surrounding community and beyond.”

ABOUT PORT FREEPORT

Port Freeport is a leading port in the export of crude oil and natural gas liquids and ranks nationally as 6th in chemicals, 15th in total foreign waterborne tonnage, and 26th in containers. A 2022 Economic Impact Study by Texas A&M Transportation Institute revealed that, nationally, the Freeport Harbor Channel generates 266,300 jobs and has a total economic output of \$157.3 billion. Port Freeport serves Alliera, Atlantic Container Lines, AMPORTS, BASF, Chiquita Fresh N.A., Dole Fresh Fruit, The Dow Chemical Company, Enterprise Products Partners, ExxonMobil, Freeport LNG, Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc., Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Glovis, Grimaldi Lines, Hoegh Autoliners, Kirby Marine, Liberty Global Logistics, Linde, MEGlobal, NYK RORO, Phillips 66, Riviana Foods, Inc., Sallaum Lines, Tenaris, U.S Department of Energy, Volkswagen Group of America, and Vulcan Materials Company.

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ABOUT FRESH DEL MONTE

Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. is one of the world’s leading vertically integrated producers, marketers, and distributors of high-quality fresh and fresh-cut fruit and vegetables, as well as a leading producer and distributor of prepared food in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. markets its products worldwide under the DEL MONTE® brand (under license from Del Monte Foods, Inc.), a symbol of product innovation, quality, freshness, and

reliability for over 135 years. The company also markets its products under the MANN™ brand and other related trademarks. Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. is not affiliated with certain other Del Monte companies around the world, including Del Monte Foods, Inc., the U.S. subsidiary of Del Monte Pacific Limited, Del Monte Canada, or Del Monte Asia Pte. Ltd. Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. is the first global marketer of fruits and vegetables to commit to the “Science Based Targets” initiative. In 2022, 2023, and 2024, Fresh Del Monte Produce was ranked as one of “America’s Most Trusted Companies” by Newsweek based on an independent survey rating companies on three different touchpoints, including customer trust, investor trust, and employee trust. The company was also named a Humankind 100 Company for two consecutive years by Humankind Investments, which recognizes companies that substantially impact areas such as access to food and clean water, healthcare, and digital services. Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc. is traded on the NYSE under the symbol FDP.

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PHOTO CUTLINE: M/V DEL MONTE SPIRIT docked at Port Freeport’s Velasco Container Terminal.



**PHOTO CUTLINE: Port Freeport Commissioners and staff welcome the
M/V DEL MONTE SPIRIT.**