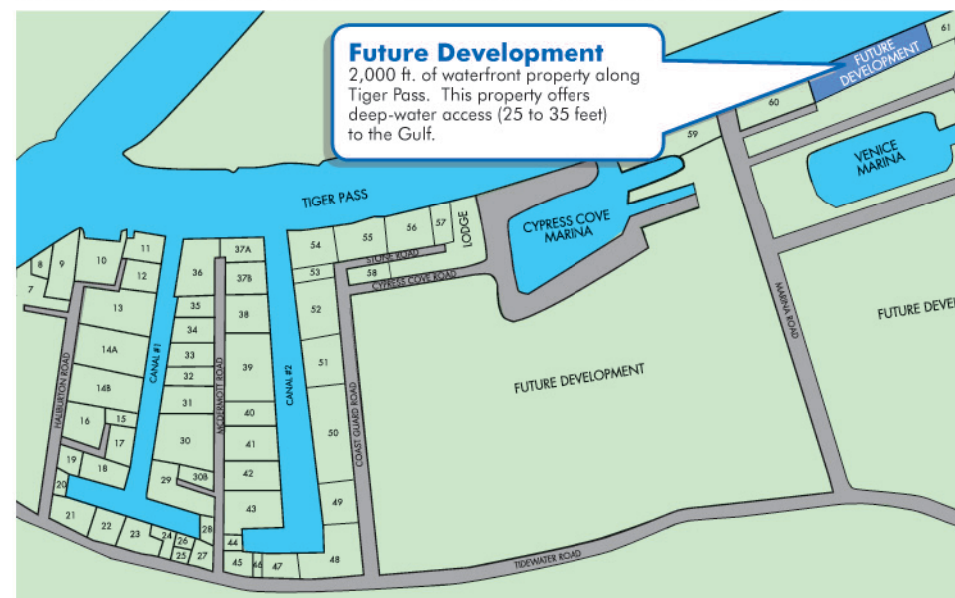


## Infrastructure and Future Development

While most of the attention is now on the cleanup effort in the Gulf, we at the VPC are also focused on long-term projects and maintenance. The deepening of Baptiste Collette Bayou from 15 feet to a depth of 26 feet is still on track and will greatly improve transportation for the oil and gas industry in and out of the eastern Gulf of Mexico. Phase II of the raising of Tidewater Road to 5 +MSL is scheduled to begin in the 2nd Quarter of 2011.

The VPC also has undeveloped sites available for ground lease, or we can build to suit. If your business is looking to expand or relocate, please contact George Pivach, II for more information on one of the most strategic sites on the Gulf of Mexico. He can be reached at 504-392-1830 or e-mail [gpivach@veniceportcomplex.com](mailto:gpivach@veniceportcomplex.com).



The Venice Port Complex Report will be published quarterly. If you have any updates or news that you would like to contribute, please contact George Pivach II at 504-392-1830 or [gpivach@veniceportcomplex.com](mailto:gpivach@veniceportcomplex.com) or [www.veniceportcomplex.com](http://www.veniceportcomplex.com)

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## Revitalization of Venice Continues

It has been eight months since the Deepwater Horizon accident and oil spill first affected Gulf Coast communities and the offshore oil and gas industry. Parish residents and leaders met this frightening scenario with persistence, helping South Plaquemines once again prove that it can weather the storm and make an impressive rebound.

Along with recovering fisheries and the oil and gas community, the clean up progress at the VPC remains underway along shorelines and wetlands of the Gulf Coast. More than 6,400 workers and 360 vessels are still working on the oil spill response, mostly focusing on oil mats—weathered oil mixed with sediment—found in shallow water just off beach areas.

With the drilling moratorium over, we are optimistic for a recovery of the oil and gas industry. Now the focus is on getting permits issued again for new oil and gas exploration. One positive step is that the federal government recently passed a bill that will double the number of federal oil and gas inspectors needed to improve federal oversight of offshore drilling after the BP spill disaster. We are hopeful that once new regulations for oversight of offshore drilling are finally adopted that the recovery will be set into motion.

As the cleanup continues, so does the revitalization of Venice. Phase 2 progresses on Tidewater Road to raise it

to + 5 MSL from Coast Guard Road to its terminus. This \$14 million project will be placed to bid in early 2011. Tidewater Phase 1 paving sloping and asphalt protection shoring along both sides of the road will begin around the same time. Meanwhile, the Peters Road Bypass project has received \$22 million in funding with construction scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 2011.

Other improvements include the Corps of Engineers' maintenance dredging of Baptiste Collette Bayou, bringing it to a depth of -16 MSL with advance dredging to -18 MSL in January 2011. Also, 864 feet of bulkhead with 70 foot sheet piles were installed on VPC sites 12, 13 and 14A along Canal one. These sites are now available for immediate lease.

We would also like to welcome two new tenants to the VPC: Total Wireline Services on site 18 and EPS Logistics on Site 41. We encourage you to view our updated website at [www.veniceportcomplex.com](http://www.veniceportcomplex.com). While 2010 was a year of challenges for many of our tenants and community, we are optimistic that 2011 will be a year of noteworthy accomplishments.

Sincerely,

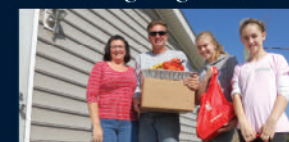
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Vice President and General Counsel



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## INDUSTRY UPDATES

### Venice Port Complex Thanksgiving drive delivers 200 baskets to families in South Plaquemines



From left: Elaine Creppel, Tony Frickey, Kelsy Prestenburg and Isabelle Couvillion.

The Venice Port Complex (VPC) organized its 4th annual Thanksgiving gift basket drive to support members of their community Nov. 19 and 20, 2010.

The drive provided 200 families in South Plaquemines a Thanksgiving basket that included a turkey and traditional holiday fare. The VPC, VPC tenants, local businesses and residents gave contributions and assisted in the packaging and delivery of the baskets to area residents. Recipient names were provided from several churches, schools and charitable institutions that represent the area.

"It's during this time of year that we reflect on what we are truly thankful for, such as the community in which we live and work," said George Pivach, II, VPC vice president and general counsel. "We wanted to share the holiday spirit with those deserving residents by ensuring they enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast with their families."

The following businesses provided contributions to this event: **Platinum Level \$2,000 and above:** The Louisiana Fruit

Company/Venice Port Complex and Premier Industries, Inc. **Gold Level \$1,000 to \$1,999:** Denet Towing, Inc.; Fremin's Food Liner and Madere & Sons Towing Inc. **Silver Level \$500 to \$999:** B.P. America Production Company; Ballestra's Food Liner; Cypress Cove Marina, Inc.; Fill A Sack; Pivach, Pivach, Hufft, Thriffley & Nolan LLC; Rene Cross Construction; U.S. Environmental Services LLC and U.S. Liquids of LA. **Bronze Level \$100 to \$499:** Callais Marine Service; Couvillion Group LLC; D&C Seafood; Offshore Cleaning Systems LLC; Settoon Construction Inc.; Ellzey Marine & Hardware; Ben Becnel's; Baker Hughes Inteq; Daybrook Fisheries Inc.; L&L Oil & Gas; Newman Crane Service Inc. and Venice Steel and Pipe, Inc. **Contributor/Friend \$0 to \$99:** Whitetail Oilfield Services, LLC.

The following companies and parish residents provided help and assistance: Kathleen Avist, Linda Banta and staff, Andrew Barrois, Boothville-Venice Elementary School, Boothville-Venice Volunteer Fire Dept., Pastor Dave Carlton, Joe Clark, Marla Cooper and staff, Isabelle Couvillion, Timmy Couvillion, Elaine Creppel, Troy Creppel, Jerrold Denet, Jeff Edgecombe, Michelle Frickey, Tony Frickey, Ricky Harvey, Todd Harvey, Byron Marinovich, Leonard Mistich, Pastor Steve McNeal, George Pivach, II, Kelsy Prestenburg, Billy Stewart, Pastor Lynn Rodrigue, Solid Rock Academy, South Plaquemines High School, South Plaquemines Elementary School, Carolyn Sylve, Mary Thompkins, Gerald Thompkins, Burghart Turner and staff, Pastor Ted Turner and Venice Steel and Pipe Inc.

"This is something we at the VPC look forward to doing each year. I would like to thank community members and VPC tenants who participated in making this year's event successful," said Tony Frickey, VPC site supervisor.

### Newpark Drilling Fluids, LLC

The value Newpark Drilling Fluids places upon its service facility at the Venice Port Complex was demonstrated by the company's urgency to re-open the facility after Hurricane Katrina.

The Venice Port Complex ranks among the most strategically located facilities serving Gulf Coast drilling operations and is critical to Newpark's Gulf of Mexico service capabilities.



The dredging and deepening of Bayou Baptiste Collette will further increase the port's value to Newpark customers.

With headquarters in Houston, Newpark Drilling Fluids is now the fourth largest drilling fluids company in the world and is the third most active provider in North America.

Newpark's growth results from the company's focus on performance, technology and service. Newpark is a fully integrated fluids company—basic in all key products and proprietary systems, laboratories, service facilities and transportation.

Newpark fluid systems rank among the industry's most innovative. From the versatile FlexDrill and powerful DeepDrill water-based systems to the environmentally sound salt-free CyberPhase version of their industry-standard CyberDrill synthetic-based system, the company continues to introduce and develop new technology to advance the science of drilling.

For more information please visit:  
[www.newparkdf.com](http://www.newparkdf.com)

### Offshore Cleaning Systems, LLC

In 2008, Offshore Cleaning Systems, LLC (OCS) built its dockside facility on McDermott Road in the Venice Port Complex to support both the shore base logistics and dockside cleaning operational divisions.

Since the opening, OCS Venice has grown its reputation with the present customer base by offering dependability and professional service. OCS' commitment to the Venice area is well documented through generous donations of time and resources as well as a continued solid local employment rate. OCS Venice Regional Manager Ken Hotard, a 12-year resident of Plaquemines Parish, states "As a Venice Port Coalition member and a local environmental service provider, we feel it is imperative that we support the continued growth of the Port and our customers."

Offshore Cleaning Systems logistics facility sits on four acres directly connected to Tiger Pass. The yard offers 24,500 ft<sup>2</sup> of outbound, 8,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of inbound staging and storage areas and a 6,000 ft<sup>2</sup> dry storage warehouse. In addition, an elevated emergency backup generator and over 100 well lit parking spaces ensure customer safety. Dispatcher services for Production and Drilling logistical operations, crane and forklift services and a 400ft. waterfront bulkhead are available to OCS customers. A prior production logistics customer on the OCS dock recently stated, "I highly recommend the use of this dock for anybody in need of dock services in the Venice area. We were here for 17 months after moving from another dock with 0 incidents and accidents. The dock personnel operated professionally at all times with timely loading and offloading of vessels and trucks."

During the moratorium, many aspects of our industry were affected; however, Offshore Cleaning Systems took a strong stance by retaining all of its employees to ensure quality service to our customer base during and after the drilling ban. As a result, OCS has strengthened its relationships with existing customers as well as grown new relationships with additional companies. For information on OCS' Logistics Facility contact Regional Manager Ken Hotard at (504) 534-0830 or via e-mail at [khotard@ocs1.com](mailto:khotard@ocs1.com).



### Rene Cross Construction, Inc.



Rene Cross Construction began operating in November 1986; however, its experience extends beyond its years. President Rene P. Cross has over 35 years of experience in the construction industry. From a single contract with Shell Oil Company, Rene Cross Construction has grown into a company which has Master Services Agreements with most of the major and independent energy companies in the State of Louisiana.

Rene Cross Construction has worked extensively with the Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and various federal, state and local governmental agencies on projects from levees, pile driving, sheetpile bulkheading, pile dikes and fresh water diversion projects. They have been instrumental in performing Hurricane Katrina emergency levee repairs to close the floodwall at the Sunrise Pump Station and Nairn levee breaches in Plaquemines Parish.

At its dock facility, construction yard and shop located at the Venice Port Complex, Rene Cross Construction has four spud barges complete with crews and cranes ranging from 45-ton to 150-ton capacity ready to work in a number of applications. In the oilfield, Rene Cross Construction performs a wide range of projects, including platform erection, pipelines, all types of bulkheading from wood to steel sheetpiling, dredging both dipper and hydraulic and all phases of abandonment and cleanup operations. They are proud to offer a management team that is safety oriented, aggressive and dedicated to the needs of their customers.

For information please contact Rene Cross at:  
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