



ST. BERNARD PORT, HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT 2017 REPORT





It is an honor, privilege and a great responsibility to be the next executive director of the St. Bernard Port. I humbly would like to thank the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District Board of Commissioners for the opportunity to serve the Port as its executive director and carry on the legacy of Robert J. Scafidel. The Port's prosperity and growth during Dr. Scafidel's tenure was unprecedented and well documented. I have worked closely with Dr. Scafidel for over 18 years,

# From The Executive Director



serving the Port as its Director of Administration and Planning Services. I welcome the challenge of moving Bobby Scafidel's vision into the future while blazing a path of my own through new territory. The future is promising for the Port and the residents of St. Bernard Parish.

In 2016, there were 316 ocean going vessels that chose St. Bernard as their Port of call. The Port's facilities handled 7,041,179 tons of cargo and trans-loaded these commodities to and from

Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, to the states throughout the Southeast and destinations as far north as St. Paul, Indianapolis, Chicago and Pittsburgh. The raw materials transferred here generate manufacturing, agricultural, maritime and industrial jobs locally, statewide, regionally and nationally. The Port's volume of labor intensive general cargos continues to increase creating more job opportunities for the citizens of St. Bernard. The Port operates seven mooring berths 24/7 loading and unloading ships up to and including 1,000-foot cape-sized vessels.

The Port's mission has always been to create jobs and provide economic opportunities for the residents of St. Bernard Parish.

In 2017 the rehabilitation of Docks 1 & 2 at the Arabi Terminal will continue. Infrastructure improvement projects underway include the replacement of all Sewerage Lift Stations in the Chalmette Terminal and creation of an employee's parking lot at the Arabi Terminal. The Port has also developed a Strategic Capital

Improvement Plan that will give us our bearings with prioritized capital improvements for the next 10 year period.

The years that I spent working with Dr. Scafidel growing the Port's facilities and staff have prepared me well to continue the progress and momentum that occurred under Bobby's tenure.

The momentum of the Port today is full steam ahead, facilitating commerce and growth by partnering with federal grant programs, our state and federal legislative representatives, participating in state funding programs cooperatively with private business investors. Under the guidance of the Board of Commissioners with the help of the Port's employees and administration, I will continue to pursue opportunities for the future success of the Port and the citizens of St. Bernard Parish.

Drew M. Heaphy
Executive Director



Executive Director from June 1998 through June 2017

### 1999

#### **Arabi Terminal**

Major Structural improvements were made to the docks at the Arabi Terminal's Slip in order to accommodate the transfer of heavier project cargos. The increased load bearing capacity allowed for more bulk and break-bulk cargo to be placed on dock. Construction also commenced on additional warehouse capacity.



"... during my 19 years as Executive Director of St. Bernard Port we have created a team that works diligently to enable the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District to advance competitively into the future."

—Robert J. Scafidel

### 2000

#### **Chalmette Terminal Site Work**

Demolition of the Kaiser Aluminum Plant's original pot rooms and concrete safety shelters was accomplished. This work was done as Phase I of site preparation work making way for construction of Boasso America intermodal terminal.



### 2001

#### **Dock Renovations in Arabi**

The rehabilitation of the deck and support beams at the Slip's docks at the Arabi Terminal entered its next \$20 million phase. Also under construction are the Arabi Mooring Dolphins. This midstream mooring will be able to handle Panama sized vessels exceeding 750 feet in length.

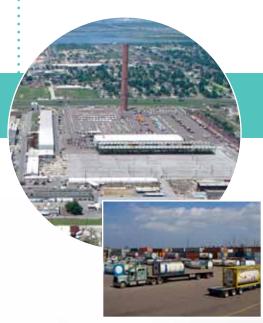




### 2002

#### Boasso America Corp.

The 60 acre Boasso America Headquarters and intermodal ISO-Tank cleaning and repair facility came on line. This \$15 million, state of the art facility employs 227 workers mostly from St. Bernard Parish.



### 2003

#### **Midstream Mooring Buoys**

The Port, in cooperation with Associated Terminal, installed two sets of deep-draft, midstream mooring buoys. One set was installed at MM 89.5 behind the Chalmette Terminal and the 2nd was installed in Meraux at MM 86.3. These midstream buoys added two berths and increased the tonnage of bulk materials that could be handled at Port facilities.



## 2004

#### Office of Motor Vehicles Moves to Port

The LA Office of Motor Vehicles moved into newly renovated space at the Chalmette Terminal. The OMV had a much larger area for staff, offices, waiting area and parking. All of these improvements combined to give St. Bernard citizens a faster, more efficient and comfortable experience getting business handled at the OMV.



## 2005

#### Hurricane Katrina Rescue and Recovery

Following the nation's worst
Hurricane in history, more than
4,600 residents arrived at the Arabi
Terminal Slip seeking dry ground and
shelter. Since the Slip is located on the
river batture, there was no flooding.
The Coast Guard was able to evacuate
people by barge and then set up Camp
Katrina for recovery efforts with food,
water, tarps and cleaning supplies.





### 2006

#### **Dry Bulk Storage Shed**

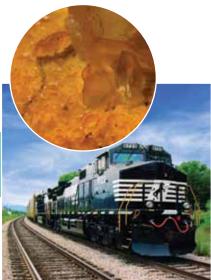
The Port was nearing completion of a 40,000 s.f. dry bulk storage building at the Arabi Terminal, the only explosion resistant fertilizer storage of its kind when the building was erected.



### 2007

#### **Train Service**

Norfolk Southern serves the Port with direct connections to six class-one railways via the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad. St. Bernard Port moves more Norfolk Southern cars than any port located in the Southern U.S.



### 2008

#### **Barges**

The Port is ideally situated to move vital raw materials from ocean going vessels to barges then distribute the cargo throughout the nations industrial complex.



### 2009

#### Smokestack Renovation

Storm damage repairs were completed to the historic Kaiser Aluminum smokestack, a symbol of industrial strength in St. Bernard Parish. The St. Bernard Port's Chimney welcomes visitors from all directions.

"The Port moves raw materials by barge, rail and truck throughout the nation fueling the country's industrial complex."

—Robert J. Scafidel



# Completion of Administration & Security Complex

Located on a six acre site at the Chalmette Terminal, the 33,596 square foot \$7.8 million state-of-the-art Administration and Security Complex is a symbol of the spirit for St. Bernard to rebuild their community through economic opportunity and prosperity.





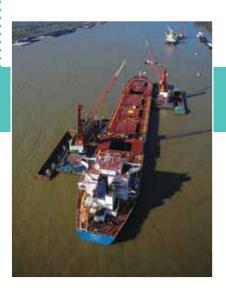
# New Office Warehouse for Associated Terminals

Associated Terminals is one of the largest stevedoring companies on the Mississippi River specializing in midstream cargo transfers. They moved into their newly renovated 10,000 s.f. office at the Arabi Terminal.



### Tina IV Breaks Tonnage Record

The Port reached a milestone, setting the all-time record in annual tonnage - over 10 million tons of cargo was unloaded at the Port's facilities.



# The Port creates 2,000 plus direct and indirect jobs

There are over 800 full-time employees that work for the Port's 48 tenants at its Terminals. More than 1,200 additional jobs are supported by these Tenants' activities.

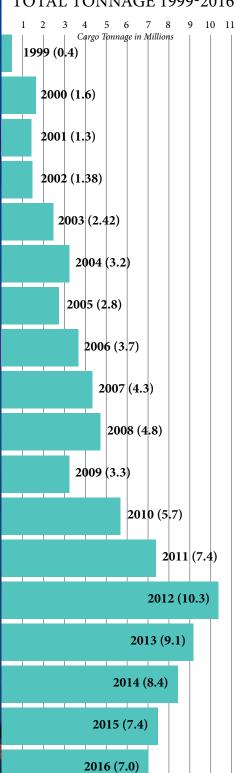




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### 2014 2015 2016 **Operations commence** Growth at the Violet Terminal When Bobby Scafidel **Economic Impact** St. Bernard Port owns more than commenced his tenure as The Port has become 4,300 lineal feet of riverfront Executive Director in 1999, the economic engine of property with 5 ship berths. the Port's Annual Tonnage of St. Bernard Parish. Each There are over 52 acres of land Cargo was 400,000 short tons. year the Port, its tenants available for future development. In his final five years as E.D., the and users of the Port The Violet Terminal is on pace to Port averaged approximately facilities are placing an handle more than 1,000,000 tons 8.5 million short tons per year. estimated \$325 million of cargo this calendar year. 361 ocean going ships chose into the local economy. St. Bernard Port as their Port of Call in 2016. BERNARD -PORT-

#### TOTAL TONNAGE 1999-2016

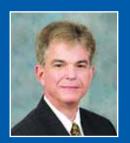




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