

**ST. BERNARD PORT**  
**HARBOR & TERMINAL DISTRICT**  
Annual Report | 2021

## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**“The St. Bernard Port is stronger than ever. The Port is resilient, adaptable, and poised to make the most of the constantly fluctuating economic conditions.”**



As one of Louisiana's busiest ports, the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District continued to grow and prosper last year, undeterred by the pandemic-driven economic downturn. I am pleased to report that in 2020, 354 ocean going vessels chose the St. Bernard Port as their port of call. Our Marine Terminal Operator loaded and unloaded 7.4 million tons of cargo, the sixth highest year on record. We continue to see increases in labor intensive cargo each year, which will ultimately create more job opportunities within our community. Currently, our buildings and warehouses are leased at 100% capacity.

The first six months of 2021 have proven to be very reassuring. All signs point to continued growth and development at the Port. A federal infrastructure investment is set to facilitate the deepening of the Mississippi River, which will enable larger bulk carriers to access the St. Bernard Port. This puts the Port in a more competitive position in the shipping industry. It will allow for lower shipping cost per ton.

There are several projects underway at the Port. The rehabilitation of the docks at the Chalmette Slip are seeing steady progress. We are now six months into this project, which is being funded by federal and state grants, and is expected to be completed in early 2023. A Maritime Security grant is allowing the Port to move forward with creating a Geographic Information System (GIS) to map out our infrastructure at all facilities. The Port will continue to work with federal agencies, take part in available state funding, and pursue partnerships with private business investors to continue the growth of the St. Bernard Port.

We are also delighted to continue building partnerships with other local industries here in St. Bernard Parish. The Port is working with Rain CII Carbon LLC, a green petroleum coke fuel source for the aluminum and iron processing industries, on the potential construction of a new coke storage facility. We are also assisting Chalmette Refinery by providing lease space for a green bio-diesel storage facility expansion and in the year to come, American Sugar Refining, Inc., owner of Domino Sugar Refinery, will be leasing 80,986 square feet of new warehouse space at the Chalmette Terminal in early 2022.

Even though this year has been promising, it has also brought about some loss and changes for the Port. One of our board members, Mr. William T. Bergeron, sadly passed away earlier this year. Mr. Bergeron's knowledge, dedication, and vision will always be remembered and appreciated. We also had two long-time board members retire from service this year. I would like to thank Reverend Henry Ballard, Jr. and Mr. Harold J. Anderson for their dedication through their years of service on the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District Board of Commissioners. We are forever grateful for their guidance and tireless efforts. Although our former board members will be greatly missed, we are eager to work with our new and remaining Board Members in securing a productive future for the Port.

As always, with the assistance of our federal and state legislators, under the skillful navigation of our Board of Commissioners, along with our dedicated staff, I will continue to support and promote a positive economic future for the St. Bernard Port and St. Bernard Parish.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Drew M. Heaphy".

Drew M. Heaphy  
Executive Director

## THE ST. BERNARD PORT IS THE ECONOMIC ENGINE OF ST. BERNARD PARISH

The St. Bernard Port, along with its tenants, create 18% of the jobs in St. Bernard Parish. The Port administration, security, and maintenance personnel consist of 40 dedicated and talented employees working together to ensure the Port maintains a smooth and efficient operation.

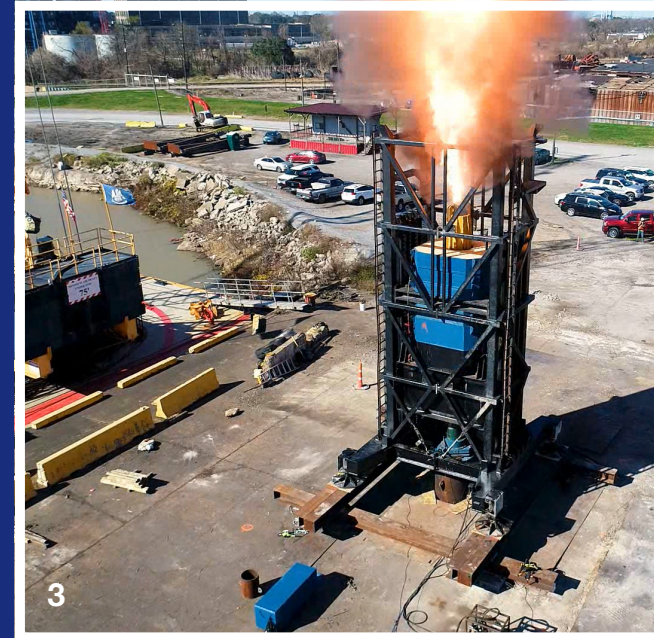
As a landlord port, the St. Bernard Port has reached 100% occupancy of its available warehouse space in 2021. Over 50 different

tenant-owned businesses operating within the Port employ over 900 full-time employees within the Port's four terminals. These hardworking employees are building a better life and future for themselves, their families, and their community.

The Port, its tenants and their patrons place an estimated \$325 million annually into the local economy.



# GROWTH AT THE PORT



The St. Bernard Port strives to maintain consistent growth through both new projects and the improvement of existing infrastructure. The Administration and Board of Commissioners are excited to share some of the projects that are underway inside of our facilities:

## 1. AMERICAN SUGAR REFINERY

Construction of a new 80,986 square foot, food quality storage warehouse in the Chalmette Terminal is underway for our new tenant, American Sugar Refinery. The warehouse is scheduled to open for storage in the first quarter of 2022.

## 2. SEWER TREATMENT PLANT

The Port is demolishing its approximately 61-year-old, 12,000 GPD existing sewer treatment plant. The Port is having a new 12,000 GPD sewer treatment plant installed in its place. The project is projected to be completed by August 31, 2021.

## 3. SLIP RECONSTRUCTION

Demolition of two sections of the 117-year-old docks located in the Chalmette Slip is currently taking place. Dock A, a 75,000 square foot dock, will have the complete dock surface and all structural support removed and replaced with new structural supports. Dock F, a 50,589 square foot dock, will have the entire dock and structural supports demolished and will be completely replaced with a new dock. This project is scheduled for completion in the first quarter of 2023.

## 4. INTERSECTION PROJECT IN ARABI

A re-alignment of the intersection at LA46 and Weinberger Road will help integrate future road projects. The project will go out for bid in the last quarter of 2021, and construction is expected to be completed by mid-2022.

## 5. GIS

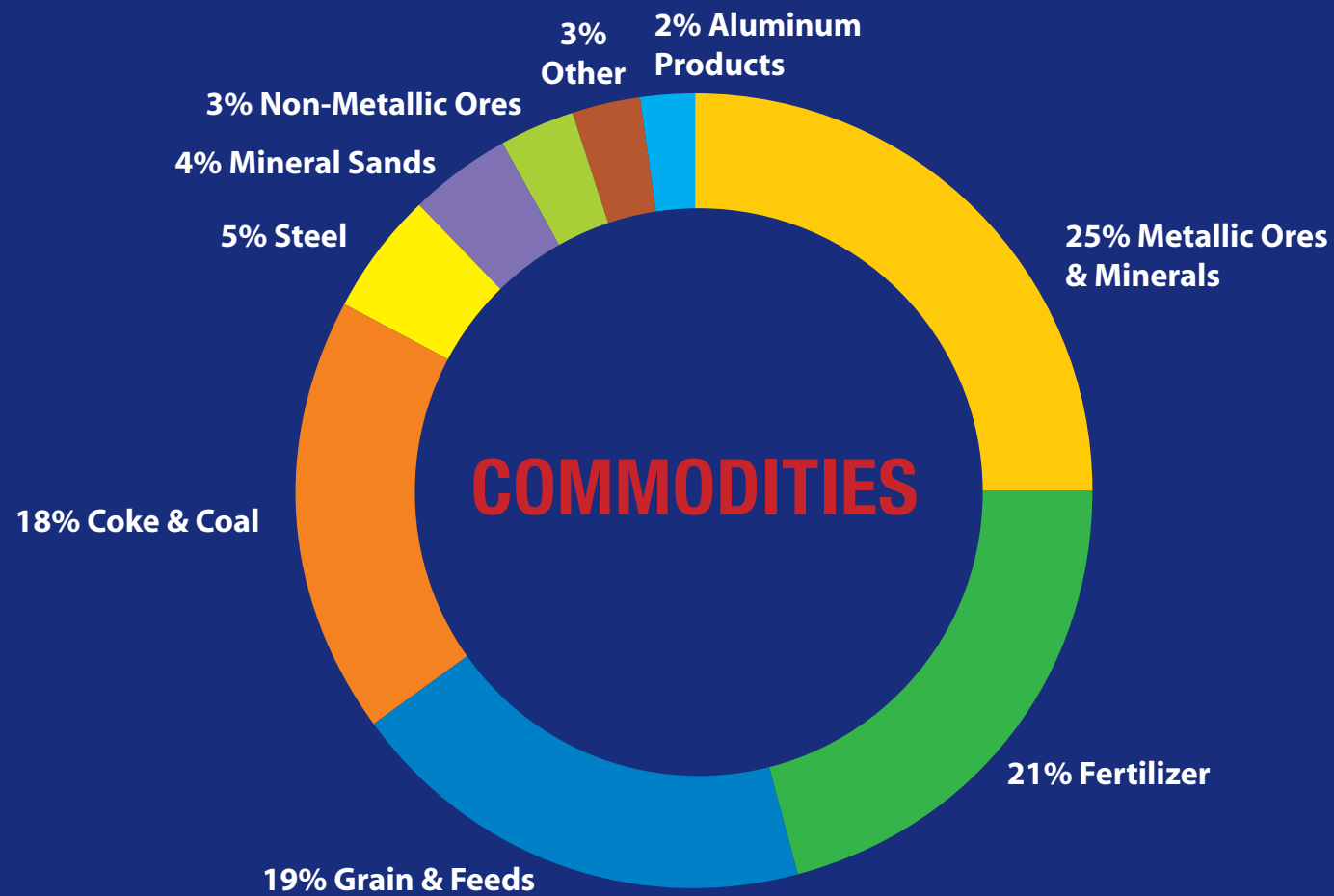
A Geographic Information System will digitally graph each of the Port's terminals with a complete listing of buildings/warehouses, laydown areas, roads, utilities, and borderlines. All the buildings/warehouses and laydown areas will have the complete dimensions of each location listed, along with a snapshot of current and past leases, maintenance reports, and potential growth. Phase 1 of this project is scheduled for completion by August 31, 2022, and Phase 2 is scheduled for completion by August 31, 2023.

## 6. THE PARISH MARINA

In 2020, the Port leased its property located at 6301 Paris Road in Chalmette to a new business, St. Bernard Eco-Tourism LLC. The property, appropriately called "The Parish Marina", has since seen immense improvements. Some new features added to the property by St. Bernard Eco-Tourism include a full-service marina, watercraft storage facility, boat launch, and a live-bait and tackle shop.







**METALLIC ORES (25%)**

Main ingredients in the production of steel. Mined in South Africa and the Baltic Sea area and off-loaded at the Port then barged to Pittsburg and Chicago or trucked to Alabama foundries.



**FERTILIZER (21%)**

Unloaded and shipped by rail and barge to farmers in Louisiana and the heartland for wheat, barley, rice, and corn crops. These foods help to feed the U.S. and the world.



**GRAIN & FEEDS (19%)**

Exported by ship to Europe and Asia where the grains are used for food production and the feeds are used for food for livestock.

# TONNAGE

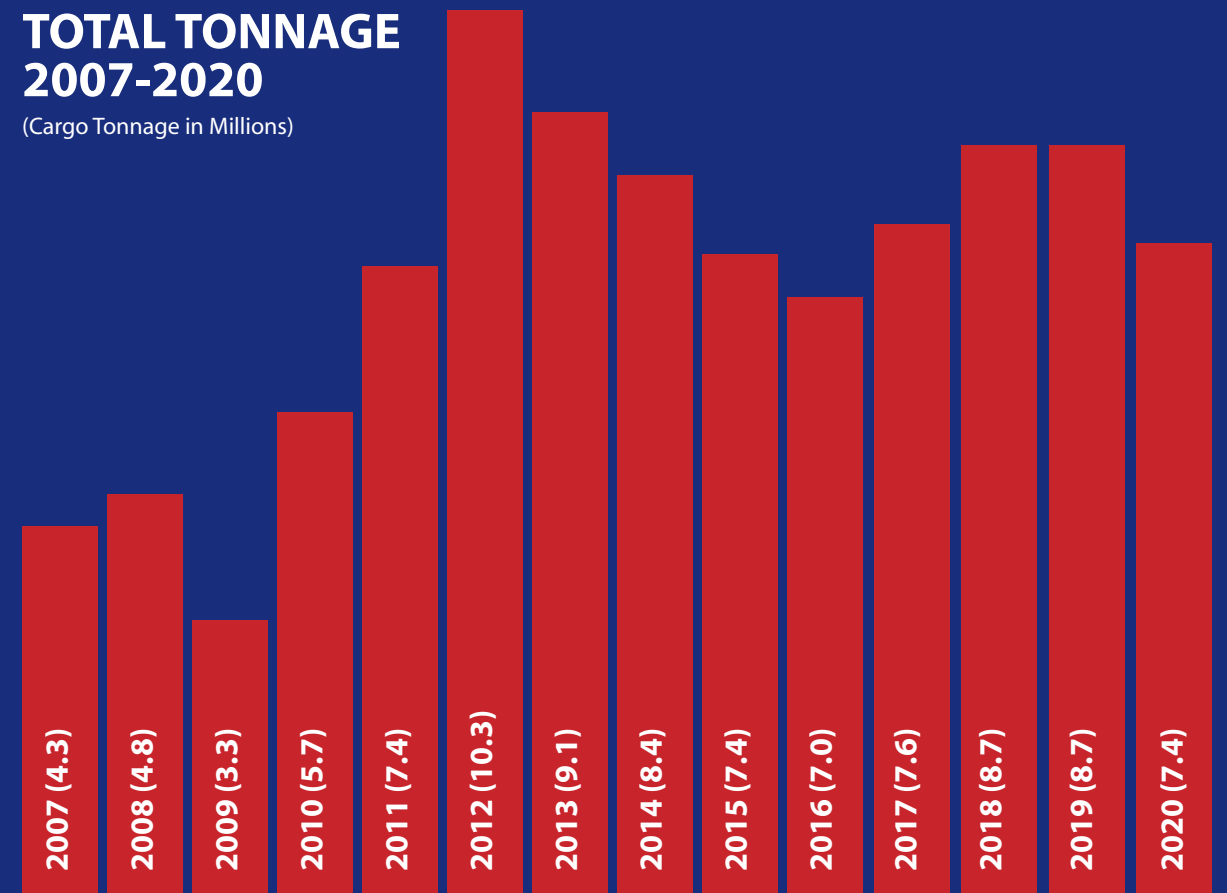
As one of the busiest shipping corridors in the world, the Mississippi River offers a steady flow of opportunity and potential. The St. Bernard Port's unique location along the lower Mississippi River provides an ideal mode for the transportation of raw materials, by ship and barge, throughout the United States and around the world. The Port is connected by land to the entire nation through all six Class One railroads and the Interstate Highway system.

In 2020, the St. Bernard Port handled 7.4 million tons of bulk, break bulk and general cargo. The Port continuously operates 24/7, 365 days a year.



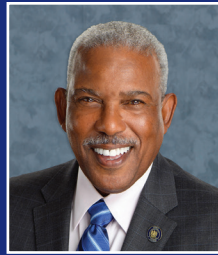
## TOTAL TONNAGE 2007-2020

(Cargo Tonnage in Millions)





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Sen. Joseph Bouie, Jr.



Rep. Raymond Garofalo, Jr.

## The St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District Board of Commissioners



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***Commissioners are unpaid public servants appointed by the Governor.***

## The Administration of the St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District



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