

# THE MADISON PARISH PORT HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT



**LOCATION** – The Madison Parish Port Harbor and Terminal District is located on the Mississippi River at milepost 457 in the northeast corner of Louisiana in Madison Parish, six miles north of Tallulah on U.S. Highway 65. The port’s legislated jurisdiction consists of the entire parish of Madison.



**ORGANIZATION** – The Madison Parish Port Commission was created by Act 369 of the 1966 Session of Louisiana Legislature as the governing authority of the Madison Parish Port Harbor and Terminal District. The board of commissioners consists of seven members who serve four-year staggered terms; six appointed by the Madison Parish Police Jury, and one elected by the six appointed members. Commissioners serve without compensation. Regular meetings are held monthly on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 5:00 pm.

The primary object and purpose of the Madison Parish Port Commission is to fully develop the 266 acre port and industrial site along the Mississippi River to stimulate and encourage economic development in Madison Parish, Louisiana through commerce, industry and tourism and for the utilization and development of natural and human resources of the area and provide job opportunities. The proposed development was envisioned to be a fully operational port and industrial park with roads, railroads, water, sewer, natural gas, and electrical infrastructure.

The Madison Parish Port Commission has realized the development of approximately

one-half of its total 266 acres through industrial development as follows:

1. Complex Chemical Company, Inc.
2. Delta Southern Railroad
3. Lansing Trade Group
4. Terral River Service Inc.
5. Jimmy Sanders Inc.
6. Bunge North America
7. Helen Chemical
8. CHS, Inc.



## PORT COMMISSIONERS

Donald Frazier, Chairman  
Robert Charles Brown

Charles Vining, Vice-Chairman  
Isaiah Ross

Jim Tucker  
Harold Allen

Latasha Griffin

## PORT STAFF

Terry Murphy, Port Executive Director

Kimmeke Epps, Secretary/Treasurer

Edwin Moberley, Port Attorney

## TENANTS

**Terral River Service, Inc.**- Serving as the Madison Parish Port Stevedore, Terral is a river transportation service company specializing in the bulk storage and handling of dry and liquid materials along the Mississippi River system, the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and the inland waterways of Louisiana and southern Arkansas. Services offered include: terminal dock operations, custom barge operations, barge cleaning, barge repair, bulk material storage and bulk material handling. With company roots stretching back to 1946, Terral has grown steadily, adding and upgrading facilities throughout the lower Mississippi region.

**Complex Chemical Co., Inc.** – Was established in 1974. Initial products produced were ethylene, diethylene, and triethylene glycol. In 1978 the company began producing polymer in oil solutions called viscosity index modifiers which are used in multi-grade crankcase oils. During the late 70’s and 80’s Complex started producing and packaging Dot 3 brake fluid and anti-freeze products. In the early 90’s, Complex began producing various blends and reaction products used in paving and mining industries. Complex transports in and out a total of 650-750 jumbo car loads of materials per year with an expected increase to 800-900 cars in the near future. After being completely destroyed by a tornado in 2010, this family owned and operated company rapidly rebuilt and invested millions of dollars in upgrades. Currently employing over 100 people, Complex Chemical was the recipient of the Louisiana Economic Development’s Lantern Award in 2012. Lantern Award winners are selected by Louisiana’s eight Regional Planning and Development Districts, with selection based on the contributions of the manufacturers to their communities, including investments in employment growth and facility expansion.

**Bunge North America** - Since 1923, Bunge North America has been connecting their vital agriculture producers to a wide range of customers in the livestock, poultry, food processing, foodservice and bakery industries. Headquartered in St. Louis, Mo., Bunge North America is the North American operating arm of Bunge Limited. With nearly 4,900 employees, Bunge North America operates grain elevators, oilseed processing plants, edible oil refineries and packaging facilities, and corn, wheat and rice mills in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.



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**PRIMARY CARGOES** – Inbound– Aggregates, lime, dry and liquid fertilizer, cottonseed, grain and steel.  
Outbound – Aggregates, lime, dry and liquid fertilizer, cottonseed, grain and steel.

**MAIN CHANNEL DEPTH** – The Port has direct access to the Mississippi River approx. six miles north of the Interstate 20 bridge. In this location the Mississippi River has an average depth of 25 feet. A full service dock with rail spur allows access while providing safe harbor. The typical draft depth at the dock is 12 feet throughout the majority of the year.

**CARGO TERMINALS & FACILITIES** – General Cargo Pier: Port Owned, operated by Terral River Service; Cargo: Cottonseed, aggregates-limestone, ag-lime and liquid fertilizer; Berths 2; Face 150 feet; sides 250 feet; Depth minimum 9 feet deep water; Mechanical Handling Facilities: 110 ton crane with 8 yard bucket; conveyor belt 36 inch x 200 feet with connection to two storage pads 136 yards x 100 yards and 250 yards x 72 yards.

General Cargo Ramp: Port owned, operated by Terral River Service; 50 feet x 150 feet; 2 inch water source to the end of the dock; 2 pipelines between Terral River Service and Mid-Delta Helena Company and CHS, Inc.;

Terral's Warehouse Storage Capacity includes: 9,000 tons cottonseed; 500,000 bushels of grain and 56,000 tons of liquid storage

## **OTHER PORT-OWNED BUSINESSES, SERVICES AND FACILITIES** –

Certified Truck Scales

Rail 22,241 Feet

110,000 square foot warehouse and 5 smaller buildings on 50 fenced acres available for industrial use, land side of levee; This building was formerly occupied by Northrop Grumman Inc., who consolidated its military shipbuilding facilities to Pascagoula, Mississippi.

## **MADISON PARISH PORT COMMISSION**

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