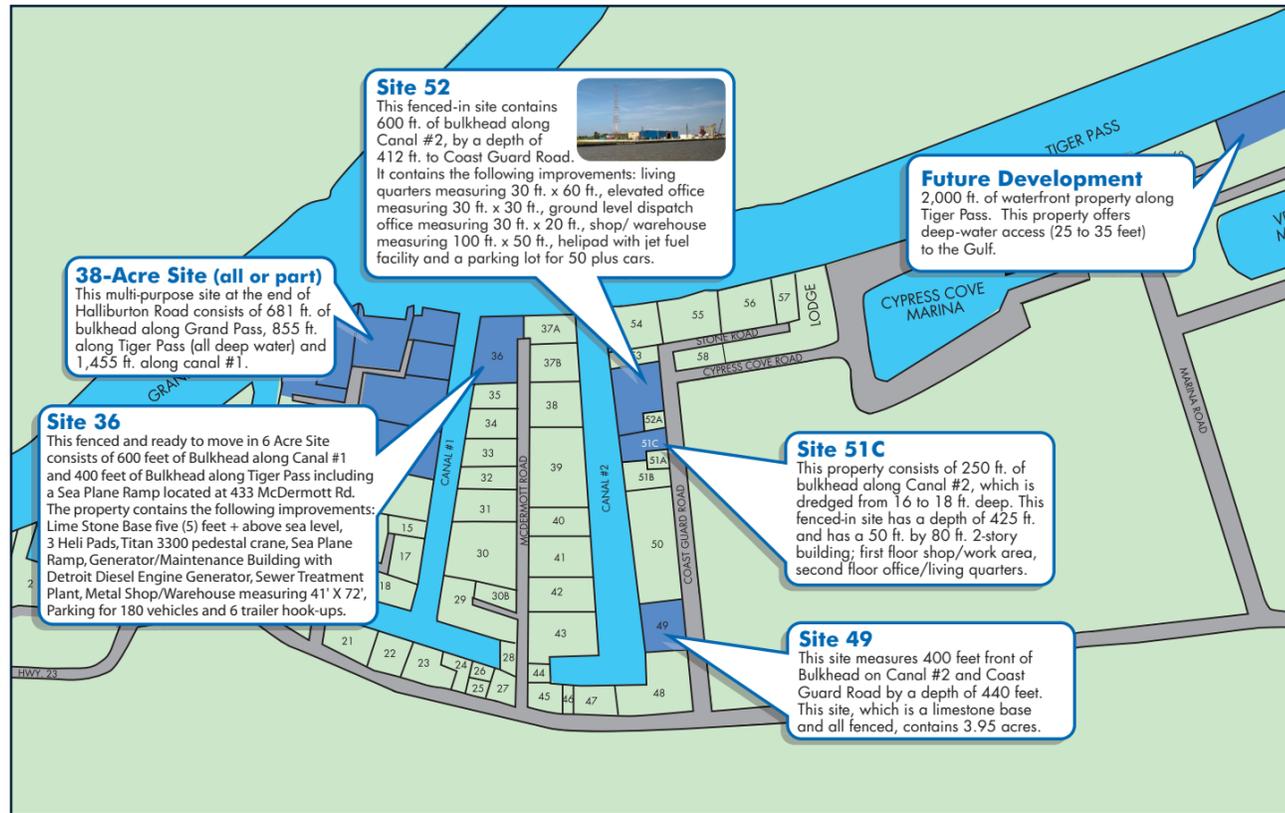


# Opportunities abound at the VPC

The VPC offers ready to move in properties as well as customizing to meet your company's specific needs.



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) [www.veniceportcomplex.com](http://www.veniceportcomplex.com)

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# The VPC Report

FALL 2012

## Moving Forward . . .

Summer heat has passed and with it the major threat of hurricanes in the Gulf. Despite a direct hit, the VPC fared very well from the effects of Hurricane Isaac with little damage from the storm. The Port was operational within 48 hours after landfall.

The Corps of Engineers continues dredging Baptiste Collette Bayou and Tiger Pass to an authorized depth of -16 MSL, which will be completed this fall. We are also waiting on the Corps' approval of the feasibility study for the dredging of Baptiste Collette Bayou to -22 MSL. The study is being reviewed before it is submitted to Congress for approval later this year.

Construction on Phase 2 of the raising of Tidewater Road to +5 feet MSL is continuing at a good pace. Plaquemines Parish Government and the Corps of Engineers have entered into a Participation Agreement for the construction of a federally authorized levee protecting the Westbank of Central Plaquemines Parish and Louisiana State Hwy 23 from flooding. More than \$600 million has been funded by Congress for construction of this Hurricane Protection Levee. Once the levee is completed, the Westbank of Plaquemines Parish and Hwy 23 will be

protected by a federal levee system. Construction could begin by the end of this year.

The VPC is excited by the continued efforts to restore our vital wetlands. The ongoing Jump Basin Marsh Creation Project is using spoil material from the dredging of the Jump Basin Canal to restore marsh in the area next to the VPC.

Many of our tenants are also making improvements. The VPC is replacing 400 linear feet of bulkhead along Site 37 A fronting on Tiger Pass capable of a -22 MSL water depth for deep water activity.

The VPC, which recently donated a trailer to South Plaquemines High School Band for band instruments, is now organizing the 6th annual Thanksgiving Basket Drive. The event helps those in need in our area by providing a holiday meal. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Tony Frickey at 504.382.7049.

This is a special time of year and we wish all of our tenants, visitors and neighbors a happy holiday.

Sincerely,

George Pivach II  
Venice Port Complex Vice President  
and General Counsel



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## INDUSTRY UPDATES

### Rene Cross Construction, Inc.

**Rene Cross Construction, Inc.** announced on April 4, 2012 its acquisition by **TUSK Energy Services, LLC**. Rene Cross Construction has 25 years of experience as an inland marine construction company based in Plaquemines Parish, with a marine base at the Venice Port Complex, LA. TUSK Energy will continue to do business as Rene Cross Construction, Inc. (RCCD). Former owner and founder, Rene Cross will continue to work with the TUSK management team as Vice President of Business Development for Rene Cross Construction, bringing his 38 years of expertise to TUSK Energy Services.

Rene Cross Construction is a part of a larger network of companies including **TUSK Subsea Services and Bourgeois Industries**. Rene Cross Construction offers inland dredging and rental services through TUSK Subsea Services. Rene Cross Construction also offers fabrication services through Bourgeois Industries to deliver in-house custom fabrication and machine services. Established in November 1986, Rene Cross Construction has experience that extends beyond its years. From a single contract with Shell Oil Company, Rene Cross Construction has since grown into a company that 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 government agencies on projects including levees, pile driving, sheetpile bulk-heading, pile dikes, and fresh water diversion projects. RCCI has 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 24/7, eight-acre dock facility, construction yard and shop located at the Venice Port Complex, Rene Cross Construction has five 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 services including welding and fabrication, pile driving, bulkheads, rock pads for production barges, dirt and rock Work, Rig Locations, Compressor Installations, Hook-Ups, Flow-lines, Pipeline installation, pipeline maintenance, pigging operations, pipeline cleaning, dredging (dragline, clam, hydraulic), dock services, keyways, demolition, decommissioning, and plug & abandonment.

For more information, please contact **Rene Cross at (504)393-9045**.

### Whitetail Oilfield Services, LLC

From land to marshes, inland barges and the Gulf of Mexico, Whitetail Oilfield Services, LLC possesses the equipment, knowledge, experience and the expertise to fulfill all of your construction or oilfield projects.

Whitetail Oilfield Services was established in 2002 by owners Tim Wiemann and Benny Fick with a customer focus on inland marine and land oilfield construction. Our main office and fabrication shop is located at 210 Industrial Ave. B on 4 acres of land situated directly on the Intracoastal Canal in Houma, LA. This provides direct access to the Gulf of Mexico. Our yard in Venice which is located at 290 Mcdermott Rd. provides dock side services including loading and unloading of truck and vessels, staging areas and experienced dispatching services.

Whitetail's mission is to enhance our customer's profitability by consistently providing high quality cost effective construction services. Whitetail provides a safe working environment that encourages, supports and recognizes the contribution of each individual employee. Carrying out this mission will ensure the luxury of long term employees and repeat customers.

Our equipment fleet in Houma and Venice consists of spud barges, pontoons, outboard vessels, cranes, excavators, dozers, skid loaders, backhoes, forklifts, pile driving equipment, pipe laying equipment as well as other con-



struction, sandblasting and painting equipment.

In addition to providing qualified and knowledgeable job supervisors and dispatchers, we also maintain a strong rigger/roustabout team as well as pipeline and structural welders and fitters. Our heavy equipment operators come with unsurpassable experience in all aspects of construction, oilfield and dockside services.

For more information on Whitetail's Venice Dock facility contact Tony Lawrence at 504-534-7722 or for your construction needs call 985-853-1005 or visit our website at [www.whitetailoil.com](http://www.whitetailoil.com).

### Madere & Sons Towing

It all began in 1982. Al Madere built his first lugger tugboat, the M/V Captain Hebert and established Madere Inc.; a marine towing business with the motto "You Call, We Haul." The company began with Al as the captain, one deckhand and his wife Cathy keeping the books. Business was steady until the oil industry took a severe plunge in production in 1983. The Captain Hebert and most tugs across southeast Louisiana remained tied up for weeks at a time, with little work available. Times were tough. Madere Inc. relied on local brokers for jobs, but with few job opportunities and a plentiful supply of tugs available for hire, the industry was indeed competitive. During those difficult times, no jobs were turned down no matter how foggy or challenging the task.

Over time, customers noticed and appreciated this work ethic, and Madere Inc. saw the need to expand. In 1997, Al partnered with his sons, Chad and Gene, to create a new business: Madere & Sons Towing. With the new business came additional tugs and services. Madere & Sons Towing now owns and operates seven tugboats; the Captain Hebert, Lady Josie, Master Dylan, Master Tyler, Master Landin, Miss Alene and the Master Myles. In addition to towing services such as rig moving, rig tending and construction related jobs, all of the vessels are capable of transferring potable water and diesel fuel and have an ample amount of deck space for equipment

transport. Madere and Sons Towing also offers a full line of barge rentals, including water barges, spud barges, deck barges and shale barges. The Maderes take a hands-on approach in all aspects of the business from maintenance to job consulting in order to accommodate the need of any customer in the oil industry.

With the increase in tugs and services available, Madere & Sons Towing needed to increase the number of captains and deckhands they employ. Al, Chad and Gene always endeavor to hire experienced, licensed crew members who take pride in their job, work to keep the vessels and equipment in top notch condition, and have a work ethic similar to the Maderes. Currently, there are more than 20 employees, many of whom have worked for the Maderes for over 10 years. Madere & Sons Towing's key to keeping great employees is paying them a competitive salary, offering premium health insurance, but most of all treating them like family...which is how Al started the business in 1982 and continues to run it today... "a family business."

For more information on Madere & Sons Towing, call 504-657-8283 or visit [www.maderetowing.com](http://www.maderetowing.com)



### VPC makes donation to the South Plaquemines High School Band



This fall the Venice Port Complex donated a trailer to the South Plaquemines High School Band. The 6 x 12 foot trailer will allow the band to transport equipment for students to away games and parades.

Band Director Charles Pernici said, "The new band trailer has meant a lot to our students as it is a sign that our business community cares about our students. It also is a much needed piece of equipment that will help us travel as we show school and community spirit throughout South Louisiana."

Tony Frickey, Site Supervisor of the VPC, said, "I hope that the donation will encourage students to participate in the band and encourage other businesses to support the school as well."