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Dear St. Bernard Community Members,

As you may have heard, the Port of New Orleans is investing in St. Bernard Parish with an international container terminal in Violet. In doing so, we accept the significant responsibility of being a good neighbor, and we know it's even more important here where roots run deep and connection to community means everything.

We recognize there are concerns and uncertainties about the Louisiana International Terminal. We are listening and will hold ourselves accountable to you.

Port NOLA remains committed to working with our neighbors to design a project that brings opportunity for St. Bernard families and businesses while protecting local quality of life. We recognize that a successful project that respects the community's needs is not possible without your input and insight.

Some of today's uncertainties are a matter of where we are in the timeline. Before construction even begins, the terminal must be designed and a two- to three-year public permitting process must take place. We are at the beginning of that process now. Overseen by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, it will combine formal studies with community input to address traffic, safety, the environment, historic preservation, and other quality of life issues.

The Louisiana International Terminal is years away from construction. While our timelines are tentative at this point, we anticipate construction starting in 2025, with the first wharf opening in 2027. Full development of the terminal will take place over a period of 25 years.

We felt it was important to reach out before entering into the upcoming permitting process. This has allowed us to start gathering feedback and understanding your concerns. It's early, and we do not have all the answers right now. The process is designed to help us reach them together.

We will continue to share information with you, and we invite you to stay engaged, stay informed, and participate. In the coming weeks, watch for information from the port on topics that matter to you. Learn more on our Facebook page, yourworkingriver.com or stop by our Community Connection Office in Violet. You can also send our team an email at LITinfo@portnola.com.

By working together, we can bring real opportunity and economic prosperity to Violet and St. Bernard Parish for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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