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PORT ARTHUR REFINERY TO START BUNKER DELIVERIES

HOUSTON, Texas – (March 6, 2006) – Total Petrochemicals USA, Inc. announced today that it is starting bunker deliveries in the Port Arthur and Lake Charles areas of the Gulf of Mexico.

Deliveries will start of IF-380 cst and marine gasoil sourced from its Port Arthur Refinery. A 3,000 metric ton capacity barge chartered and operated by a local supplier will make the deliveries.

Although initial deliveries will be centered in the Port Arthur and Lake Charles areas, the deliveries may expand to the Houston area depending upon demand.

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The start of this bunker activity adds to the worldwide network of Total Marine Fuels, the Total group has a major presence in North West Europe and Mediterranean ports as well as in major ports in Africa – such as Port Gentil, Abidjan, and Dakar – and Asia.

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Total Petrochemicals encompasses the petrochemicals activities of Total, the fourth largest oil company worldwide. Its business includes base petrochemicals from steam crackers and certain refinery processing plants – olefins (ethylene, propylene), C₄ fractions and aromatics (benzene, toluene, xylenes and styrene) – as well as the commodity polymers they derived from (polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene and elastomers). Total Petrochemicals employs 7,500 people in Europe, the United States, the Middle East and Asia. Its products are used in many consumer and industrial markets, including Packaging, Construction and Automotive.