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**Industrial Shipping and Transportation Facilities on
Houston Ship Channel Evaluated by Deal Sikes & Associates**

HOUSTON, TEXAS, Friday, May 11, 2012 — Deal Sikes & Associates, one of the nation's leading real estate valuation and counseling firms, completed an evaluation of industrial transportation corridors associated with property on the Houston Ship Channel, the most significant petrochemical manufacturing and shipping complex in North America.

The assignment required evaluation of pipeline, roadway, railroad and waterway shipping facilities at the Houston Ship Channel property. Deal Sikes & Associates was retained by a Fortune 500 corporation for the valuation and real estate counseling assignment.

"As a firm with deep expertise in industrial properties, Deal Sikes & Associates has evaluated marine shipping facilities for large vessels and small barges, in addition to the massive network of pipelines and rail lines around the Houston Ship Channel," said Matthew Deal, principal of Deal Sikes & Associates. "Deal Sikes is in the position to dominate in this field internationally as the upcoming Panama Canal expansion elevates Houston's stature among the top tier of the world's port cities."

Deal Sikes has represented a number of major energy firms, pipeline companies and property owners in commercial real estate valuation and right-of-way strategies for pipeline expansions, railroad issues and other matters involving eminent domain and corporate acquisitions.

Deal Sikes & Associates, based in Houston, provides real estate valuation and counseling services for eminent domain initiatives, transactions, estate tax planning, due diligence research and litigation support. The principals of Deal Sikes & Associates provide real estate counseling and valuation services for governmental agencies, real estate companies, law firms and corporate clients across the nation.

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