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PORT TO CONDUCT TOUR OF REZONE ASSESSMENT SITE

WASHOUGAL, WA (January 23, 2008) – The Port of Camas/Washougal is beginning a rezone assessment to determine future employment uses for the eastern portion of the Port’s Industrial Park (the East Industrial Park), and will conduct a tour of the property on **January 28, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.** “We feel it is important for our community to fully understand the opportunities, assets, and challenges of this property, and wanted to give citizens and the media added insight by offering a first-hand tour of the area,” said Scot Walstra, Director of Planning and Development. The staging for the tour will begin at 8:45 a.m. at the eastern most parking lot at Captain William Clark Park. (See attached map).

The Port is evaluating whether or not to change the direction of the site’s development from a range of light and heavy industrial uses to a wider range of employment uses, such as a business or technology park with accessory uses (i.e., limited retail and professional services to serve business park tenants) as well as identifying under what conditions it would sell a portion or all of the property. “What happens at this site will impact our future and our region,” said Alan Hargrave, President of the Board of Commissioners, “and we want to hear from the community as we evaluate our options.” The public will have numerous opportunities to get

information and give input and suggestions at public meetings, on the Port's website www.portcw.com, in the monthly *Port News*, at a display that will rotate to various locations throughout the community, and at informal brown bag conversations. "We are committed to an open and transparent public process," said Hargrave.

The assessment includes approximately 127 acres of Port property located at the east end of the Port of Camas/Washougal Industrial Park, beginning at the east ends of South Grant and South Truman streets. Surrounding properties include existing Port businesses to the west, the Columbia River dike to the south, and the Steigerwald Lake National Wildlife Refuge to the north and east. (See attached map).

The mission of the Port of Camas/Washougal is to strengthen and diversify the existing economic and industrial base of the district and enhance employment and recreational opportunities for the benefit of the residents of the Port district and surrounding region.

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