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A major plan is underway to refurbish Deer Park Rail Terminal near Houston



Proposed site layout with up to 12 million barrels of liquids storage, multiple docks and unit train-capable rail terminal.

Texas Deepwater Deer Park Terminal (TDWP DP) has entered into a lease agreement with Equilon Enterprises d/b/a Shell Oil Products US (SOPUS) to retrofit and refurbish the Deer Park Rail Terminal (DPRT) in order to load refined products on the Houston Ship Channel.

TDDPT is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Texas Deepwater Partners, a joint venture formed in 2015 by USD Group LLC and Pinto Realty Partners. SOPUS affiliate Shell Trading (US) Company (STUSCO)

also entered into a related diesel supply agreement with an affiliate of USDG.

On completion of the project, the terminal will have the capability of loading up to 48 railcars a day, or approximately 33,000 barrels of refined products a day. The facility is equipped with two operational tanks with 50,000 barrels of total storage capacity, which will service the railcar loading rack at the terminal with direct pipeline connectivity to Deer Park Refinery and the Colex Products Terminal.

The renovated terminal is expected to begin operations during the second quarter of 2019. Following completion, TDWP DP will continue to lease and operate the facility under a long term agreement with SOPUS. While the initial focus will be on loading diesel into railcars, there may be a potential to expand the DPRT by adding storage capacity and rail loading to handle additional refined products.

"This is an exciting opportunity to work jointly with TDWP to operationalise a long-idled asset as we continue to see diesel demand growth in many markets," said Odeh Khoury, vice president, Shell Products Trading & Supply Americas. "This project increases our integration with Shell's joint venture in the Deer Park Refinery and enables us to optimise our integrated value."

Larry Ruple, TDWP's executive vice president of business development, added: "We are excited for the opportunity to work with Shell on this project, and for the value it creates by adding the much-needed takeaway capacity for refined products in the strategic Houston Ship Channel market." ■

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