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MMS Donates Artifacts from Historic Shipwreck to State of Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS – The Minerals Management Service (MMS) Gulf of Mexico Regional Director Lars Herbst and Louisiana's Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu will announce the donation of more than 500 historically significant artifacts to the Louisiana State Museum and the Louisiana State Division of Archaeology at a news conference to be held at the Cabildo on March 9th. The artifacts, discovered in the wreckage of a yet-to-be identified wooden ship that sank in the federal waters off Louisiana's coast, date from the early nineteenth century.

Who: Louisiana Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu
MMS Gulf of Mexico Regional Director Lars Herbst
Texas A & M University Geological Oceanographer Dr. Bill Bryant

What: Donation of artifacts recovered from deepwater Gulf of Mexico shipwreck to the Louisiana State Museum and the Louisiana State Division of Archaeology. Archaeologists will discuss the field work, show underwater video from the project and display several artifacts.

When: Monday, March 9, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Louisiana State Museum
The Cabildo, Jackson Square
Sala Capitular, 2nd floor

Media: News media representatives planning on attending the conference, please notify the MMS Gulf of Mexico Public Affairs Office at 504-736-2590 or Arthur Smith at the Louisiana State Museum at 504-568-6945.

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