

STATEMENT FROM LEAGUE SPOKESMAN

Commissioner Tagliabue today met in New York for two hours with Saints owner Tom Benson, Saints General Manager Mickey Loomis and NFLPA Executive Director Gene Upshaw on matters regarding the Saints future.

A number of subjects relative to the Saints operations in 2006 were discussed including the pace of the recovery efforts in the New Orleans area, the timing of key decisions affecting the Saints’ team planning for 2006, and the make-up of the Saints 2006 playing schedule.

Commissioner Tagliabue and Mr. Benson will continue discussions next Monday in New Orleans when they meet with business leaders and community officials. They also will visit the Superdome, the Saints training facility in Metairie, and other areas of the city.

Commissioner Tagliabue and Mr. Benson plan to attend the Saints-Buccaneers game in Baton Rouge this Sunday.