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POLA Cranes Fully Operational

The three refurbished POLA Cranes brought in by Matson and Horizon last January, are now fully operational after several months of preparation and training. One of the three refurbished cranes, known as P17, was put into operation for the first time on April 7 and lifted its first container when the Matson MV Manukai arrived about 11 pm that night.

POLA crane P17 joined the Mobile Harbor Crane and Gantry No. 3 for the operation which continued on to the following day. For another week the other remaining POLA cranes were still being fine



tuned and being used to continue training the crane operators and mechanics. On April 13, the second POLA crane, P16, was deployed against operations for the Horizon Eagle and on April 14, the third POLA crane, P14, worked against Matson's Manulani vessel. To date,

all three cranes are only being utilized by the carriers, Matson and Horizon.

"This is an exciting time for our Port, our shipping companies and the people of Guam," said Port General Manager

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\$1.8 Million Grant for Marina

The Hagåtña Marina will soon be getting a facelift with renovations and site development slated to improve the facility for island residents. These improvements are a part of the Port's continuing efforts to modernize its facility and prepare the

marinas for the 21st Century.

The Port Authority of Guam was given an Authorization to Proceed by the Department of Interior which is providing the \$1.8 Million in federal funding for the renovations and site improvements at the marina. The upgrades to

the facility are much-needed and will provide a better recreational facility for local boaters and fishermen.

The renovations will include the repair of 1,660 linear feet by Phases, of deteriorated steel sheet pile bulkhead to prevent further

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deterioration of the existing bulkhead and erosion of the fill behind the bulkhead. Other improvements at the Marina include the placement of a concrete slab on the north side of the entrance channel, removal and replacement of steel ladders along the face of the piers, removal and replacement of steel pipe railings on the piers and stabilizing the surrounding areas.

Since its original construction during the pre World War II era, this will be the second time major renovations have occurred at the Gregorio D. Perez

Marina in Hagåtña. The construction of its present form was completed in 1977 at the cost of \$1.2 Million and it is one of only two public small-boat marinas that support the thousands of boats used by the island's recreational and commercial boating communities along with local fishermen. The Marina received one major infusion of cash in the 1980s for capital improvements. The boat basin encompasses approximately 36 acres of prime waterfront and submerged property.

On May 8, 1998, the Hagåtña Boat Basin was renamed in

honor of the late former senator, and longtime sport and commercial fisherman, Mr. Gregorio Duenas Perez.



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Glenn A. Leon Guerrero. "I want to thank Matson and Horizon along with our hard-working port employees who have made the crane deployment a success."

Operated by Port Authority employees, Operations Manager John Santos says the crane operators are now comfortable using the equipment that features higher technology and more built-in safety components. When asked if use of the POLA cranes has increased productivity, Santos said "it's too early to say since we are still in the stage of fine tuning some minor kinks but

overall it is definitely a benefit to the Port and the customers of Guam."

As for the crane mechanics, training is still ongoing with the high-tech equipment. With state-of-the-art electronic control drives and modern diesel generator power packs, mechanics continue their training on these green giants. Two mechanics from EQMR have been assigned to Matson and are strictly



focusing on the POLA cranes.

A few months ago, Matson and Horizon launched the program "name the crane." Various schools were invited to submit names for the three POLA cranes. The cranes have yet to be officially renamed and inaugurated but according to Jess Pereda of Matson, three names have been selected from all the entries received: Metgotna Makina, Machocho, Bumu Chachu.



Board Evaluates General Manager

In March 2008, the 29th Guam Legislature passed Public Law 29-61, requiring the Board of all government agencies to conduct a performance evaluation for its Chief Executive – General Manager for the Port Authority – six months after appointment and every twelve months thereafter. The law also states that the performance evaluation be made public via various media outlets.

In compliance of the law, the Port's Board of Directors conducted a review of GM Glenn Leon Guerrero's performance for the past six months. Below is the review made public by the Board of Directors on March 24, 2009:

**General Manager Performance and Development
Evaluation
Reviewed by the Board of Directors
Port Authority of Guam
As Required by Public Law 29-61
March 24, 2009**

The Board of Directors of the Port Authority of Guam announces that the General Manager of the Port Authority of Guam, Mr. Glenn Leon Guerrero, has earned a superior performance evaluation rating relative to the performance factors adopted by the Board. The evaluation was based on the following areas:

Leadership
Commitment to the Port's Mission, Vision, and Values
Accountability
Management practices

Work environment and safety
Commitment to diversity
Relational and Communication Skills
Customer Service
Key contributor to development of MOU with MARAD
Key contributor to completion of special projects

The Board acknowledges that Mr. Leon Guerrero has demonstrated knowledge and expertise in the execution of his duties and responsibilities. They also recognize his efforts toward modernization efforts and applauds his ongoing commitment in pursuing the necessary funding toward the implementation of the Port Master Plan. Furthermore, the Board is confident in Mr. Leon Guerrero's ability to work on the Port's operational aspects and financial performance.

As a result of this evaluation, the Board has confidence in Mr. Leon Guerrero's skills and capabilities and will retain him as General Manager of the Port Authority of Guam.

Adopted this 24th day of March, 2009

Happy Mother's Day!

**To all the
great
Moms
of the Port
Family!**

*Mothers are the place where love
emerges from the earth,
And happiness rings out like bells
in honor of our birth.*

*Mothers are the sun that lights
life our inner sky,
So we may know that we are loved
and need not question why.*

*Mothers are the moon that shines
upon our black despair,
So even when we weep, we know
that someone's always there.*

*Whatever fear, or stress, or pain
might anger them to move,
We know that underneath the storm
we have, always, their love.*

2009 Island Leadership Day



The Port Authority once again participated in the annual *Island Leadership Day* sponsored by the Department of Youth Affairs which involves students spending the day with various business and government agency leaders.

Kode Guerrero, a junior from JP Torres Alternative School, served as the General Manager for the day on May 6, 2009.

His visit at the Port included a tour of the facility, meeting division heads and employees, and observing a typical day of the GM. Kode's best part of the day was climbing POLA crane P17 and experiencing the thrill of being a crane operator.



We Are Family!

FAREWELL DGM: On his last day as Deputy General Manager, employees threw a farewell luncheon for Kin Cruz at the USO Beach in Piti. As a token of their appreciation, employees presented him with a lei of flowers and a collage of photos taken during his tenure with the agency. Kin will be greatly missed by his Port Family. We wish him all the best!

RELAY FOR LIFE: All employees, family, and friends are invited to join the PAGGMA team on May 22 - 23, 2009 for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Please join them at any time slot that's most convenient for you. They will also have a pot-luck throughout the event so join them at their tent and feel free to bring your favorite dish. Schedule of events is as follows: 1900 - Survivors walk and with care takers, 2000 - Red, White and Blue Teams, 2100 - Luminary ceremony 2200 - Individual walk or run.