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NEWS RELEASE

40-Year-Old Gantry Cranes Pass OSHA Recertification

Piti, Guam, April 3, 2024: All three of the Port Authority of Guam's 40-year-old gantry cranes have successfully passed the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recertification process. This achievement underscores the port's commitment to maintaining the highest standards of safety and efficiency in its operations.

OSHA's rigorous recertification process ensures that equipment meets stringent safety standards, protecting workers and the surrounding environment. The Port's gantry cranes underwent comprehensive inspections, evaluations and testing to ensure compliance with OSHA regulations.

Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio acknowledges the unwavering dedication of the Port's mechanics, welders, and the entire Port Strong family across all divisions stating, "During the trials of Covid and Typhoon Mawar, every employee proved essential, keeping the Port fully operational. Their collective effort is a testament to the spirit of unity and resilience that stands at the core of our operations. To each and every member of our team: your hard work is recognized and deeply appreciated."

However, the Port's gantry cranes are nearing the end of their serviceable life and the Port, along with Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio, will continue to push for replacement gantry cranes to ensure capacity toward maintaining our island and region's commercial and economic activities and military readiness in the face of looming geopolitical threats.

"From the onset of the Leon Guerrero-Tenorio administration, securing new gantry cranes has been the Port's top priority, affirming our commitment to enhance the Port's operational strength," said Respicio. "It is central to our strategy for modernization, and we are actively advancing our plans to ensure our yard equipment meets not only today's standards, but sets us up for the future. This dedication is key to maintaining the Port's crucial position in supporting regional commerce and national security interests amidst growing geopolitical tensions."