

# PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM

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## NEWS RELEASE

### Cargo flows to CNMI and FSM

**Piti, Guam, June 15, 2023:** The Port Authority of Guam has caught up with its pre-storm vessel arrival schedule, moving goods and commodities throughout the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia.

"The Port reopened just three days after the storm to unload the necessary goods and commodities our community needed," said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "This includes transshipment cargo destined for the region."

Five hundred forty-five transshipment containers consisting of 443 containers of dry goods and 102 reefers have moved through the Port since reopening three days after Typhoon Mawar devastated the island's only commercial seaport.

#### **Gantry 4 was taken offline to shift Equipment Operators**

Gantry 4 was taken offline to redeploy personnel to support cargo operations. The decision was the result of a shortage of equipment operators brought on by the loss of personnel to retirement, other employment opportunities, employees on leave, and six calling out sick today.

"Taking one gantry crane offline and shifting our pool of equipment operators was done to address the six equipment operators who called in sick today," Respicio said. "Our employees are working longer hours to restore the Port to pre-storm conditions, so this burnout is something we are also tracking as part of our overall recovery efforts. Consequently, we hired four new equipment operators two weeks ago and expect them to start their first day come Monday morning."

The Herodote is on track to leave the dock at its estimated time of departure. The Kota Raja will feel an impact of three additional hours dockside.

#### **Cargo and fuel processed since reopening**

The following fuel and cargo commodities have been processed and released into our island community since reopening the Port on Sunday, May 28, 2023:

- 275 reefers;
- 1651 containers with dry goods;
- 1540 bundles of rebar;
- 2 boxed steel pipes;
- 35 bundle steel plates;
- 568 vehicles;
- 129 units of general cargo;
- 1 excavator, 4 trucks, 1 tractor;
- 1 bundle of chassis; and
- 5 barges – fuel operations.