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## NEWS RELEASE

### Port Prepares for Passage of Bolaven

**Piti, Guam, October 9, 2023:** Port Authority of Guam employees are busy preparing the port facilities for the passage of Tropical Storm Bolaven.

Port employees have been preparing the terminal yard and securing the facilities. Employees also have tied down the gantry cranes and are using plastic to wrap the engines, generators and electrical components of the cranes to protect them from water damage. The Port's Engineering Division has been working with contractors to secure their respective areas of responsibility including all loose debris and materials. The commercial Division is working with all marina tenants as well in preparation for the storm. Port management also has been working closely with industry partners during this storm preparation phase including with fuel companies to ensure they have uninterrupted access to the fuel tanks.

"In coordination with Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio, we have been working diligently to ensure the Port Authority of Guam is prepared for the storm," said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "We know the drill. This is what we are good at doing, so we plan for the worse and hope for the best."

This morning, the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) established Port Heavy Weather Condition YANKEE for the Port of Guam. Port Heavy Weather Condition YANKEE indicates strong winds, faster than 39 miles per hour, are expected within the next 24 hours. Now that PHWC YANKEE is declared, all commercial ships still present need to get ready to finish loading and unloading their cargo and leave the Port of Guam and all big commercial ships, those equal to or bigger than 200 tons, must leave, and no more ships are allowed to enter the port. In the event conditions get worse, then the COTP will declare Port Heavy Weather Condition Zulu which means the port and marinas will be completely closed to any incoming traffic, and all cargo and bunker operations will stop.

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