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NEWS RELEASE

Port refutes GTA TeleGuam allegations

Piti, Guam, June 27, 2023: The Port Authority of Guam today is refuting allegations made by GTA TeleGuam in a recent FCC filing.

According to the June 20, 2023 "Petition of TeleGuam Holdings, LLC for Waiver and Certain Other Relief" filed with the Federal Communications Commission, "The local commercial port that imports 90 percent of all goods entering Guam was hobbled by physical and structural damage from the storm, which has impeded the transportation of goods and supplies onto the island."

Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio says that statement by GTA TeleGuam is not true.

"We are shocked that GTA TeleGuam would provide misinformation in their federal FCC filings regarding the Port's operations as well as our successful and swift recovery from Typhoon Mawar," Respicio said. "Many of our Port Strong employees left their families and homes to ride out the typhoon here at the Port and many reported in to begin cleanup immediately once the road was cleared for passage. Three days after the storm passed, U.S. Coast Guard Captain Nicholas Simmons, Captain of the Port, issued the all-clear to open from the waterway perspective and I immediately issued the all-clear from the dockside. This was done after Governor Lou Leon Guerrero gave the directive to place the island back to COR 4. It was at this point that we became fully operational."

Respicio added that despite the damage done to the Port, the island's only commercial seaport was able to open up 100% operational only 3 days after the storm passed with normal operations and normal vessel sequence within 4 days.

"The statements by GTA TeleGuam are reckless as they create a false narrative about what really happened and this can have an extremely negative impact in the bond markets," Respicio said. "It is also an insult to our hard-working men and women who showed their true Port Strong Spirit and their dedication to public service and commitment to our island community by getting our Port fully operational in only 3 days."

Respicio further added that the federal filings do not present true facts about the power and water restoration efforts on the island following Typhoon Mawar.

Respicio adds that he will be writing to the FCC to refutes GTA's erroneous claims.

Vessel operations

The Matson Lurline arrived this morning and Port employees began off-loading operations at 11:30 a.m. As of 4 p.m. today, Port employees have discharged 119 containers with 769 more containers scheduled for discharge and loading as well as 7 vehicles scheduled to be loaded onto the ship. They have off-loaded a total of 115 vehicles of the 185 scheduled to be off-loaded which includes 14 vehicles scheduled for transshipment.

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:

- 2,704 containers with dry goods;
- 421 refrigerated containers ("reefers");
- 1,986 bundles of rebar; 2 boxed steel pipes; 75 bundle steel plates;
- 973 vehicles;
- 214 units of general cargo;
- 1 excavator, 2 backhoe, 4 trucks, 1 tractor; 2 dump trucks, 3 fuel truck, 1 drill rig; 1 school bus; 1 bucket truck, 1 flatbed truck, 2 office trailers, 1 trailer, 1 air burner, 1 water tanker, 1 truck screener
- 1 bundle of chassis; and
- 5 barges – fuel operations.