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## News Release

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### **PORT SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDES ABOVE AVERAGE WEEK**

The week of April 3 was one of the all-time busiest in Port history. In all, 10 cargo vessels called the Port, when the average is usually less than 6.

Despite the heavier than normal traffic, and the loss of its oldest crane, the Port accommodated all of its customers without any reported delays.

In all 1,159 containers came over the Port's piers into Guam last week. An additional 1,277 were loaded out of Guam for a total of 2,436 containers handled. The monthly average for containers handled is usually about 6,000, or about 1,500 per week. That means the Port handled more than 900 more containers than normal.

In addition to the regular two large US container ships and their feeder vessels that usually call, there were an additional 4 breakbulk vessel calls, carrying foreign containers. Additionally, Port personnel also off-loaded 274 vehicles from the TransPacific 8, a RO-RO vessel.

Despite the heavy activity, Port personnel were able to maintain an average of more than 20 container moves-per-hour on each of the larger US flag container ships.

Joe Mesa, Port General Manager, congratulated the operations employees for their hard work. "Despite several challenges beyond the control of our employees, they have been able to maintain a high level of productivity over this past week, a week that may have seen one of the highest volumes in Port history."

Over the past weeks, the Port has received criticism from some businesses claiming that the loss of Gantry 1 has delayed cargo. The downed crane did not hamper any of the operations last week. Every vessel that called was accommodated and all cargo was off-loaded.

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