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NEWS RELEASE

Port Cuts Ribbon for Hagatna Marina Phase I Renovations & Site Improvements

Piti, Guam, April 24, 2012: The Port Authority of Guam held a ribbon cutting ceremony this morning at the Gregorio D. Perez (GDP) Marina for Phase I renovations and site improvements.

Since its original construction in 1977 by the Army Corps of Engineers, the facility has not had any major renovations or upgrades. "Over the years, the GDP Marina has been essential to Guam's tourism industry, in addition to the island's fishing and recreational users. After serving the community for over 34 years, this marina is getting the attention it has long needed," said Board Vice Chairman Michael T. Benito.

The renovations and site improvements planned for the GDP Marina is divided in three phases. Phase I consists of 461 linear feet of the removal and installation of new bollards, new galvanized pipe railings, new epoxy steel coated ladders, sheet piles, and new walkways. Phase II and III, planned for the near future, will consist of similar renovations to the remaining areas of the marina.

Funding for the \$1.5 million Phase I project was obtained through a grant with the US Department of Interior under the Capital Improvement Program. On February 22, 2012, the Port was notified of a \$2.5 million awarded for Phase II renovations. The Department of Interior (DOI) is currently reviewing the Phase II scope of work and pending the Authorization to Proceed (ATP).

Named after their father/brother/uncle/grandfather Gregorio D. Perez, three generations of the Perez family were present for the momentous occasion. "It is for this reason that we strive to upgrade our facility - for the benefit of our next generation," said General Manager Mary C. Torres. "Thank you to the Board of Directors, Management and Staff for your commitment to improving the Port Authority and thank you to Black Construction and N.C. Macario and Associates for bringing this project to fruition," she added.

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Acting Governor Ray Tenorio, Port Management, and the Perez Family cuts the ribbon for the Gregorio D. Perez Marina Phase I renovations and site improvements. Left – Right: Black Construction Executive Vice President Tom Anderson, PAG General Manager Mary C. Torres, Mary Espinosa, President N.C. Marario & Associates Inc. Nemencio C. Macario, Margaret Pangelinan, Rick Catindig, Acting Governor Ray Tenorio Frank Arriola, Zebadiah Howser, Teresa Arriola, Ciera Arriola, Deputy General Manager Anecia B. Terlaje, Carol Perez, Lourdes Perez, Damian Cadina, Feora Cadina, Albert Perez

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