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NEWS RELEASE

Port Moves to Heavy Weather Condition Yankee

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Piti, Guam, November 12, 2024: The Port Authority of Guam has escalated its storm readiness status in response to Tropical Storm Man-Yi as the U.S. Coast Guard officially declared Port Heavy Weather Condition YANKEE at 6 p.m.

The Coast Guard placed the Port in Port Heavy Weather Condition X-RAY at 9 a.m.

This heightened alert level reflects the increased likelihood of tropical storm-force winds impacting Guam within the next 24 hours. Under Condition YANKEE, all vessels are required to take final safety measures to protect themselves and the Port's infrastructure.

Port Condition designations are used by the U.S. Coast Guard to safeguard port facilities and maritime operations during severe weather:

- **Condition X-RAY:** This designation indicates that a tropical storm or typhoon may threaten the area within 48 hours. The Port Authority of Guam began securing operations this morning by lowering container stacks and tying down gantry cranes to prepare for potential high winds.
- **Condition YANKEE:** The declaration of Condition YANKEE signals that tropical storm-force winds are expected within 24 hours. At this stage, 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 Captain of the Port 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.

"We are prioritizing the safety of our community, employees, and critical infrastructure," said General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "Our team has been working diligently to secure the Port since this morning, and we are fully prepared to withstand the storm. The safety of our operations and the continuity of our essential services remain our top priorities."

The Port Authority of Guam will continue to coordinate with the U.S. Coast Guard, as well as local and federal agencies, to monitor Tropical Storm Man-Yi's progress and ensure a timely response. Further updates will be provided as new information becomes available.