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NEWS RELEASE

Port Breaks Ground on Warehouse 1 Project

Piti, Guam, July 14, 2025: The Port Authority of Guam today held a groundbreaking ceremony to officially launch the Warehouse I Building Maintenance Project, a major infrastructure initiative aimed at enhancing safety and modernizing one of the Port's most critical facilities.

Originally constructed in 1967–1968, Warehouse I is a 54,000-square-foot structure vital to daily operations and home to numerous Port employees and tenants. The \$4.8 million project, funded by the Port Authority and awarded to BME & Sons, Inc., will include comprehensive structural repairs to address concrete cracks and spalling, mitigation of salt and water intrusion, and the application of a protective silicone roof coating. In addition, the project features the complete replacement of outdated electrical and fire protection systems, ensuring a safe and reliable work environment for years to come.

Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio both addressed attendees, underscoring the importance of investing in critical infrastructure and creating a safe, modern environment for all Port personnel.

The event also included the swearing-in ceremony of two Port Authority board members: returning board member Conchita S.N. Taitano and newly appointed member Mark B.C. Mendiola. Their leadership and expertise will help guide the Port's ongoing modernization efforts.

Additionally, Reverend Father Danilo T. Ferrandiz conducted a special blessing of the Port's newly arrived yard equipment, which includes five new forklifts acquired through a U.S. Department of Transportation grant, as well as tractors, top loaders, side loaders, and other essential equipment to enhance the Port's operational efficiency.

"This project underscores our commitment to investing in the safety and resilience of the Port's infrastructure," said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "By revitalizing Warehouse I and modernizing our equipment fleet, we are strengthening the foundation for future growth and reinforcing our role as Guam's critical gateway for commerce. All of this progress is possible thanks to the continued hard work and dedication of our Port employees every day, and with the steadfast support of Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio, and our Board of Directors."

The Warehouse I Building Maintenance Project is expected to be completed by December 8, 2026, under Project Number PAG-CIP-024-004.

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