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## NEWS RELEASE

### Port Sustains No Damage During Tropical Storm Man-Yi; Operations Resume Smoothly

**Piti, Guam, November 14, 2024:** The Port Authority of Guam (PAG) is pleased to announce that the island's vital seaport facilities sustained no damage during the passage of Tropical Storm Man-Yi.

Comprehensive inspections conducted by PAG staff yesterday and today confirmed that all infrastructure and equipment remain fully intact. Thanks to the extensive preparations and coordinated efforts of our dedicated team, the Port remains fully operational, ensuring the continuous flow of goods to the island.

In preparation for Tropical Storm Man-Yi, the Port Authority of Guam implemented a series of precautionary measures, such as lowering container stacks to two-high configurations and securing the gantry cranes to withstand high winds. These proactive steps, taken well in advance of the storm's arrival, were crucial in safeguarding critical assets and ensuring the swift resumption of normal operations.

General Manager Rory J. Respicio commended the exceptional teamwork across all divisions of the Port, stating, "The resilience and dedication of our Port Strong team once again proved invaluable in preparing for and responding to Tropical Storm Man-Yi. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to every division for their commitment to keeping the Port safe and operational. Our preparedness and quick recovery reflect the strength of our workforce and our commitment to serving the people of Guam."

Special recognition is extended to the Equipment Maintenance Division, under the leadership of Kin Pangelinan and Shine San Agustin, for their outstanding efforts in protecting our vital equipment. The crane mechanics and maintenance team worked diligently to bring all three gantry cranes back online shortly after the storm passed, ensuring that cargo operations could resume without delay. Their hard work and expertise were instrumental in enabling Matson's vessel, the Daniel K. Inouye, to continue discharging cargo today.

"Every division of the Port played a crucial role in storm preparedness, from securing facilities to safeguarding equipment, and we extend our deepest thanks to all involved," Respicio said. "The tireless efforts of our Operations, Terminal, Harbor Master, and Safety divisions were essential in ensuring the safety of the Port, its personnel, and its assets. As we move forward, the Port remains committed to our mission of providing uninterrupted service to Guam's residents and businesses. We will continue to prioritize the safety of our staff and the community while supporting the island's economic resilience." -30-