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## Two gantry cranes back online following typhoon passage

**Piti, Guam, October 11, 2023**: Two of the Port's STS gantry cranes are back online following a full assessment by the Port Authority of Guam Equipment Maintenance Division.

Employees have been working diligently today to get the Port fully operational following the passage of Typhoon Bolaven.

"The Port's crane mechanics, welders and preventative maintenance mechanics have been up on the STS gantry cranes all day ensuring that there was no damage to the cranes as well as the motors and electrical components," said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "Equipment Maintenance employees took numerous measures prior to the arrival of the typhoon including tying down the gantry cranes and using tarps to wrap the engines, generators and electrical components of the cranes to protect them from water damage."

The work today on the gantry cranes included removing all tie downs, unwrapping the Operators cab, engines and electrical components and conducting function tests. Two of the gantry cranes were inspected and placed back in service while the third gantry crane is still undergoing troubleshooting.

The Port Authority of Guam was reopened at 12 p.m. today along with the Hågat and Hagåtña marinas after the U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port issued the all-clear to open from the waterway perspective and Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio immediately issued the all-clear from the dockside.

The first ship to arrive following Typhoon Bolaven will be the Matson Lurline which will be dockside soon now that the gantry cranes have been assessed and are ready to service the vessels.

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