

# PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM

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## NEWS RELEASE

### Port operations continue with arrival of APL

**Piti, Guam, May 30, 2023:** Port employees continue to work around-the-clock with the arrival of APL to ensure essential commodities make it into our community.

#### **American President Lines (APL) operations ongoing**

Today, the Port Authority of Guam began unloading cargo from the American President Lines CC Herodote. APL's cargo ship arrived dockside at 6:23 a.m. with 225 containers to unload. As of this afternoon, Port personnel had moved more than half the containers off the ship. The Port offloaded 148 containers using Gantry 5 and APL's ship's gear.

#### **Matson**

The Maunawili left the Port at 4:52 a.m. after 566 cargo containers were offloaded. Due to push-to-talk services being entirely down, Port employees took pen to paper and went "old school" to process the movement and release of cargo containers.

#### **Port receives mobile radios**

Meanwhile, the Port received 52 hand-held land mobile radio devices from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to support cargo operations.

On Saturday, May 27, 2023, the Port Authority immediately took measures to request radio devices from on-island FEMA representatives when the island's communication system collapsed due to Typhoon Mawar.

Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio said, "We immediately identified our vulnerabilities at the Port following the damages caused by Typhoon Mawar and requested FEMA to provide radio communications. Thankfully, 52 units were identified on island and two FEMA technicians spent the day programming these devices. We will do a test run before deploying these FEMA assets to our employees."

"The lack of communication tools hinders operations and poses a safety issue when discharging cargo," said Respicio. "These FEMA assets are a big help as we continue to provide uninterrupted service to our island community. We are grateful for strong community partnerships that support our mission at such a critical time."