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Port Breaks Ground on Waterline Project

Piti, Guam, March 9, 2023: The Port Authority of Guam held a groundbreaking ceremony today for the Waterline Replacement and Relocation Project which is a part of the agency's Modernization program.

"I cannot express in words how important it is to strengthen the Port and how important it is to protect our ports of entry through this water line replacement project, port modernization programs and how we continue to stress how the Department of Defense needs to help fund the replacement of the three gantry cranes," Governor Lou Leon Guerrero said today during her keynote address at the ceremony.

The relocation of the main 16-inch diameter feeder line will run from Route 11 along the perimeter of the terminal yard and will minimize any impact to on-going terminal operations when repairs are required. Redundant feed lines for each major area within the terminal yard will ensure the availability of fire water service in the event of a break to any main or secondary feed waterline and the shutoff and isolation valves will allow for proper system testing, servicing, and maintenance.

"Replacing the existing waterlines will relocate the main service feed line and address the 15 major leaks that were identified in the past three years," said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "The new waterlines will provide redundancy and are intended to improve water pressure to meet local building codes, National Fire Protection Association requirements and US Coast Guard requirements for firefighting operations."

This project will have minimal impact to on-going terminal operations. The \$4.8 million project, fully funded through the Port's 2018 Revenue Bonds, was awarded to BME & Sons, Inc. and will take approximately one year to complete.