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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Grand Opening of Marina Grill

PAG to celebrate the completion of a \$1.5 Million Docking Systems at Agat Small Boat Marina and the Grand Opening of Marina Grill Restaurant

Tuesday, January 5, 2016 – The Port Authority of Guam (PAG) will be hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of a \$1.5 Million Docking System at Agat Small Boat Marina and the Grand Opening of Marina Grill Restaurant.

As a result of Tropical Storm Wipha, in October 2013, Dock D at the Agat Marina suffered significant damage to 65% of the structure, and the high rain, winds and currents caused the dock to split in half. Also, a slip at Dock C was fully submerged. To repair the damaged docks, and ensure the safety of the users and boaters, PAG funds in the amount of \$653,724.00, in combination with the Department of the Interior Office of Insular Affairs grant funds in the amount of \$934,848.00, for a total of \$1,593,208.00, was authorized for Agat Marina for the replacement of existing unsafe wooden finger slips structures on Dock "C", "D", & Floating Dock of the marina facility.

The Agat Marina is a valued component of our tourism industry (boating activities have consistently received high ratings in visitor satisfaction), provides our off-shore fishermen with import substitution opportunities for the estimated \$3 million in seafood imported annually, and promotes the preservation of the seafaring tradition of the Chamorro people that has existed for millennia.

In addition to the ribbon cutting ceremony, PAG will be celebrating the Grand Opening of the Marina Grill Restaurant, leased from PAG and operated by Thomas Kallingal, President of Kals Corporation, which held a soft opening on December 18, 2015, and currently employs over 30 staff members. With an array of seafood, steak, and a bar, it will surely satisfy ones pallet.

"We are excited to see that the repairs to the docks will be utilized for our off-shore fishermen as well as our tourism boating activities. We are also excited to partner with the Marina Grill Restaurant, that provides residents and tourists another option for dining on the southern side of the island," according to Joanne M.S. Brown, General Manager.

Ceremony is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 6, 2016, 11:00 a.m.** at the Agat Small Boat Marina, in Agat.

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