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MOBILE HARBOR CRANE ARRIVES SUNDAY

The long-awaited Mobile Harbor Crane will be arriving in Guam's Port at 7:00 a.m. Sunday, February 11, 2007 aboard the MV Atlant Svenja.

The 104-ton Mobile Harbor Crane was purchased from Jorong Port in Singapore for \$3.6 million. The crane will be used as an interim replacement for Gantry 1, which was decommissioned in March.

"The crane will alleviate some of the stress that was caused when Gantry 1 was taken off-line last year, and will improve efficiencies here at the Port Authority of Guam," Port General Manager Joseph Duenas said. "This crane acquisition has been a priority of the Governor and the Port Authority Board of Directors."

After the off-loading, the crane will be re-assembled by the vendor and the crane's manufacturer, Leibherr. The re-assembly is expected to take approximately 7 days. The Port expects to cut the ribbon on the crane on February 19.

"The incoming mobile harbor crane is the direct result of collaboration with the Port Authority of Guam, the shipping industry, as well as the private sector. It is an example of what can be achieved when there is consensus," Duenas said.

The crane will be off-loaded beginning Sunday afternoon. Media wishing to photograph the offloading will need to meet the Port's Marketing Communications staff at the main Port's gate at 2:00 p.m. Sunday.