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NEWS RELEASE

Port Placed in Heavy Weather Condition ZULU

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Piti, Guam, November 13, 2024: The United States Coast Guard has officially escalated the Port Authority of Guam's readiness status to Port Heavy Weather Condition ZULU as of 12 a.m. today. This change follows earlier readiness levels of Condition X-RAY at 9:00 a.m. and Condition YANKEE at 6:00 p.m.

Port Condition ZULU is the highest level of storm preparedness and signals that tropical storm or typhoon-force winds are expected within 12 hours or less. Under this condition, the Port is fully secured, and all operations are halted to ensure the safety of the Port, its employees, and the broader community.

The U.S. Coast Guard's Heavy Weather Conditions are as follows:

Condition X-RAY: Indicates a potential storm threat within 48 hours. The Port Authority began preparations early this morning, including securing cranes and lowering containers.

Condition YANKEE: Declared when tropical storm-force winds are expected within 24 hours.

Condition ZULU: Signifies that severe weather conditions are expected within 12 hours. All port activities cease, and no vessels are allowed to enter or leave the port until the Coast Guard lifts the condition. At this level, the Port is entirely locked down to protect critical infrastructure and ensure personnel safety.

"We have moved swiftly through the various stages of preparedness, and with Condition ZULU now in effect, we are focused on safeguarding our facilities and ensuring the safety of our employees and the island community," said General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "The Port Strong team has shown exceptional dedication and resilience, securing the Port against potential impacts. We will resume operations as soon as it is safe to do so."

The Port Authority of Guam remains in close communication with the U.S. Coast Guard and other local agencies to monitor Tropical Storm Man-Yi's progress. Further updates will be shared as new information becomes available.

The public is urged to avoid the Port area and to heed advisories from Guam's emergency management officials as the storm approaches.