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NEWS RELEASE

Port Requests AG Review

Piti, Guam, February 16, 2021: The Port Authority of Guam today sought review by the Attorney General on the Office of Public Accountability's Report No. 21-03 relative to the agency's issuance of back wages.

Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio noted that the agency had extensive meetings with the OPA and presented a 37-page Management Response justifying the actions.

"Our management position remains firm in that we acted in accordance with the law, the PAG's Personnel Rules and Regulations, and with the PAG Board's authority, as well as Civil Service Commission, Superior Court or Supreme Court orders, whenever such orders are applicable to any of these personnel cases," Respicio wrote in his letter to the Attorney General. "Moreover, our management team acted under the advice and guidance by the Port's in-house counsel in the development of the settlement templates. We, therefore, maintain our disagreement with the OPA's findings."

The letter to the Attorney General requests for the AG's office to review the audit and to provide legal guidance on whether any post actions are required.

A copy of the letter to the Attorney General and the Management Response are attached.

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