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NEWS RELEASE

Port Reacts to AG Opinion on Settlements

Piti, Guam, July 22, 2020: The Port Authority of Guam is pleased with the recent opinion by the Attorney General that clarifies whether settlements are to be considered public documents.

“The two most recent attorneys representing the Port both opined that the settlements were not public documents and I disagreed,” said Port Authority of Guam General Manager Rory J. Respicio. “Because I disagreed with their stance on this issue I asked the Public Auditor on March 10th of this year to address the issue.”

Respicio’s request to the Public Auditor stated, “Management is requesting that the OPA reconcile a legal opinion issued by the PAG’s most recent counsel that recent settlement agreements are not subject to public disclosure because it is part of on-going litigation.”

Respicio noted that another previous counsel for the Port opined in April of 2019 in response to a FOIA request from a current senator that settlements were not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

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