

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Resolution No. 2022-15

RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXPLORE AND PURSUE THE BENEFITS OF BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PORTS AND HARBORS (IPAH) AND REPORT FINDINGS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM:

WHEREAS, from an economic, social, and environmental point of view, sustainable port development is a critical issue for Ports worldwide and has a direct impact on international and domestic freight transportation, as well as local and national economic and social development and environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, since Ports emit not only carbon dioxide but also various air pollutants through cargo handling equipment, related facilities, and berthing vessels, there is a need to introduce and diffuse environmental friendly policies for the Port; and

WHEREAS, such policies should focus on fostering progress towards developing quality, reliable, sustainable, and resilient infrastructure, upgrading infrastructure and retrofitting industries to make them sustainable, with increased resource-use efficiency and greater adoption of clean and environmental sound technology and industrial processes; and

WHEREAS, through the direction of the Board of Directors, Port management has been working closely with the Port’s Owner Agent Engineer consultants and has identified sustainable port projects to be pursued, such as,

- **Digitalization:** implement digital technologies on data collaboration with our stakeholders, improve process and documentation flow and enhance port call optimization;
- **Infrastructure:** address major infrastructural and service challenges in Port and optimize the use of the existing port capacity;
- **Health Safety & Security:** promote the health and safety culture of employees and Port visitors as a response to the COVID pandemic; innovation in security controls, inspections of cargoes and passengers, working in automated environments and implementation of cybersecurity measures; and
- **Environmental Care:** addressing air pollution, dust, noise, and water pollution, re-use and recycling initiatives; protecting freshwater resources; targeted marine litter initiatives; addressing soil and sediment contamination and protecting habitats and enhancing biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Port’s sustainable projects, Port management is developing a study on the benefits of installing solar panels on Port buildings, as well as reducing the Port’s reliance on the island’s power grids by utilizing its generators to assist Guam Power Authority in avoiding rolling power black-outs; and

WHEREAS, the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH), with the membership of over 160 ports and 120 port-related businesses in 87 countries, in May 2017 developed a World Ports Sustainability Program (WPSP) whose primary objective is to enhance and coordinate future sustainability efforts of ports worldwide and foster international cooperation with partners in the supply chain; and

RESOLVED, the Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager to explore and pursue the benefits of becoming a member of IAPH and provide such findings to the Board of Directors; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Chairman certify to, and the Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Guam Legislature.

PASSED AND ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THIS 14th DAY OF JULY, 2022.

**FRANCISCO G. SANTOS
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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