



#### **4 UNITS OF eRTGs FOR SAPANGAR BAY CONTAINER PORT**

Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd is pleased to announce that it has recently acquired 4 units of electrical Rubber Tyred Gantry Cranes (eRTG) to improve container handling at Sapangar Bay Container Port's yard side. The eRTG, which arrived Sapangar shores in May 2017, is manufactured by Konecranes Noell, a leading brand for port solutions.

Apart from improved yard handling, the wharf side performance will be further boosted as the eRTG shall complement the future arrival of 2 more units of ship to shore gantry cranes end of this year.

According to Ms. Ng Kiat Min, Managing Director of Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd "SPSB is very pleased with the latest addition of machinery at Sapangar Bay Container Port (SBCP). The additional RTGs shall definitely boost performance. This bodes well with our plans to strengthen port services, whereby we expect to start the first phase of the expansion plan for SBCP soon. We shall take the necessary step to ensure SBCP continually improves its handling rate for the benefit of its users. As the port positions itself as a transshipment hub, we intend to make more significant upgrades in our machinery, operational systems and overall yard planning. Currently we have set up a taskforce to improve our yard system, in particular to shorten the transit time of incoming and out-going containers at SBCP."

The eRTG is expected to be operational by mid-September 2017. Currently, SBCP crane operators are undergoing extensive training to accustom themselves to the eRTG functions. The move by SPSB to opt for an electrical version of the RTG will save the port at least 50% on operational and maintenance cost per RTG and reduce SPSB's annual carbon footprint significantly. In addition, SPSB has also retrofitted 5 units of RTG at SBCP to function electrically. Additional busbars have also been put up which allows for more areas to utilise these machines.

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