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### TAWAU PORT RECEIVES REACHSTACKER TO BOOST CONTAINER HANDLING EFFICIENCY

Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd is pleased to announce the acquisition of a Terex Fantuzzi reachstacker for Tawau Port. The equipment, commissioned by Terex Port Solutions, was purchased to improve container yard operations which in turn is expected to boost Tawau Port's container handling productivity. The Terex Fantuzzi model is equipped with a lifting capacity of 45 tonnes and ability to stack containers up to 5 rows high. The reachstacker, used for container handling and stacking, will complement the 4 reachstackers currently stationed at Tawau Port.

With this new addition, Tawau Port's current container handling rate which averages on 14-17 moves an hour is expected to improve significantly owing to more efficient yard operations. Tawau Port handles almost 70,000 teus annually making it the leading container handling port among Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd's east coast ports line up.

A handing over ceremony was held at Tawau Port's premise on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 to commemorate the latest addition to the port's fleet of machineries. Officiating the event was Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd Chairman, Datuk Karim Hj Bujang. According to Datuk Karim "Owing to Tawau Port's significant container volume, Sabah Ports sees the need to invest in strengthening the port facilities to further improve handling productivity. The purchase of the reachstacker, costing USD 425,000, is Sabah Ports's acknowledgement of Tawau Port's robust container throughput thus requiring additional equipment to efficiently manage operations. We are in fact, expecting another additional 4 new units of terminal tractors later in December. This investment is in line with Sabah Ports's commitment to utilize RM1.3 Billion for port upgrades within a 30 year span, as outlined under the port privatisation agreement which took place in 2004".

Witnessing the ceremony were Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd's Chief Operating Officer, En. Mohd Sahid Hj. Nawab Khan, General Manager, Pn. Siti Noraishah Azizan, Tawau Port Manager, En. Subardjoe Durasit, trade and shipping associations and Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd officials.

The ceremony comes a day after Sabah Ports announced the commissioning of the mobile harbour crane and reachstacker for Sandakan Port. The acquisition of machinery, for both Tawau and Sandakan Port, is part of Sabah Ports' strategic plan to strengthen its east coast ports services and facilities

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