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### NEW MOBILE CRANE TO INCREASE SANDAKAN PORT PRODUCTIVITY

Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd is pleased to announce the commissioning of its recently acquired Terex Gottwald Mobile Harbour Crane for Sandakan Port. The crane, which reached Sandakan Port shores in May 2016, is of the Terex Gottwald crane family. The crane (model G HMK 2304) is renowned for its multiple functionality and versatility, and is particularly suited for the needs of medium sized ports.

Previous to the arrival, Sandakan Port's container handling crane comprised a single unit of Gottwald's HMK 170 E make. With the new crane coming into operation, it is expected that Sandakan Port's container handling productivity to surge by at least 30%-40%. Compared to the HMK 170 E, the new crane has a higher lifting capacity (80 tons) and working radius (40 metres max) which allows for better performance and increased productivity. The versatility of the crane also enables the Port to use it for other non – container applications.

Apart from the Mobile Harbour Crane, one unit of Terex reachstacker was also purchased to enhance the ports container handling machinery. The reachstacker, used in container handling and stacking, will complement the other 6 reachstackers currently stationed at Sandakan Port.

A Handing Over ceremony was held to commemorate the transfer of machineries from its maker Terex to Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016. According to Datuk Karim Hj. Bujang, Chairman of Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd "Sabah Ports is very pleased with the latest addition to Sandakan Port's container handling machinery. This bodes well with Sabah Ports plans to strengthen its port services, whereby Sabah Ports will embark on expanding the Sandakan Port jetty length and container yard, later this year. This expansion is necessary as Sandakan Port handles various types of commodities ranging from containers, general cargo, bulk palm kernel expeller, bulk oil, bulk fertilizer, transshipment cargoes, passenger ferry and even cruise ships. Due to the high berth occupancy, Sabah Ports has taken the necessary step to ensure

Sandakan Port not only maintains but improves its handling rate for the benefit of its users”.

He further added “Terex is a leading brand for crane solutions. Among the mobile harbour crane’s best feature is its versatility but in addition, it operates on a hybrid ‘diesel-electric’ system which makes it more environmentally friendly, energy efficient and economical. To ensure operations run smoothly, Sandakan Port crane operators and maintenance staff have undergone extensive training by German based Terex engineers, who have been stationed at Sandakan since the crane’s arrival”.

The ceremony held at Sandakan Port was officiated by Datuk Karim Hj. Bujang and witnessed by Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd’s Chief Operating Officer, En. Mohd Sahid Hj. Nawab Khan, General Manager, Pn. Siti Noraishah Azizan, Sandakan Port Senior Manager, Tn. Hj Raiman Hj. Ali, Terex representatives, Royal Malaysian Customs Department, shipping agents and Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd officials.

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