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The Port of Wilmington Handles 155-foot Wind Turbine Blades

Wilmington, DE. – GT USA Wilmington welcomed the MV POTTERSGRACHT, a general cargo ship, with its load of 78 wind turbine blades. The blades, manufactured in Canada are destined for a GE project in West Virginia

Exhibiting the diversity of cargo handling capabilities, the Port of Wilmington carefully and successfully discharged the wind turbine blades, that are over 200 feet in length and weigh more than 13.5 tons each and transported them the short distance to the on-port storage area.

“We have handled wind blades many times now at the Port of Wilmington, but we never take anything for granted. It is always a delicate operation when handling cargo of this size and weight, so we work diligently with our International Longshoremen’s Association (ILA) partners, the vessel’s crew and the trucking company, American Transport Systems.” said Joe Cruise, Chief Executive Officer at GT USA Wilmington.

The MV POTTERSGRACHT is returning to the Port of Gaspe, Quebec, Canada where she will take on another 75 wind turbine blades destined for Wilmington in late May/early June.

The Port of Wilmington is one of the United States’ primary gateways for fresh fruits. Its 2021-2022 winter fruit season is well under way and imports are regularly in bound from Morocco and Chile. The Port has worked hard to put itself in a good position to take advantage of new business from all over the world due to the supply chain crisis. The work has been rewarded with an increase in throughput of cargoes such as juices, rice, lumber and plywood and now wind blades.

Photo Caption

MV POTTERSGRACHT unloading wind turbine blades at the Port of Wilmington



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About GT USA Wilmington

GT USA Wilmington is a U.S. division of Gulftainer, a privately owned, independent terminal operator and logistics company with operations and business interests in the Middle East and the United States. The company signed a 50-year agreement to manage operations at the Port of Wilmington. This agreement marks Gulftainer's second venture in the United States and follows the signing of a 35-year agreement with the Canaveral Port Authority in Florida. For more information, go to www.gulftainer.com/US.

About the Port of Wilmington, DELAWARE

Founded in 1923, the Port of Wilmington is a full service Mid-Atlantic seaport on the Delaware River strategically located to provide overnight access to 200 million North American consumers. Wilmington ranks as North America's top banana port and the nation's leading gateway for imports of fresh fruit and juice concentrates. The Port was one of the original certified '360 Quality' marine terminals in the United States and is Safe Quality Food (SQF) certified, underscoring its high-quality handling standards for perishable cargo. An economic engine for the State of Delaware and the region, business activity at the Port creates over 5,900 family sustaining jobs and annually generates \$436 million in business revenue, \$409 million in personal income and \$41 million

in local taxes. The Port is operated by GT USA Wilmington, LLC. For further information, visit www.gulftainer.com/US or www.portofwilmington.com

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