



Media Release

## The Port of Wilmington, Delaware strengthens operational efficiency with the addition of new, eco-friendly equipment.

**Delaware, August 11, 2020:** GT USA Wilmington, partnering with KoneCranes, has taken delivery of five new Rubber Tired Gantry (RTG) cranes at the Port of Wilmington in Delaware, which will significantly strengthen the terminal's operational efficiency and increase overall productivity.

As part of an initial investment of US\$100 million, the Kone RTG cranes are all electric, making them eco-friendly to benefit the environment. Spanning 7 containers wide and 5 high, these cranes will transform the yard space from a previously wheeled operation into an efficient stacking system to benefit gate and vessel operations.

Eric Casey, CEO of GT USA Wilmington, said: "The addition of these advanced crane systems at the Port of Wilmington underlines our commitment to further strengthen our operations at the terminal. Since taking over operations at the port it has been our key goal to significantly improve performance for the benefit of our partners and customers. We continuously review our operational procedures to enhance the investment we are making in our facility and to strengthen the efficiency of operations and maximise productivity. The new RTG cranes will provide greater flexibility in their operations. This will help speed up the terminal operations and create even better value for our customers."

This equipment is the first part of a phased delivery to develop an identified container yard. The cranes will be delivered on site fully assembled by KoneCranes ready to be commissioned to enter operations once the yard densification project is complete. This project, scheduled to be completed in late Fall 2020, will effectively double the current yard capacity.

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## Note to Editors

### **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 originally certified '360 Quality' marine terminals in the United States, 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](http://www.gulftainer.com/US)

### **About GT USA**

GT USA is the U.S. division of Gulftainer, the world's largest privately-owned independent port operator and logistics company with operations and business interests in the Middle East, the Mediterranean, Brazil and the United States. GT's presence in North America expanded in 2018 with the signing of a 50-year concession agreement with the state of Delaware to manage and operate the Port of Wilmington, a deep-water port and marine terminal serving the Eastern Seaboard. The company's first venture into the USA came in 2014 with the signing of a 35-year agreement to operate Canaveral Cargo Terminal, a multi-purpose cargo and container terminal in Florida. For more information, visit [www.gulftainer.com/US](http://www.gulftainer.com/US)

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