

Pasha Automotive and Port of Grays Harbor complete paving project

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ABERDEEN, Wash. - Pasha Automotive Services and the Port of Grays Harbor celebrate the completion of new infrastructure promoting the continued growth of automotive processing and roll-on/roll-off business. Construction that started in December 2012 represents almost two years in planning and engineering. The momentum of new business supports major capital investment by the Port, Pasha and transportation partners in paving, rail and processing facilities. The Port's new \$15 million rail facility has been complemented by Puget Sound & Pacific's \$3.5 million passing track investment.

"We have added two I-CAR certified paint technicians and 12 experienced accessory installers to its local labor force roster. Over 140 employees provide a variety of skills from rail unloading to full body shop and accessory programs." Combined investments and renovations of terminal processing capabilities of \$4.5 million now offer Pasha's customers over 60 paved acres surrounded by new security systems, a state of the art Belanger custom carwash system, drive over undercoating application pits, homologation & accessory bays and a new body/mechanical center. An additional 10-acre paving/lighting project is underway. Full terminal capacity can be expanded to approximately 150 acres. New business includes an import client on short-sea service from Mexico. Rental car reconditioning for rental cars destined for auction is also booming with several thousand units passing through the port annually.

John Pasha, Senior Vice President, Pasha Automotive Services, says, "Development at Grays is driving at a fierce pace. We now have a perfect entrée for Mexico short sea and landbridge imports, as well as a unique platform to expedite Ro-Ro exports and imports through the Pacific Northwest." Pasha further notes that employment has also grown exponentially. "We have added two I-CAR certified paint technicians and 12 experienced accessory installers to its local labor force roster. Over 140 employees provide a variety of skills from rail unloading to full body shop and accessory programs." A partnership with Grays Harbor College, which boasts a first class automotive technical training center, has led to "on terminal training" for local apprentices. Founded in 1911, the Port of Grays Harbor is one of Washington State's oldest port districts and Washington's only deep-water port located directly on the Pacific Ocean. Strategically located midway between Seattle and Portland and less than 1 ½ hours from open sea, the Port of Grays Harbor provides businesses a diverse portfolio of facilities. More information on the Port of Grays Harbor's facilities and operations is available at portofgraysharbor.com. As part of The Pasha Group, Pasha Automotive Services provides seamless automotive transportation solutions throughout North America with state-of-the-art port, distribution, and service facilities. Pasha meets a full range of distribution solutions for manufacturers of new vehicles and shippers of pre-owned vehicles. The Pasha Group, founded in 1947, is a global logistics and transportation services company providing total supply-chain management for finished and privately owned vehicles, marine terminal management and stevedoring, relocation services for the government and military members, and international logistics management for general commodity/project cargos. For more information, please visit pashagroup.com.