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First Shipment of Cosmo Specialty Fiber Loads at the Port of Grays Harbor

Aberdeen, WA — Made in the USA, Grays Harbor County to be specific. That describes the baled pulp being loaded aboard the **MV Apalis Arrow** at the Port of Grays Harbor Terminal 4 this week. Over 6,000 metric tons of baled pulp destined for Shanghai and Qingdao, China were being loaded by ILWU Local 24 longshore workers. This marked the first export shipment of pulp produced at the newly reopened Cosmo Specialty Fibers mill located in Cosmopolis, Washington, just four miles from Terminal 4.

“What better way to serve our community than to be the point of export for locally produced products,” commented Port Commission President Jack Thompson as the vessel cranes lifted the baled pulp on board. “The reopening of Cosmo Specialty Fibers put over 200 citizens back to work and today we are employing local longshore workers to handle their export cargo. This is a great example of jobs creating jobs.”

This was the inaugural visit of the **MV Apalis Arrow** to the Port of Grays Harbor. During a ceremony onboard, Port officials presented the Captain with gifts commemorating the port call. The vessel is owned by Gearbulk, operator of the world’s largest fleet of open hatch gantry and semi-open jib craned vessels, purpose-built to carry forest products, non-ferrous metals, steel and other unitized breakbulk cargoes.

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. The Port of Grays Harbor

operates 4 deepwater marine terminals, the Westport Marina, Bowerman Airport and hundreds of acres of marine industrial property. Only 1-½ vessel hours from open sea, Grays Harbor offers rail and highway access to markets throughout North America. Currently, Grays Harbor is in the midst of an \$18 million rail expansion program to accommodate the growing automobile, dry bulk and liquid bulk cargo shipments moving through the Port. More information and photographs are available at portofgraysharbor.com.



Baled pulp produced by Cosmo Specialty Fiber in Cosmopolis, Washington, is loaded aboard Gearbulk's MV Apalis Arrow at Port of Grays Harbor Terminal 4. The pulp is destined for China and marked the first shipment for the newly reopened pulp mill. Photo courtesy of Cosmo Specialty Fibers.