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## **Port of Olympia Receives Wind Energy Cargo**

The *BBC Korea* called at the Port of Olympia's marine terminal April 24 to discharge a cargo of windmill blades. The blades are bound for a 70.5-megawatt General Electric wind-power project in Alberta, Canada.

The cargo consists of approximately 150 fiberglass blades manufactured in and shipped from Brazil. The blades will be stored in the Port's cargo yard for a couple of months before being transported by truck to Canada.

"This is a unique opportunity for our marine terminal to demonstrate what it does best – handle very specialized cargoes," said Port Commission President Steve Pottle. "We are trying to attract environmentally sound cargoes, and while this is a pilot project for us, we hope to have opportunities to bid on similar cargoes in the future."

"We are pleased to bring this cargo through Olympia," said Petr Naceradsky of Allyn International, logistics provider for General Electric Wind Power Group. "The Port of Olympia has a reputation for providing efficient and creative solutions to handling unique cargoes such as ours, and we knew the Port would be a good fit."

The 125-foot-long blades present special challenges. To handle the extra length, the Port made modifications to several of its top-pick loaders.

"Cargoes like this involve us in cutting edge energy technology and gives us a chance to solve challenging cargo handling issues," said Keith Bausch, ILWU Local 47 President.

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