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García Trucking serves all

BY B.G. DOYLE

When it comes to transportation, moving, storage and rigging services, most companies and organizations are looking for a firm that can provide it all. “In the past, the trend was to call a number of smaller companies, with each providing one or two of these services,” said Anthony Rodríguez, sales manager at García Trucking Service Inc. (GTS). “But today, major companies are signing contracts with us because we are able to provide everything they need, and no other company in Puerto Rico can offer the range of services we do.”

Now celebrating 40 years in the local market, the Carolina-based firm prides itself on its ability to expand and diversify throughout the years. “As the largest trucking company in Puerto Rico, we move about 300 containers a day,” Rodríguez said. This includes heavy hauling, refrigerated cargo, dry containers, machinery, hazardous material, oversize loads and more. Rodríguez noted that with more than 100 vehicles, GTS is equipped to handle any kind of transportation need. Clients include pharmaceutical companies, food & beverage distributors, petroleum companies and other kinds of multinational and local firms. GTS also has contracts with the U.S. military.

In addition, GTS provides trucking rentals, with more than 107 trucks available; each vehicle is equipped with radio-communications equipment with an exclusive FCC-assigned frequency. Other rental equipment available includes dry & refrigerated containers, tilt-bed trucks, tractors, flatbed trailers, low-bed trailers and vans, as well as air-ride trucks, tractors and containers.

The company also provides expert-rigging services as well. As a member of the Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association and the American Moving & Storage Association, GTS stands out as an industry leader in complete industrial-machinery installations, plant relocations, hauling services and heavy hoisting. And because GTS is clean-room certified,



José A. García, president of GTS

as well as skilled at handling medical equipment such as CT scanners, MRIs and other X-ray equipment, the company works with many major pharmaceutical and healthcare installations to deliver or remove delicate machinery to and from their facilities.

When it comes to relocation services, GTS also works with large corporations and the U.S. military to move personnel and their possessions to and from any place in the world. For corporate and commercial relocations, GTS works with all major van lines, and uses premium packing materials and the latest in packing equipment. In serving the U.S. military, GTS is the largest military agent in Puerto Rico, representing 62 military carriers and handling more than half the moving jobs for military personnel on the island. Residential and office relocation services are also available, including office moves for both federal and local government agencies, as well as all areas of the private sector.

Warehousing and storage are also part of the mix in GTS' comprehensive array of services, with three facilities currently located in the San Juan metropolitan area. As GSA (General Services Administration)/MTMC (Military Traffic Management Command) and state-approved facilities, GTS serves a number of organizations and agencies, including U.S. Customs & Border Protection and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Each facility has round-the-clock armed-guard security and electronic surveillance. ■