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GPLN members Sparber and Thunderbolt team-up to move press equipment from Spain to USA

GPLN members Sparber Group from Bilbao, Spain and Thunderbolt Global Logistics from Baltimore, USA worked closely together to transport three shipments of industrial press equipment for the automotive industry. Three ACL vessels carried the heavy equipment from Bilbao to Baltimore via Antwerp. Each shipment consisted of nine breakbulk pieces loaded on mafi trailers and seven 40-foot open-top containers. The oversized units weighed from 8 tons to 55 tons, equaling 195 tons in total. Thunderbolt worked with the clearing agent of the importer to ensure that the shipment would be fully released upon arrival of the vessel. The first vessel arrived in Baltimore at the end of June, followed by two more shipments in August and September. A strict delivery schedule was followed for each piece of cargo. Delivery had to take place over five working days. The shipper in Spain supplied the labor and arranged the rigging to unload the heavy haul trucks and containers. Road permits were critical in meeting the schedule. Thunderbolt secured the services of three domestic heavy haul carriers for the breakbulk cargo and one for the containers. Each carrier had years of experience picking up cargo at the Port of Baltimore. The largest crate with a weight of 55 tons was allowed to move only by night with a police escort. The cargo was trucked to the jobsite in South Charleston in West Virginia, passing through Maryland and Virginia.

For those interested to see some of our member's moves please go to their album on the GPLN Facebook page:

Sparber:

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