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GPLN member Universal Transport handles heavy electrical equipment in Germany

Universal Transport GmbH, a GPLN member from Germany, handled heavy equipment from an inland vessel to a vehicle combination in the Brunsbuettel Elbe harbor in Germany. The shipment consisted of a 261-ton transformer and two 32-ton radiator batteries, which were moved to a transporter with a floating crane. The sheer measurements of the parts were unusual: the transformer had a length of 11.35 meters, a width of 3.83 meters and a height of 4.36 meters, while the batteries each measured 7.11 meters long, 3.90 meters wide and 4.36 meters in high,

In Nuremberg, the transformer was loaded at the customer's quay onto the vessel and the two radiators were added at another trans-shipment point on the Main-Danube-canal. Once the vessel arrived at Brunsbuettel Elbe harbor the transformer was lifted over the quay wall using a floating crane onto a specific vehicle-combination which had a length of 52.4 m and was composed of a pull-push-convoy with two 8x4-axle-tractors, plus additional 18 modular axles. When the transformer was loaded, the total weight of the combination amounted to about 400 tons. The radiator batteries were loaded onto a 3-axle towing vehicle coupled to a 4-axle semi-trailer and a 3-axle towing vehicle coupled to a 5-axle semi-trailer.

The final destination of the transport was a voltage transformation substation. Due to the weight and length of the vehicle combination and its cargo GPLN member Universal Transport had to reinforce a bridge on the route using foundation slabs

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