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## Dako keeps the turbines turning for Pennsylvania wind project

**D**ako Worldwide Transport GmbH organized in cooperation with UTC Overseas of Atlanta, Georgia the transport of 25 wind generating units with a capacity of 2.5 megawatts each from factories in Germany and Denmark via the ports of Bremerhaven, Esbjerg and Baltimore to the construction site near Johnstown, Pennsylvania where the assembly of the towers took place in a new wind farm supplying green energy to the nearby communities.

Dako Worldwide Transport and UTC Overseas were responsible for delivery up to DDP construction site which included a tailor-made delivery schedule in accordance with the necessity of the assembly.

The blades of the windmills had a length of 45 meters which required very special preparation both for the pre-carriage in Denmark and Germany to the ports of loading as well as for the delivery from Baltimore to Johnstown, which lies in a rural area with few major roads.

The total quantity shipped from Europe was approx. 21.000 freight tons (FRT.) The turbines are expected to provide enough electricity to power 16,000 homes. **GPLN**



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## Westlink expands in WA's strong economy

**T**he north-west of Western Australia (WA) is a powerhouse of the Australian economy with highly advanced mining operations positioning Western Australia as one of the world's pre-eminent producers. In addition to mineral exploration, engineering and energy-based infrastructure, the newly announced gas projects bode well for the state's emerging strength as an international energy producer and exporter.

Central to all this is logistics, and Westlink has just announced the establishment of a second Western Australian office. This new and dedicated Perth based-office will service major clients throughout the state - but especially in the north-west.

Trent Robson, who has headed up Westlink's logistic operations out of the Brisbane, Queensland office since 2003, is relocating to Perth to drive the company's new Western Australian operations.

"Westlink is a vastly experienced marine presence in Western Australia, and with an existing office in Fremantle of 18 years, has been a major participant in project logistics as well as liner and shipping services in the region.

"The launch of this new logistics office is timely recognition of the fact that mining, heavy engineering as well as oil and gas projects in the area are

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## A Word from Gary Dale...



We at GPLN have gotten lots of work done this year. We have expanded our membership rolls quite a bit and we have ventured into several new territories as well. At the same time we have settled quite a bit too. A good example is that on several of the events we attended this year we were returnees whereas in years past we might have been newbies.

Even one new event, BreakBulk Asia in Singapore, seemed like we were returnees. This wasn't the case however for our trips to TransRussia and Intermodal Africa which were both totally brand new to us. Also, as I earlier noted, for the first time GPLN hosted our annual conference on the African continent which is a milestone.

Next year in April GPLN will hold its annual meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Like I said, we are extending our firsts with this since we have never hosted a meeting in Latin America.

I for one am looking forward to this. It will give us an excellent opportunity to expand our reach into this important part of the globe and it will allow us to showcase to Latin America the talents and experience and muscle that GPLN can offer. This meeting will be the 7th general meeting in our history, following Dublin, Bangkok, Dubai, Prague, Kuala Lumpur and Tunis.

The Rio de Janeiro meeting won't be our only business in Brazil either. Just prior to that event we will be participating in the Multimodal South America event in São Paulo, Brazil. This exhibition is the largest logistics fair in all of Latin America.

For our members who consider this to be an important market for them, GPLN's participation offers a marvelous chance to come down and join our booth before the meeting. I guarantee they will get plenty of mileage out of their dual participation in both events.

My message for the third quarter? Start making your plans for Brazil!

Best regards,

**Gary Dale Cearley**

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## Flinter celebrates Dutch heritage in New York



**F**linter has successfully completed the shipping of 20 traditional flat-bottom ships from the Netherlands which will take part in the forthcoming celebrations of New York's 400th birthday.

Carried in the company's 6000-tonne ship MS Flinterduin, the vessels will participate in the coming weeks in festivities celebrating the commemoration of the relationship between the Netherlands and New York that started 400 years ago, when captain Henry Hudson sailed in to the bay of New York.

On behalf of the Dutch Foundation for Historical Sailing Vessels (SPTS: Stichting ter Promotie van het Traditionele Schip), the boats were loaded onto the Flinterduin in Harlingen Harbour (Harlinger Overslag en Veembedrijf, Industriekade 7-13) on Aug. 17.

The Flinterduin is a 6,000-ton multi-purpose ship built in 2000 that is highly suited to transporting this special project cargo. In order to safeguard proper transport, the loading was supervised by a team of experienced longshoremen in close cooperation with Flinter's Cargo Care department. The Flinterduin embarked on its approximately two-week journey to New York the next day and has now arrived at the GMD Shipyard in Brooklyn, where the cargo was unloaded.

As part of the 'NY400 Holland on the Hudson' program, the fleet consisting of various types of traditional boats will be an attractive show for Dutch expatriates and the American public during the first week of September 2009. Each day the

fleet will sail along the New York coast with American guests. Receptions will be held, along with sail races on the Hudson River and around the Statue of Liberty.

These events will be accompanied by numerous activities - including an American version of the Dutch Oerol theater festival - and exhibits focusing on relations between the Netherlands and the United States and on the history of Nieuw Amsterdam/New York.

His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of the Netherlands and his wife Princess Máxima will be attending the celebrations in New York from Sep. 8 to Sep. 13, when they will inspect the fleet.

Once the week of festivities has been con-



cluded, the flat-bottoms will resume their journey to Albany. Along the banks of the Hudson River there are 10 historical harbor sites established by Dutch emigrants in the 17th century. The current inhabitants are very much aware of their roots and are already making preparations to warmly welcome the fleet. **GPLN**

## Heavy lift for BDG

This shipment, of a main frame piece used for mining equipment, originated in Seraozinho Brazil. The goods were picked up at origin in Brazil and shipped via Santos port to Galveston Port. BDG arranged the inland and international leg of the move via GPLN member Waiver Logistics in Brazil. Once in Galveston BDG arranged domestic transportation from Galveston to the final destination of Pekin, Illinois. The goods were originally booked at a weight of 96,000 lbs however, once received at the Galveston Terminal, the total gross weight was reported at 103,000 lbs gross weight. Permits for transport needed to be reissued to accommodate the additional weight of this load. **GPLN**





## Alfa Logistics helps Kazan's second-phase metro take shape



The tunnel boring equipment starts its journey on a barge in France (left) and ends up extending the metro underneath the central Asian city of Kazan in the republic of Tatarstan, the seventh-biggest city in Russia.

Moscow-based Alfa Logistics has organized the transshipment of a tunnel-boring machine (TBM) from the Le Creusot, France, headquarters of NFM Technologies to Kazan in the Russian republic of Tatarstan. The cargo will land at Rostov from where it will be onshipped to Kazan, where it will be used for tunnelling the extension to the Kazan subway.

This 5.89m diameter Earth Pressure Balance (EPB) TBM was designed for the subway line 1 extension in Kazan, following on from the initial order in

2005 for the subway.

"The first machine was chosen quite by chance," said Marat Rakhimov, director of Kazmetrostroy, the authority in charge of the construction of the subway. "This machine was chosen from experience."

Alfa Logistics is transporting the machine, which has been given a Tatar girl's name meaning "as beautiful as the moon" from Le Creusot at the beginning of August on its journey to the work site, where it is expected to arrive at the end of September. **GPLN**

## Industrial strength lifting



The Freight Co., Ltd recently handled the transport of a 45-megawatt/hour watertube boiler from Prachinburi in Thailand to Townsville, Australia. The company picked up the boiler at Bangkok Industrial Boiler (BIB) where the boiler was fabricated. They had to carry out the trucking with a hydraulic trailer and weigh the boiler as well at BIB to decide if there a floating crane would be required.

The trip to the port took around eight hours where they lifted the boiler with the ship gears and spreaderbar on to the vessel.

The customer, RCR Energy Systems Australia is clearly happy with service as this is the tenth boiler shipped by The Freight Co., for them. **GPLN**

## Trans-Trading ships high-speed to China

Trans-Trading will be executing transportation of all components for High Speed Trains (Velaro China) on behalf of Siemens Industry AG, Erlangen/Germany, delivered from Europe to both Tianjin and Dalian. The assembling plants are located in or close to these cities. These deliveries will at least last five consecutive years with letters of intent already signed by the Chinese customer for further trains. The total number of trains eventually probably will amount somewhere between 200 and 300. Trans-Trading is responsible for most of the pre-shipping from the different suppliers to the port of Hamburg, will handle the entire fob-delivery in Hamburg as well as ocean freight from there to the Chinese Ports of Tianjin and Dalian. Everyone working on the project realized it needed the most skilful professionalism of each staff member involved and assumes liability, responsibility and 24/7 availability.

## Three-way GPLN job

Saweco International Shipping GmbH is teaming up with fellow GPLN members Khalida International Shipping, Abu Dhabi and Titan Project Services to ship two hydraulic hammers plus equipment from Abu Dhabi to Singapore and Batam, Indonesia. The shipment is on behalf of Messrs. Menck GmbH at Kaltenkirchen near Hamburg. Saweco arranged lifting from ground Yard No. 9 Mina Zayed for movement by barge alongside MV Rickmers Singapore in late September for sailing to Singapore. Khalida International handled pre-carriage and delivery and Titan Project Services handled shipping from Singapore and delivery. **GPLN**



## Europe Cargo fits out MegaPTA project in Portugal



**E**urope Cargo earlier this year completed an important shipment for the 300-million euro MegaPTA project in Sines, Portugal, where Artenius is building a brand new Pure Terephthalic Acid (PTA) plant.

The plant is designed to produce 700,000 tonnes per annum of PTA when it goes into operation in the first half of 2010. For the first shipment, Europe Cargo had to transport a crystallizer and a solvent stripper, which weighed a total of 50,000 kilograms, from Belgium to Portugal. The solvent stripper had

dimensions of 10.8 x 5.6 x 5.9 meters, while the heavier solvent stripper was only slightly smaller. Because of the size of the loads, full road transport from the factory to Antwerp port was impossible. These drums were transported to the nearest waterway connection, transhipped into a barge and barged to Antwerp. Because there are currently no breakbulk regular liner services to Sines, Europe Cargo chartered a coaster into which the drums were loaded. For the second shipment, equipment was loaded from barge into the MV Beluga Efficiency. **GPLN**



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**5th Thai Ports and Shipping 2009**

29th - 30th October, 2009

*Imperial Queen's Park Hotel  
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**5th Trans Middle East Bahrain 2009**

24th – 25th November, 2009

*Gulf International Convention And Exhibition Centre,  
Manama, Bahrain*

**2nd Breakbulk Asia Transportation Conference & Exhibition**

26th - 27th January, 2010

*Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre  
Singapore, Singapore*

**15th Intermodal South America**

6th - 8th April, 2010

*Transamerica Expo Center, Sao Paulo, Brazil*

**7th GPLN Annual Global Meeting**

11th – 13th April, 2010

*JW Marriott Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*

**15th TransRussia International Exhibition & Conference**

27th – 30th April, 2010

*Moscow Expocentr  
Moscow, Russia*

**5th Breakbulk Europe Transportation Conference & Exhibition**

18th – 20th May, 2010

*Antwerp Expo  
Antwerp, Belgium*

**4th Transport Logistichina International Exhibition**

8th – 10th June, 2010

*Shanghai New International Expo Centre  
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**8th Intermodal Africa 2010**

8th – 9th October, 2010

*Cape Town International Convention Centre  
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**For all information on upcoming events,  
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## Waiver powers ahead in energy sector



Waiver arranges the handling of Siemens generators and turbines for the Pilar thermal power plant in Argentina.

In 2009, Waiver has worked with other GPLN members on a number of important projects in the energy sector.

Together with Madrid-based Altius, Waiver delivered Siemens generators, turbines, transformers and other equipment with a total weight of over 1350 tons to the Loma de la Lata thermal power station in Argentina to be used in expanding the combined cycle of the station. An even bigger project was carried out with Altius, consisting of 10,400 cubic meters of cargo weighing 2230 tons was successfully handled for another power station, the Pilar thermal power plant run by Empresa Provincial de Energía Córdoba. This also involved transporting generators as well as gas turbines built by Siemens in Germany.

Waiver worked together with Houston, Texas-based AIFI to deliver from Nooter/Eriksen a cargo comprising low-pressure water reheaters and steam generators with lifting equipment and accessories. Heat Recovery Steam Generators (HRSGs) are used to recover waste heat from the exhaust of combustion gas turbines (CGTs) in the useful form

of steam, boosting boost cycle efficiencies to nearly 60%.

This 226-ton load was delivered to Centrales Térmicas Mendoza in Argentina.

The biggest job of all, also carried out with Altius, was the delivery of 13,770 tons of structural steel to Central Térmica Río Turbio in Santa Cruz, Argentina.

And to help streamline its business in other parts of South America, Waiver has opened up a new office in the Peruvian capital Lima, which will be headed up by Paulo Miranda. **GPLN**



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## DAL beats the drums



**P**rivately owned Deutsche Afrika-Linien/John T. Essberger Group, known universally as DAL, hosted an Infotainment Evening for customers at a private function in London recently.

The information part of the evening was initiated by Michael Davies, director and responsible within DAL for the South African trade who explained that DAL had been serving South Africa for over 100 years and since containerisation of the trade in 1977 as a founder member of The South African Europe Container Service (SAECS).

The service connects Europe and The Mediterranean with South Africa via The Canary Islands on a weekly basis. Having been represented in the United Kingdom for more than 11 years by their former joint venture partner Safmarine, DAL are now operating in the U.K. independently within the SAECS Service and are represented by Cory Brothers Shipping Agency Limited.

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Klaus-Dieter Lahlah, director of liner services, gave details of the Indian Ocean service between North Europe and Port Reunion, Port Louis and Tamatave.

The 'entertaining' part of the evening arranged by U.K. agents Cory Brothers Shipping Agency and introduced by managing director John van Bergen included a South African barbeque complete with ostrich burgers and Zulu dancing. **GPLN**

## Westfracht proves MAN enough for the job



**G**PLN member Westfracht Spezialverkehre International GmbH of Germany has recently moved three 377-ton transformers inside Germany over a distance of approximately 500 kilometers with their own equipment for a nuclear power station in the small German village of Brake near Bremerhaven.

The move was performed with Westfracht's own huge MAN tractors, each of them fitted with 750-horsepower engines and their own axle modules of 24 axles. With their own team, Westfracht also performed the unloading and mounting of the transformers up to the final foundation on the job site.

Westfracht is a major German equipment-owner for loads up to 650 tons and has been in business since 1946. Although a medium-size privately owned company with approximately 100 employees, Westfracht is also very active and successful in the project business. Only recently, some major projects to Myanmar, Egypt (air separation plants) and Russia (new steel plant) have been completed.

A number of years ago, Westfracht started focusing on Eastern European and Central Asian markets and has just started its own operation in St. Petersburg, Russia.

An office in Mongolia will be opened soon, to serve the increasing demand mainly for mining projects in the vast country. **GPLN**

## Covering the whole Spectrum



Moscow-based Spectrum is now well-known as a specialist in difficult jobs worldwide, such as the shipping of this 70-ton nitrogen vessel from Le Havre to Tartous in Syria. Since its founding in 1994, it has been noticeably involved in various projects of shipping of hi-tech equipment, mobile factories, and agricultural vehicles from countries of Europe, Scandinavia, and America to Russia, the Commonwealth of Independent States, and Southeast Asia. **GPLN**



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## RO-RO helps Celtic keep the crane in shape



Celtic Forwarding recently shipped a 60-ton mobile crane from Dublin to Acajulta in El Salvador in association with Wirtz Shipping in Belgium. The client was concerned that any lifts be minimised as the crane was valued at over US\$500,000. Celtic received the crane at a roll-on roll-off (ro-ro) terminal in Dublin Port and shipped to Zeebrugge on a ro-ro feeder vessel. Wirtz then arranged for the onforwarding per an ocean ro-ro vessel servicing South and Central America with Acajulta being the last port of call.

By going ro-ro all the way from Dublin to Acajulta meant that the crane did not need to be lifted throughout its voyage to El Salvador. **GPLN**

## Wilhelmsen adds staff in Saudi



Dinwoodie: new staff will generate leads

Wilhelmsen Ships Services has just relocated its Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, office and has employed three sales execs along with support staff who will all be operational in the month of October. According to business development manager Russell Dinwoodie, Wilhelmsen is increasing its marketing capacity considerably in Riyadh, Dammam and Jeddah, including the placement of dedicated logistics sales and operations managers, which will in turn generate Saudi sales leads for the group and give the company the capability to follow up on any received in a proactive and professional manner. **GPLN**



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## It's tough getting up to the very top!



**I**t pays to have experience when you're shipping heavy loads in the remote Guatemalan mountains. Daco Heavy Lift last month executed what it described as "quite a remarkable transport", delivering two transformers to a very remote site in the Guatemalan mountains.

Fortunately, Daco has that experience. In 2008, it delivered powerplant equipment weighing 400 tons to the town of Chimaltenango, situated in the Guatemalan highlands at a height of 1700 meters above sea level, and with road slopes of 17.5%. **GPLN**

## Precious load for Cory



Anish Kapoor's new sculpture, "Tall Tree and the Eye" is to be newly displayed in the courtyard of The Royal Academy of Arts. Cory Logistics has carefully handled the forwarding of the exceptional piece which is now ready for its official unveiling, within a major exhibition of the artist's work at the London Gallery.

Anish's steel structure is an arrangement inspired by the words of the German poet Rainer Maria Rilke, and consists of 76 shiny spheres, which bubble up to the level of the surrounding Palladian buildings! Although fifteen metres high, it projects a vision of weightlessness when viewed from the ground below.

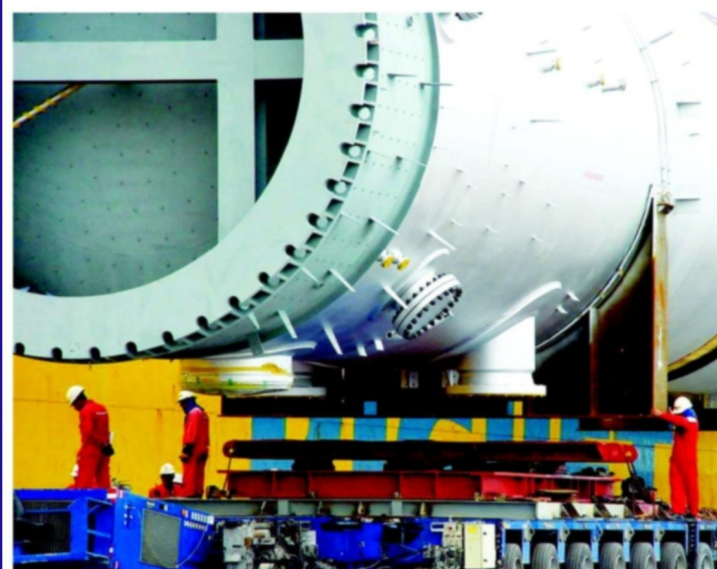
GPLN partners Oceanbridge arranged shipment from Tauranga, New Zealand through to arrival Tilbury, where Cory Logistics project-managed, from vessel arrival into the U.K. through to delivery.

Due to the size and value of the cargo, delivery was specially planned for 1.45am. Even so, the central London, Piccadilly route was exceptionally busy, delaying the cargo for over 45 minutes.

However, Cory's specially arranged Police escort, accompanied the vehicle throughout to ensure its multi-million dollar, precious load arrived safely, and in good time, at the RA Courtyard. The Anish Kapoor exhibition is at the Royal Academy, London W1, from 26 September to 11 December.

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## Waiver opens new Peru office in expansion



**Miranda: company has seen big increase in Peru business**

**W**aiver Logistics has opened up an office in Lima, Peru, to handle the increase in business from that country. "There has been an amazing increase and development of industrial, mining and power generation projects in Peru," said Paulo Miranda Orozco, who is heading up the Lima office. "There will be plenty of projects development this coming years, so all we can say it's that we're really happy with the fact that already our office is fully operative and ready to go."

Miranda, originally from Chile, has been working with Waiver since 2006.

*The new office is at Av. Del Pinar 134 Of. 403., Chacarilla del Estanque, Santiago de Surco, Lima. Tel: +51-1-6524408. **GPLN***

## Altius in power lift



Altius Projects has recently carried out a long-distance shipment of Siemens heavy equipment for a power plant in Argentina. The equipment was loaded on the vessel BBC Scandinavia, from the loading ports of Norrköping, Sweden and Hamburg, Germany, with a final destination of Zarate, Argentina..



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helping to turn the economic tables for WA as well as Australia as a whole. Our new St George's Terrace presence places us in immediate proximity to the key players in these vital markets - and ensures that our logistics services retain a high profile in Western Australia.

"It further extends our capacity to service high end corporate customers and contracts in what has become arguably Australia's leading mining and energy production region. We bring enormous human resources, experience and expertise to the table - and there is no question that this office will open many more opportunities for Westlink Logistics to grow its sphere of influence in the months and years to come."

## Profile

Westlink has been involved in some of WA's highest profile logistics challenges - and is often chosen because of the team's ability to perform at the highest level and under the most demanding of circumstances. There is no substitute for experience

and expertise, and there is a lot more to moving some of the largest industrial items and parcel projects than the shipping phase alone. For example, the timely and safe shipping of locomotives, ore cars, steel and coated pipe for WA's rapidly developing mining and oil & gas industries is testament to Westlink's ability to think creatively outside the square, and deliver on time as well as on budget.

## Powerhouse

While Trent Robson and his team lead from the front in WA, Jill Griffiths and Mike Maxwell will continue to head up Westlink's Queensland-based operations in Brisbane. With both of Australia's powerhouse economies serviced with dedicated project offices, Westlink Logistics is exceptionally well placed to take advantage of, and participate in, Australia's economic recovery.

The new Perth CBD office at Level 3, 235 St. Georges Terrace, Perth 6000, Western Australia will be open from the first week of November 2009. **GPLN**



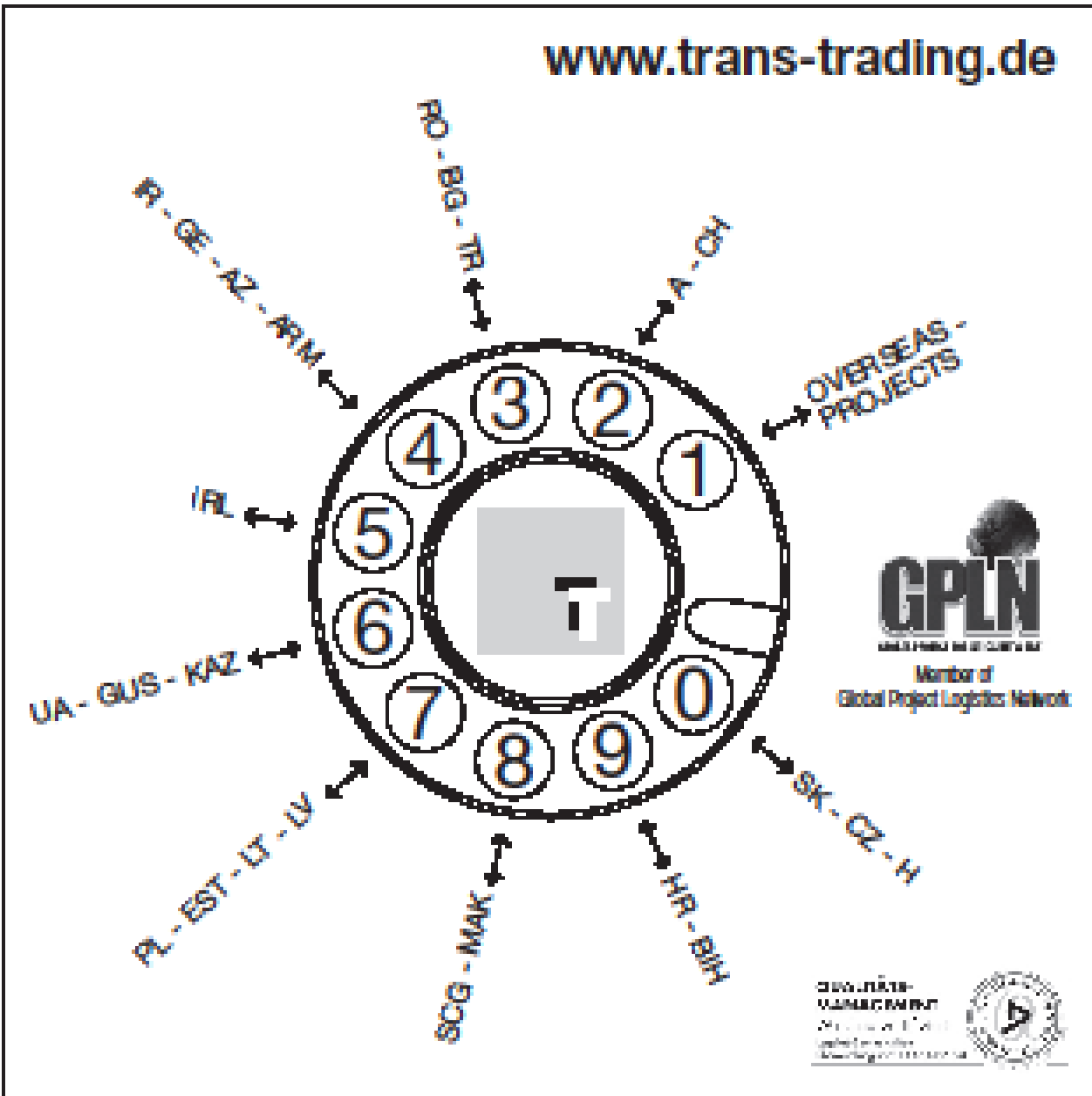
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## GPLN celebrates 5 years of growth and progress at Tunis meeting

The Global Project Logistics Network (GPLN), the world's largest network of independent international project logistics specialists and charterers has now turned five years old.

"Our group has lots of milestones to be proud of," said Gary Dale Cearley, executive director of GPLN. "We have grown from only 10 members in our first year to being the largest projects logistics specialist network in the world. We should be around 200 member offices near the end of this year. And that is no mean feat."

Cearley puts the growth down to GPLN's commitment to promoting the group globally.

"From the beginning our focus has been global," said Cearley. "We have members on every continent, in every region of the world and in every major projects port. We have been very focused in this aspect. We attend shipping and maritime trade shows about 10 times per year.

"No other group does that. And we promote only within the range of project forwarding and chartering -- no LCL specialists and no airfreight forwarders on our roll. Only real and verifiable project logistics specialists. In the end this sets us apart and ahead of the pack."

GPLN has also been keeping it global when it comes to their annual meetings. "We have had meetings in the past in Dublin, Bangkok, Dubai,



Prague, Kuala Lumpur, Tunis and next we will be in Rio de Janeiro," said Luzius Haffter, GPLN's new commercial director. "And this next meeting will be even bigger than before. We are working hard on it already."

The fact that the Global Project Logistics Network's prestige has grown can be reflected in the corporate sponsors that they have been able to attract such as Beluga Shipping and Rickmers-Linie.

GPLN has been recording its history through photos on the GPLN website as well.

"We are constantly trawling our members for photos of their moves so we can get these out to

everyone," said Cearley. "This is one of the best ways we have been able to promote our specialties within the group and to the various industries that are served by project forwarders and project charterers. Our members have a lot that they can be proud of over the years and I want to make sure that the entire world knows."

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## Tanzania on the rails

Hindustan Cargo has recently completed the challenging transport of two 75-ton railway locomotives from Patiala to Mumbai port, India and then onwards to Dar-es-Salaam in Tanzania. The 1400-kilometer land journey, crossing difficult terrain in four Indian states, was carried out in a record 15 days.

The locomotives, each measuring 19 meters by 3 meters by 4 meters, needed special heavy-duty low-bed trailers to be fabricated so as to minimize the overhang. The shipment was carried out by Hindustan Cargo for Rites India. for the eventual customer Tanzania Railways.. **GPLN**

## New GPLN members

Country	City	Company
Belgium	Antwerp	Levaco NV
India	New Delhi	Aquatic Freights Pvt. Ltd.
Malaysia	Darul Ehsan	Trans International Logistik Sdn Bhd
Netherlands	Rotterdam	M-Star Freight Services BV
Peru	Lima	Waiver Logistics Peru S.A.C.
Russia	Saint Petersburg	Transy
South Korea	Seoul	DW S And T Inc. Project Forwarding