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Global P&L handles Iraqi power plant job

Korean GPLN member Global Procurement & Logistics Company Ltd. (Global P&L) was recently invited by one of South Korea's major Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) companies as a sole logistic partner to support their incoming project based on mutual trust between Global P&L and the EPC company's project team.

The project consisted of: an EPC Contract for construction of a 900 MW power plant in Iraq; total volume: of approx 225,000 cbm including 168 sets of gensets (76 ton/set) & 28 sets of gensets(180 ton/set); shipping period: October 2011 to February 2012; total 12 voyages of full charter and 3 voyages of partial charter.

Until the project was put on the table, nobody knew how challenging the project would be since it ► [page 14](#)

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5K sponsors young NASCAR sensation

5K Logistics has become a sponsor for NASCAR racer Brad Cox and the BCM race team. Brad Cox drives the #94 black Camaro.

NASCAR is a type of professional auto racing in North America. It is extremely popular with a fan base worldwide.

Australian-born Cox is just 17 years old, but has been racing since the age of seven, and has racked up over 300 podium finishes in his short career.

Paul McGrath, President of 5K Logistics stated following the first race: "We are very excited about the sponsorship

and participation in the NASCAR sport."

After competing in smaller series such as Late Model and Super Truck, 2012 marks the year that Cox makes the huge step up to the NASCAR K & N national series.

And with all the success he has achieved thus far in his short career, it is likely that this amazing young Australian will continue to climb the ladder of success, especially now that he has the support of a major sponsor.

GPLN member 5K Logistics is an international project logistics provider based in Warminster, PA., and with numerous branch offices. www.gpln.net



Cox's black Camaro gets an inspection

A Word from Gary Dale...



Time is drawing ever so closer to our upcoming annual meeting in Singapore (May 10-11)! We have been working hard on this side, I can tell you, not only for this event but also for the first ever PowerLogistics Asia event as well. There is more work to be done on this than one can almost imagine! And the work is not just on the AGM and the PowerLogistics event. Between now and the first week of May we will attend two industry exhibitions, organize three PL/GPLN Heavy Transport & Lifting Seminars in three different cities, the GPLN Annual General Meeting and the PowerLogistics Asia 2012 Conference & Exhibition. Spring is definitely a busy time around our office.

Speaking of PowerLogistics Asia 2012 I would like to remind every one of our members who might be interested in this that we have special packages for GPLN members who are attending the AGM but also would like to participate in PowerLogistics Asia 2012 in Singapore. This

also includes our popular Heavy Transport & Lifting Seminar which is sandwiched in between the two events, which was timed as such in order to make it convenient for any members who might want to get the training out of the way all in one shot. If you have any questions at all about these special packages that we have put together then please contact Luzius Haffter directly at +66 (2) 714 2256 (0900 hrs – 1700 hrs Bangkok time) or for e-mail to events@gpln.net.

This year's AGM will continue the tradition that we started last year with the GPLN cap competition. We have been collecting the best photos that have been sent in over the past year and will find the best four entries from which to choose. If you remember, last year's overall winner, that of Asia Imperial Cargo Logistics (AICL), won a free entry for one to our AGM, so beyond the pride of winning there is a financial benefit to you as well. There is still time to go so remember to send in your photos of your recent jobs! Also, don't forget to add details about these photos and we will make sure to try to get your story into the next edition of the newsletter.

Again, I just wanted to take a moment to urge any of you who haven't signed up for our AGM, PowerLogistics Asia 2012 or the Heavy Transport & Lifting Seminar to do it now! As always there will be loads of new faces in the group as well as your trusty old partners to see as well. This should really supercharge your year as far

as networking and getting new business in your pipeline. It is what we are here for.

By the way, all of these events will take place in the world famous Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Center, which is a premier location in Singapore for all such events as these. Besides Singapore being a global shipping hub, which offers the possibility of seeing your own in house clients during this week (ask them to come to our show!), there is also much to do and see for entertainment. Singapore is great for business and it is great for recreation. Make sure to plan a bit of each when you come.

Sounds good? Of course it does. See ya there!

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5K Logistics completes convection furnace project



US-based GPLN member 5K Logistics was recently brought in to provide heavy machinery transport for a fast-track processing plant project.

A new convection furnace was to be installed at the Westlake Chemical Corporation styrene manufacturing plant in Sulphur, Louisiana.

The scope of the Westlake Chemical plant expansion project required two fast-tracked shipments of industrial convection furnace components from suppliers in Korea to the construction site in Sulphur, Louisiana.

In addition, accessory component

shipments were coordinated from multiple global suppliers. In all, there was 2,500 cubic meters of break bulk cargo and 12 x 40-foot containers to be delivered.

SHIPMENTS

5K Logistics performed a transport plan and coordinated the shipments from Korea and other global suppliers.

The cargo shipments were directed to, received and cleared in Houston, Texas.

The three large main furnace components were loaded onto rail cars and delivered to the construction site, where they were lifted onto Goldhofer trailers and maneuvered into position to be set in



place.

They measured up to 40 foot by 13 foot by 18 foot, with a total weight of 220,000 lbs. They remaining over-dimensional break bulk cargo and the containers were trucked to final construction site.

All cargo was lifted and set in to their designated place.

TIME SCHEDULE

The project was under a tough time

schedule for completion. There would be large demurrage charges to be accessed if the project was delayed.

5K Logistics Vice President of Operations Gus Chalos handled this project perfectly, the company said.

5K Logistics President Paul McGrath said: "Due to 5K Logistics' planning and execution on this project, it resulted in all equipment arriving at the plant on time, on budget and without incident."

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Sarr Freights operates big air charter



Sarr Freights, a GPLN member from India, has successfully operated an air charter flight of one of the largest cargo aircraft in the world for Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India.

The order was placed on the vessel Sarr Freights for transportation of Dhruv helicopter along with the accessories.

The scope of work included the air charter of an Antonov AN-124 aircraft From Bangalore to Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport.

Mauritius, custom clearance of cargo, liaising with DGCA, handling of cargo

and aircraft at Bangalore Airport, India, loading of cargo from the tarmac onto the aircraft. Also carried out were completion of immigration formalities for crew as well as engineers accompanying the aircraft, unloading of helicopter from the aircraft at SSR International Airport, Mauritius, clearance and handling of aircraft at that airport.

The client expressed their appreciation of the prompt and efficient services provided by Sarr Freights.

The company is headquartered in New Delhi and operates a major branch office in Mumbai. www.gpln.net



Postcard from ...



Dako sends cement mill to Ghana



Dako Worldwide Transport GmbH of Düsseldorf, Germany, organized jointly with Supermaritime Ghana Ltd. of Tema, Ghana the transportation of a complete cement milling plant from various European countries to the construction site near Tema.

The heart of the plant was the mill body with a unit weight of 145 tons. In addition there were all other pieces, which were shipped together with the heavy lift carrier to Tema plus containerisable cargo shipped separately, approximately 1000 freight tons.

Dako Worldwide organized the transport of the mill body and also the other materials partly by direct truck, partly by barge to the Port of Rotterdam, loading and discharging of the cargo was done with ships gear.

Supermaritime, who was informed in time by Dako Worldwide was able to conclude with the receiver the reception of the cargo from under

hook in Tema and delivery to the construction site.

The smooth cooperation between Supermaritime and Dako Worldwide ensured the availability of the Heavy Lift Equipment upon arrival of the vessel and avoided any problems of indirect delivery and/or ships demurrage.

Both shippers as well as receivers were very happy with this joint operation. www.gpln.net



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HEAVY MATTERS

By Gert Vos



2: Stability of cranes

That cranes should be positioned horizontal is well known by most people. That some crane drivers are sometimes too convenience-oriented in crane positioning is often not known. Many times we see a crane standing on its outriggers but without its wooden or steel mats to spread the load and decrease ground pressure.

But even if steel/wooden mats are used it can go wrong. See the picture (right): the terrain was too weak to keep the crane in a horizontal, stable position.

Imagine that this 450-ton crane should lift a load of 80 tons. With that load the crane could give a radius of about 15 meters (depends on boom length, counterweight, weight of hoisting block, rigging, etc.). What would be the ground pressure per rigger if the crane used its standard, large steel mats of about 4 x 2.5 meters (=10m²)?

PRESSURE

It will really be about 11 tons per m² (110 tons per outrigger; spread out over

10m²). That seems to be not so much but having a site or port where they grant more than 4 or 5 tons ground pressure per m² is rare.

So extra load spreading could be necessary.

And how about a small 60 ton mobile crane with a lazy crane driver who tells you that the crane can lift easily the container of 4 tons without using its wooden outrigger mats?

Please make your statement and tell the crane driver that the ground pressure



per outrigger for his small crane with the small container load in the crane hook can be already **21 tons**.



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OUTRIGGER

When the crane driver only uses the small outrigger plates of 60 x 60 cm, we will create an extreme ground pressure on one small plate!

Safety people investigated an accident with a crawler crane.

The investigation determined that the collapse was caused by the crane being set up out of level and at an angle exceeding the crane's design parameters.

As a result, as the crane slewed side on to the slope, the side or lateral stresses on the boom from the 318-ton load, caused it to buckle and fracture.

STABILITY

Avoiding stability accidents starts with:

- ▶ Checking the area on acceptable ground pressure.
- ▶ Is there any water, gaspipe under the surface?
- ▶ Basements under the surface?
- ▶ Preparing the underground: horizontal and stable.
- ▶ Use of wooden (better yet steel) mats under the outriggers.
- ▶ Creating a sand bed for crawlers and steel / wooden mats (single or double) on top of it.
- ▶ Check horizontal positioning.
- ▶ Try to avoid driving with a mobile crane with load in the hook. If you should do that check out the surface, drive with outriggers OUT close above the surface and only within the safety margin of the cranechart.
- ▶ Use the outriggers.
- ▶ And last but not least... Use your mind!

Upcoming GPLN Meetings & Events

Heavy Transport and Lifting Course China

28th February 2012

Renaissance Shanghai Yangtze Hotel, Shanghai, China

1st Breakbulk China Transportation Conference & Exhibition

29th February - 1st March 2012

Intex Shanghai, Changning District, Shanghai, China. **Booth No: M01**

Heavy Transport and Lifting Course India

28th March 2012

Hilton Mumbai International Airport Hotel, Mumbai, India

BHP 2012 (2nd Cargo Shop India)

29th - 31st March 2012

Bombay Convention & Exhibition Centre, Mumbai, India **Booth No: B-510**

17th Trans Russia International Exhibition & Conference

24th - 27th April 2012

Expocentre, Moscow, Russia

7th Southern Asia Ports, Logistics & Shipping

26th - 27th April 2012

Cinnamon Grand Colombo Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka **Booth No: 1**

Heavy Transport and Lifting Course Singapore

9th May 2012

Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Center, Singapore

GPLN Global Meeting 2012

10th - 11th May 2012

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Heavy Transport and Lifting Course Belgium

22nd May 2012

Radisson Blu Astrid Hotel, Antwerp, Belgium

7th Breakbulk Europe Transportation Conference & Exhibition

22nd - 24th May 2012

Antwerp Expo, Antwerp, Belgium **Booth No: 300H4**

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5th - 7th June 2012

Shanghai New International Expo Centre, Shanghai, China **Booth No: N2-605**

Heavy Transport and Lifting Course South Africa

5th September 2012

Hilton Durban Hotel, Durban, South Africa

Intermodal Africa

6th - 7th September 2012

International Convention Center (ICC), Durban, South Africa **Booth No: 28**

HUSUM WindEnergy

18th - 22nd September 2012

NordseeCongressCentre (NCC) Husum, Germany **Booth No: 1F28**

Heavy Transport and Lifting Course USA

9th October 2012

Four Seasons Hotel, Houston, TX, USA

For all information on upcoming events,
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Convoy!

Four separate convoys will deliver a total of 570 containers



Al-Masar Al-Iraqi is currently carrying out a government contract to deliver oil field spare parts – a total of 570 containers in four trips. The first trip of 106 containers provided challenges related to the loading, transport and offloading the cargo from the containers within competitive period of time.

The containers were loaded at the southern Iraqi port of Umm Qasr with the final destination being the Mid oil fields controlled by the Ministry of Oil about 580 kilometers north of the port.

The trip took eight days from loading, transport and offloading, because the company was responsible for all aspects of the matter so that no demurrage or detention was liable on the trucks, as was the case for the return of the empty containers, which was on time so no line demurrage was imposed. www.gpln.net

Cory adds vessel to Atlantic run



Cory Brothers Shipping Agency Ltd., as liner agents for Grieg Star Shipping is delighted to announce the introduction of a fifth vessel in its North Atlantic traffic.

Effective February 6th, 2012; *M/v Star Eagle* (39749 DWT) will enter into the Atlantic Service (Europe to US Gulf / Mexico vice versa).

The introducing of this additional capacity is based on the solid demand for space from customers in various cargo segments. In addition to the total capacity increase, this service upgrade will improve schedule reliability and sailing frequency (2-3 departures per month).

The company said: “With this development, we continue a long and proud tradition in the North-Atlantic, where we are operating regular services for more than 30 years.

“We are therefore glad that we can provide our customers with this product improvement.”

Following the recent introduction of through solutions from Europe to the West Coast of South America (via Houston), the fifth vessel will also support Grieg Star’s growth strategy in other geographical areas. Any project / breakbulk / out-of-gauge cargo can be accepted.

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Busy times at Oceanbridge

The Christmas and New Year period in New Zealand might be the time of year when most New Zealanders head off to the beach but this year the end of 2011 proved a busy time for the Projects and Marine team at Oceanbridge Shipping.

In the days prior to Christmas two power boats arrived in Auckland on a RoRo vessel from Europe that required prompt handling so the owners could have access to them over Christmas.

While busy with these two imports the team was also preparing for the export of a 40 ft Flybridge Motor Boat to Lae, Papua New Guinea. Working closely with the boat builder whose responsibility was

to get it to the vessel in Tauranga, 200 km south east from where it was built in Auckland, the stevedores and the shipping line, plans were put in place to have it there just prior to Christmas.

The cradle was also trucked down to Tauranga at the same time as all the necessary export documentation and customs formalities were being completed prior to the long Christmas weekend break.

The loading was planned for 10am on Wednesday Dec 28th and, like clockwork, the crew on the motor launch, which included Richard Thorpe, Projects and Marine Trade Manager at Oceanbridge, was holding off the vessel minutes prior to this as the lifting slings were lowered to



the water. Within 15 minutes the launch was sitting safely in its cradle and being lashed down for the voyage ahead.

Richard Thorpe said that someone mentioned how quick, simple and easy it had been but he was quick to point out that it is from only having the experience of knowing all of the pit falls to avoid, who needs to be kept in the loop and knowing the important rolls of all those involved that makes a complicated operation look easy.

A few days later, on Jan. 2nd, when all of New Zealand was enjoying their New Year holiday the Oceanbridge team were busy again, this time back in Auckland.

A 65 ft Grand Banks that had been loaded in the port of Radicatel, Le Havre, needed to be discharged to water.

Inclement weather that had been hitting New Zealand for the previous few days made the delicate lift harder than it would normally have been.

Strong winds and a heavy piece of cargo made the crew and stevedores extra cautious and it took longer than normal before everyone was satisfied that the lift was safe to go ahead.

"In contrast to a few days earlier in Tauranga," Richard Thorpe said, "this time round a complicated operation was made to look complicated."

"However, with this type of cargo in those kinds of conditions, if you have not triple-checked everything and not everyone is aware of their responsibilities things can quickly go wrong."

As everyone returned to work in early January, the Oceanbridge team were happy that one of the local boat builders had another of their boats in the ownership of an overseas client and that shortly, another local boat owner would be enjoying the improved weather in their newly acquired and safely delivered Grand Banks! www.gpln.net



Globalink ships oversize cargo to Turkmenistan project



Globalink Turkmenistan has also made headlines for transportation of several pieces of oversized cargo from China to Turkmenistan. Needed for an ongoing project in Yoloten, Turkmenistan, the machinery was required to be in place at the earliest opportunity.

With years of expertise in handling time-sensitive projects, Globalink's Turkmenistan office rose to the occasion. From organizing required cranes for loading cargo to low bed trailers for transpor-

tation from China, all was done quickly. With the China office supervising the process, all export formalities were completed and the trailers departed on time.

Through daily communication with the drivers, updates were collected until the cargo reached Turkmenistan where a local team was in place to complete the customs clearance procedures.

With the same care taken in a short time period, the shipment was delivered at the job site with a few days to spare.

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GPLN duo tackle awkward steel job to Saudi Arabia



Gebroeder Weiss (Austria) and Lion Shipping (Romania), both members in GPLN, realised together a shipment of steel constructions from Buzau (Romania) via Constanta port to Jubail

(Saudi Arabia), including several awkward cargo pieces.

Shipment was arranged as a part-charter. Several containers with small parts were shipped separately on a container liner service. www.gpln.net



CSS busy on several fronts across land, sea and sky

CSS Logistics, GPLN member based in Abu Dhabi, has recently been involved in a variety of challenging projects.

Its Projects, Oil and Energy department was designated to receive four 335-ton transformers, four 50-ton reactors and accessories of about 2500 cubic meters.

These were moved directly from the heavy lift vessel at Hamriyah Port, Sharjah, onto hydraulic multi-axle trailers for onward movement to the Ajman site location and installation onto the foundation by jacking and skidding.

SUPERVISED

As for all movements, the entire project was supervised by CSS staff from the time it arrived at the port until the heavy pieces were installed onto its final position.

The entire job was completed within the committed time frame by CSS in close coordination with port, traffic department and onsite team of professionals.

In a second job the company completed an air charter operation from Sharjah, UAE and Hamburg, Germany to Kandahar, Afghanistan.

The charter operation was carried out

on 16 B747s and two Antonov AN124s from Sharjah to Kandahar and two AN124s from Hamburg to Kandahar.

The operation included vehicles such as four-wheel drives, buses, vans and included heavy equipment including a 60-ton crane and reach stackers.

EXPERTS

The entire job was facilitated under the specialist supervision of Mr. Qais Abdullah, Branch Manager CSS Logistics, Jebel Ali and his team of experts.

This job was one of the principal air charter operations undertaken by CSS Logistics and it was accomplished within just 26 days.

Finally, CSS has successfully completed the export of 26 units of welding machines along with three containers.

The cargo volume was approximately 1400 cubic meters and the machines were exported from Jebel Ali to Xingang.

The heavy equipment department at CSS Abu Dhabi under the supervision of Mr. Sujin, Asst. Manager - Sales, and his team, handled these cargos.

The cargo was transported using low-bed trailers whilst arranging the lashing and securing done onsite under the supervision of CSS Abu Dhabi. www.gpln.net



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TFC lifts furnace wall to New Zealand

After a seven-hour journey to the departure port in Thailand, the loading goes smoothly ensuring an on-time delivery to the customer

The Freight Co., Ltd. Thailand (TFC) recently got contracted to move a furnace wall and a generating bank with the final destination in Timaru, New Zealand.

The furnace wall measured 13.0x7.2x2.1 meters with 39 tons gross weight. The generating bank measured 14.0x5.4x2.9 meters with 52 tons gross weight.

HYDRAULIC

TFC prepared 2 x 10-axle Goldhofer hydraulic trailers. Both the furnace wall and the generating bank were prepared on steel beams at the fabricator's yard where the hydraulic trailers drove under the steel

beams and loaded/lifted the two units with help of the trailer's hydraulics.

A few modifications were made on the cradle of the generating bank to decrease the width by a couple of centimeters.

After lashing and securing the cargo on the hydraulic trailers the trailers left on their journey with police escort from the factory to Sriracha Harbour.

The journey took around seven hours and on the morning of February 21st they arrived at Sriracha Port where they waited until the vessel could receive them.

The MV Kweichow a vessel belonging to Austral Asia Line arrived Sriracha Harbour on February 21st in the after-

noon, but before they could receive the two units, a lot of cargo stowed on deck needed first to be discharged.

The furnace wall and generating bank were booked below deck. On Sunday TFC got the confirmation that the vessel could receive the two units on Monday morning at 9am.

On Monday morning it took a bit more than two hours to load the two units with the ship's gear and place them below deck.

The loading was finished before lunchtime. The MV Kweichow sailed for Timaru the next day. Overall a nice and smooth move by The Freight Co., Ltd. into the New Year. www.gpln.net

MB brings straddle carriers to Denmark



Martin Bencher (Scandinavia) A/S located in Aarhus, Denmark recently transported two straddle carriers from Newark, New Jersey, USA to Aarhus, Denmark, with dimensions of 1040 x 575 x 1358 cm and weighing 60,000 kg each. The operation was closely supervised by local Martin Bencher representative and the straddle carriers were shipped as two complete units and there where therefore only two lifts involved in the whole discharge operation. www.gpln.net

BDG has fans in Iraq



BDG was recently requested to move an important shipment of industrial fans to Iraq for the Iraq Oil Ministry.

The shipment consisted of two long and wide pieces weighing 18,000 lbs. Each was loaded on the 40-foot flat rack (above).

The shipment moved from New York via Mersin Turkey to Iraq. www.gpln.net

Intermax takes crawlers on Ro-Ro



InterMax Logistics Solution Limited recently successfully handled crawler import on Ro-Ro service from Japan to Chongqing, China.

The service used a Ro-Ro vessel to load Komatsu crawlers from Yokohama, Japan for discharge in Shanghai, and subsequently, inland haulage from Shanghai to the city of Chongqing with an affiliate company Speedy Dragon Transportation with special custody and careful transportation.

Customs clearance was handled by

InterMax's customs brokerage department, with storage of crawlers and spare parts in the company's Shanghai warehouse as well.

The GPLN member company, headquartered in Shanghai, has an exclusive team in project planning solutions, an affiliate in Speedy Dragon Transportation to carry out of gauge (OOG) cargos, dedicated staff managing customs import and in-transit customs, commodity quarantine inspection, and China Compulsory Certificate marks. www.gpln.net

GPLN duo keeps MAN onboard



GPLN members CNC Freight Services Sdn Bhd of Malaysia and Nauri Logistics Co., Ltd of South Korea recently teamed up to transfer a shipment of MAN diesel engines between the two countries.

The cargo consisted of four sets of MAN diesel engines and generators, with dimensions of 7.48 meters long, 2.34 meters wide and 3.21 meters high. Each of the sets weighed 32,100 kilograms. The shipment went from Busan, South Korea, to Malaysia's Port Klang.

The four main engines were loaded as breakbulk on a containerized vessel, with Nauri Logistics Co. Ltd assisting CNC on the vessel operation as well as supervising the cargo loading of the Engines.

The main engines had to be bolted onto a special spreader beam for the lifting operation. The engines were presented to the vessel by barge for overside loading onto flat-racks laid in the ship's hold.

All the cargo was delivered smoothly to the client's satisfaction at Port Klang. www.gpln.net

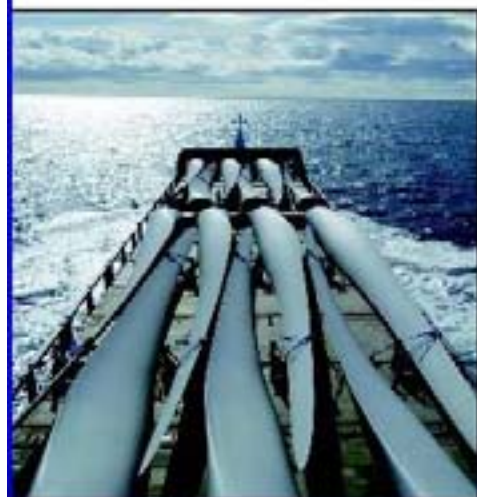


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Aaras takes care of heavy lift

Aaras Shipping Agencies (Pvt.) Ltd in Pakistan recently gained the chance to handle their chartered vessel *M.V. Sino South* under its agency, which was loaded from the three ports at Huangpu, Shanghai,

Persian Gulf. After finishing the task of discharging and sailing the vessel, Aaras also provided their expert services for custom clearance and transportation until the final destination to the consignees / customers.



Xingang to be discharged at Karachi Port, Pakistan.

The vessel arrived at the port on January 17th, carrying breakbulk and heavy lift cargoes, which included transformers, truck cranes, steel plates, wire rods, steel sheets and coils.

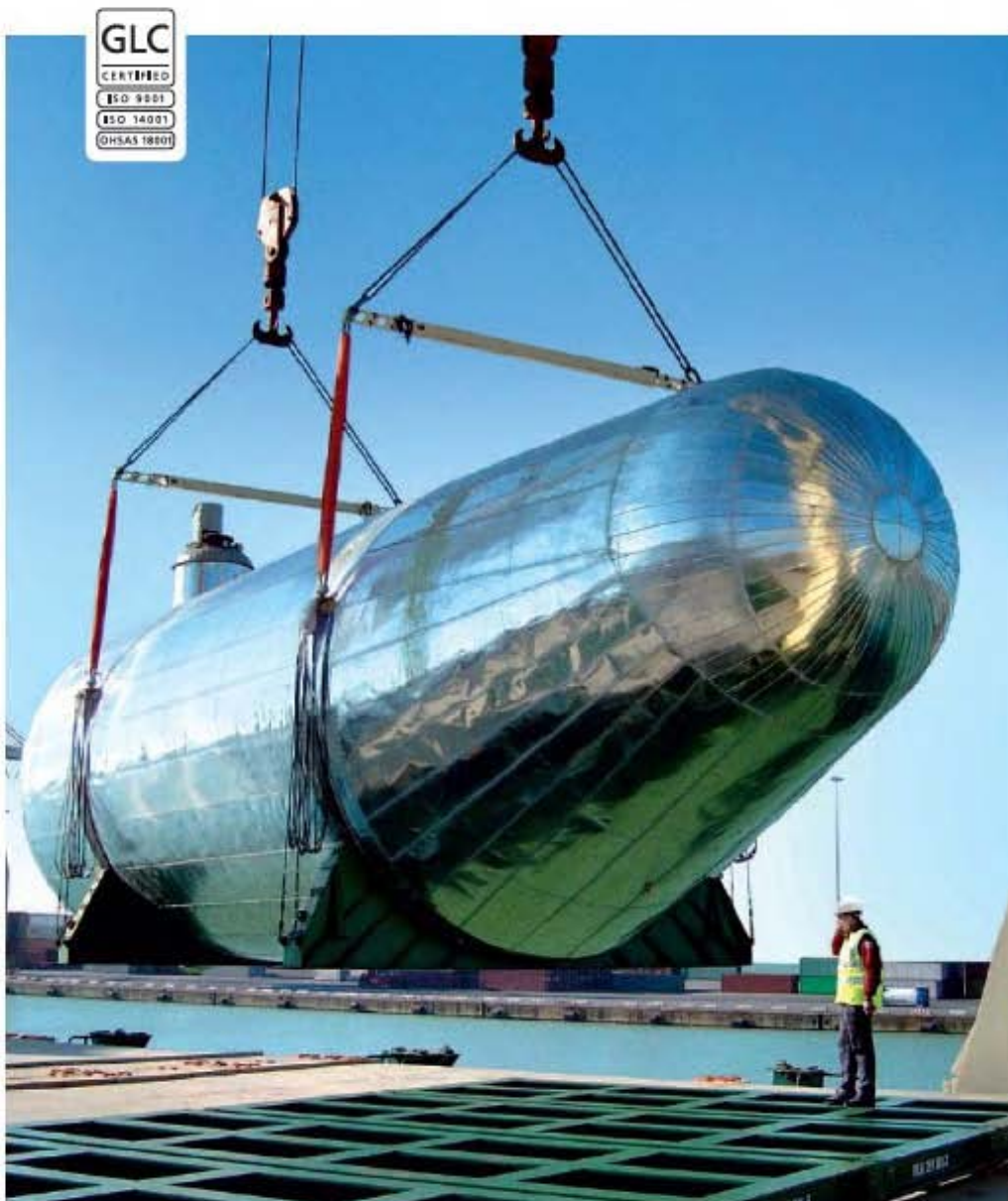
The total weight of the cargo was approximately 5,000 metric tons. Aaras provided discharging and heavy lifting of the breakbulk and heavy cargo from the vessel and also completed the task of discharging the vessel in almost 24 hours.

The vessel was rescheduled to sail on January 18th 2012 for the next port in the

Aaras Shipping Agencies was established in 1992 by Mr. Rajab Ali and now has five offices in the major cities of Pakistan, plus two overseas offices in Malaysia and Afghanistan.

The company lists their main specialties in heavy lift as in the windmill and gas and energy sectors and handle approximately 95,000 cubic meters of project cargo per month for customers such as the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), the US Army International Security Assistance Force, NATO, and a range of international NGOs. www.gpln.net

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Towers and turbines keep Medden busy

Medden Shipping & Trading's port operation team and stevedores have handled lately four project vessels calling at several Turkish ports such as Izmir, Aliaga, Tekirdag, Gemlik, Autoport/ Gebze and Bandirma.

Three vessels loaded and discharged windmill equipment. 12 blades and spoilers were loaded from Izmir port for a windmill farm project in Italy.

The pre-carriage from the supplier's facility to Izmir port was also organized by Medden.

Sets of 69 and 20 pieces of windmill equipment including hubs, generators, nacelles and other converter parts were discharged in Aliaga and Tekirdag respectively.

In addition, 10 tower sections were loaded from Gemlik for a project in Constanta, Romania, and 12 foundation rings were discharged in Bandirma.

Another vessel which was supervised by our team in Autoport was loaded with different kinds of heavy lifts and sailed for Singapore and Masan (South Korea). The on-carriages for Aliaga, Tekirdag, Gemlik and Bandirma ports to the sites were also handled by Medden. www.gpln.net



Trailers for MFC

MFC Projects has completed an import operation involving one low-bed loader Nootboom trailer with dimensions of 17.72 meters long by 2.72m wide x 1.77m high and one Liebherr LTM (11.71m x 2.66m x 3.57m).

The weights were 18,000 and 35,000 kilograms respectively. The movement was from Turkmenistan to Jebel Ali, Dubai, via Bandar Abbas (Iran).

The shipment was initially trucked from Khazar City, Turkmenistan to Bandar Abbas in nine days, and subsequently on-carried by barge to Jebel Ali Port, Dubai.

Specializing in project moves in the Gulf Cooperation Council and Commonwealth of Independent States countries and ensuring that all cargo reaches the facility safely and on time, MFC Projects completed the move in 12 days. www.gpln.net

Altius puts on a jacket



Spanish freight forwarder Altius Projects Division performed a part-cargo of a jacket plus additional equipment on board the vessel Trina for a trip between Aviles and Grenada. The size of the jacket was 30m long by 27m wide by 15m high with a weight of 576 tons. www.gpln.net

Iraq gets suction dredgers



CNC handled two cutter suction dredgers on door to port basis for a Middle East buyer. A GPLN member in Iraq, Al Masar Al-Iraqi Co., was engaged to carry out supervision of the cargo at Umn Qasr.

The 2,500-ton dredgers were shipped on two separate vessels sailing to Umn Qasr, Iraq.

The CSD 600 dredgers were for supply to the Ministry of Water Resources, Baghdad, Iraq, by CNC's client. The cargo weighed 5,000 freight tons.

New GPLN Members

Country	City	Company
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Sri Lanka	Sedawatta	Logiventures (Pvt) Ltd
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Turkmenistan	Ashgabat	Dragon Shipping & Multimodal
United Kingdom	Felixstowe	Allseas Global Logistics Ltd.
Venezuela	Caracas	Totalviac C.A.
Zimbabwe	Harare	Speedlink Cargo

AICL sails into luxury yacht project market



AICL Projects, a Taiwan-based project logistics specialist, has finally completed two shipments for six yachts from Taiwan to the US within one month on heavy lift vessels. The total cargo was over 135 me-

ters in length and 525 tons in weight, while the biggest unit was up to 32.5 meters long and 250 tons in weight.

Since the total cargo was valued at over \$50 million, the clients' demands for customized cargo care were extraordinary



high and complicated.

Each yacht owner had their own preference for the delivery their yachts. Some of the yachts were delivered to the vessel-side by truck while some arrived by barge for loading by the vessel's own lifting gear.

In addition, the two shipments were scheduled to be loaded at Kaohsiung on Christmas Eve and Chinese New Year respectively. The first shipment for two yachts (85-foot and 79-foot) was loaded on the vessel HHL Macao on 24 December 2011 heading to Port Everglades for the 2012 Miami Boat Show.

The second shipment for four yachts (105-foot, 74-foot, 54-foot, 48-foot) was loaded on the vessel Chipolbrok Star on 28 Jan. for the Palm Beach Boat Show 2012.

Deciding how to carry out a smooth operation during the two important holi-

day seasons to satisfy all the parties was a quite challenging and delicate task.

However, AICL brought into play all its experience in project fields and its abundant local resources to turn the impossible into the possible and give their clients a high level of satisfaction for the tailor-made service.

AICL was established in 2000 and headquartered in Taipei, Taiwan, with branch offices in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing, Tianjin, and Qingdao, China.

Based on its strong network of offices in the China/Taiwan region, AICL has worked hard to create the flexibility and expertise to respond to ever-changing markets locally and internationally.

The company endeavors to offer each client highly personal attention in the handling of their shipments, from handling project cargos to general forwarding traffic. www.gpln.net

Tons of work keeps Kita powering on

Kita Logistics, has completed the transport of a 775 MW combined cycle power plant from the ports of Turkey to the jobsite in Denizli.

This is considered to be the biggest

investment in Turkey in power generation in 2011.

More than 30 pieces with a single weight of 150 tons or more (five of them being over 300 tons) have been moved over the 300-kilometer route during sum-

mer/fall 2011.

Kita was also responsible for placing all units onto the foundations.

Kita Logistics General Manager Emre Eldener said: "We have altogether moved a series of heavy lift pieces weighing over 300 tons single piece starting from April 2011.

RISK ASSESSMENT

"These included gas turbines, generators and transformers. Before moving these main units, we have prepared de-

tailed method statements, risk assessment studies, as well as extensive route surveys.

"The project site is located 300km away from both Antalya and Izmir ports, therefore required some road work, such as temporarily removing traffic lights, speed sensors, a roundabout which prevents the turning of our 50-meter long equipment including the tractors."

Kita Logistics, a GPLN member based in Turkey, delivers goods right across the Middle East and North Africa, including operations in Iraq. www.gpln.net



Allcargo integrates HCS projects team

Allcargo Logistics has completed a strategic merger, which has seen it integrate the assets of MHTC and the project division of Hindustan Cargo.

The company said that the merger is mainly to take advantage of equipment strength, a global network and no duplication. This had been in the Allcargo chairman Shashi Kiran Shetty's mind over the last four years but with Allcargo having bought project transport company MHTC, he felt it is the right time to merge Hindustan Cargo's project division as well.

ACQUISITION

With the acquisition of MHTC by Allcargo Logistics earlier this year, Allcargo's emphasis and focus on project forwarding has increased. To further

strengthen the projects division, Allcargo in consultation with Mr. Girish Pandey and Mr. Deepal Shah have decided to consolidate the projects divisions across all companies into a single vertical directly under Mr. Armin Kalyaniwalla, CEO Projects at Allcargo.

AIMS

With the above aim in mind Allcargo have decided to move the entire projects division of Hindustan Cargo Limited (HCL) to Allcargo Logistics Limited in Avashya House, Kalina.

From Jan. 1, 2012 the entire projects team along with Mr. Pandey will be relocated at the above location in Mumbai and other locations they will move to the Allcargo Logistics Project Division offices.

Allcargo would like to acknowledge

their appreciation the significant contribution of Mr. Pandey and his project team in HCL.

HCL will focus on general freight forwarding, customs clearance, and warehousing businesses. Mr. Shah will be fully responsible for the all-India business operations, financial and legal management.

Allcargo welcomes the HCL projects team and looks forward to building even a more formidable projects team to implement an aggressive growth strategy in the coming years.

Allcargo is very proud of this team and is confident it all the requisite skills, assets and experience to succeed in this mission.

EQUIPMENT

The total equipment strength now is:

- ◆ 675+ owned trailers



- ◆ 154 owned hydraulic axle trailers (German-made) with Volvo & MAN prime movers
- ◆ A total of 135 cranes up to 750 tons capacity (owned)
- ◆ A container freight station in Mumbai-Chennai-Mundra, approximately 3 million square feet)
- ◆ A 1200-ton barge
- ◆ Two ships of 7000 dwt
- ◆ Own customs house license and operating a branch network at 35 locations in India. www.gpln.net



► **page 1** had to be completed within the limited time span compared to its huge scale. Under the given contract conditions, the 900 MW power plant at four sites (Karbala(300 MW), N.Diwanah (200 MW), E.Diwanah (200 MW) & Missan (200 MW)) had to be completely constructed in a period of just nine months.

SEAMLESS

In order for the project to be completed, all the input factors including procurement, transportation, construction and commissioning should be perfectly lined-up and harmonized. Among those factors, transportation was the key component to lead the project successfully.

From the beginning stage, Global P&L integrated themselves into the cli-

ent's master plan and focused on reducing the transportation time. Eventually Global P&L's team managed to find solutions and implemented them at the client's master plan level. Global P&L looked at the picture from three different perspectives: Firstly the domestic hub for cargo reception, secondly the ocean freight -- this was smoothly fixed because the client already has its own heavy lift carrier as a subsidiary -- and thirdly Iraqi logistics which was the most crucial part.

ACTIVITY HUB

Global P&L set two consolidation hubs (approx. 10,000 sqm per each hub) on separate berth at Masan port, Korea, to receive all cargos from several vendors because one or two vessels had to be operated every week with carriers' coordination. (Volume of each vessel was approx. 15,000 cbm).

Once Global P&L resolved those two challenges, they started to concentrate on finding the traffic solution in Iraq. The power plant construction takes place at 4 different sites. Global P&L needed a sufficient storage yard inside the port area to store cargoes until LE&TAX exemption and C Clearance were completely proceeded: A kind of gateway distribution center for the different job sites.

EVALUATION

The project is successfully being carried out. Global P&L had evaluated many LSPs in Iraq over several months and finally found a solid partner who operates their own terminal at Iraqi port.

Until now, Global P&L and its partner have handled 11 vessels for 150,000 cbm with no accident and delivered the cargoes to each job site in time with no delay.

The company said that almost round-the-clock, they are discharging the cargoes from vessels and transporting them to different job sites in Iraq (approx. 50 trailers per day). www.gpln.net



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Network Global joins Turkey's high flyers



Istanbul-based Network Global Logistics has joined the select group of Turkey's 25 fastest-growing companies, according to by the AllWorld Network under Harvard University and the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB).

Executives of the companies came to receive their awards from the Speaker of the Grand National Assembly Cemil Çiçek, Economy President Zafer Çağlayan and TOBB President M. Rifat Hisarcıkloğlu.

NGL was ranked second with growth of 561%.

MOVERS

5K

5K Logistics is delighted to announce the opening of a new facility in Houston, Texas, USA.

"Having a physical office in Houston will allow faster response time and better service with many of our existing clients and contractors in the region," said Paul McGrath, 5K President.

5K Logistics recently hired Mr. Gus Chalos, Vice President of Operations, to run the new Houston facility. Mr. Paul McGrath added: "The decision to open this new office is a strategic part of a careful plan," said McGrath. "We are very fortunate to have Gus join our team and we are very excited about the future possibilities our Houston office will bring to the company."

The new building supports the company's strategic objectives to further broaden its services, and create operational efficiencies in response to the domestic market conditions. It is one of the company's major steps to expand aggressively both domestically and internationally. The office has already started its operations.

WWL

Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics has opened a second Russian office in Moscow in addition to its existing presence in St. Petersburg.

Managing director for WWL Russia, Søren Tøusgaard Jensen explained: "Automotive and rolling equipment importers as well as foreign companies building up local production have their main offices in Moscow, and we want to be close in order to support their logistics needs in the best possible way."

The Moscow office will be run by Boris Kaportsev, corporate account manager for rolling equipment customers, and Dmitri Vostrikov, corporate account manager for auto customers.

St. Petersburg will continue to be the WWL head office in Russia.

VELOGIC

After more than four and a half years as Country Manager Velogic Madagascar, Jean Moutton retired at the end of December 2011.

However he will remain as consultant to share his rich experience with Tony Fin Yue, Finance and Administrative Manager who has been appointed Acting Country Manager as from January 1st 2012.

The company wishes both Tony and Jean success in their new functions in supporting clients' business development requirements.

GREEN WORLDWIDE

Green Worldwide Shipping, a privately owned and independent company, is moving into new and larger offices. The new address is: Green Worldwide Shipping, LLC, 619 East College Avenue, Suite F, Decatur, GA 30030, USA.



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