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Rolitrans Successfully Moves Super-Heavy Lifts

Rolitrans International, GPLN member in Jakarta, Indonesia, successfully completed the shipment of two fully assembled Turbo-Compressor Packages.

"This was a very challenging job with a number of special requirements particular to these units demanded our full attention" said Stephan Behrmann, Director of PT Rolitrans International, Jakarta.

Purchased by oil company Total Indonesie from Nuovo Pignone, Italy (a subsidiary of General Electric) these two modules, consisting each of a fully assembled aero-derivative gas turbine and compressor, will be used in East Kalimantan to increase the pressure from the gas fields to the processing plant being some 350 km apart. Both modules, each measuring 29 x 6 x 18 meters and clocking in at approximately 350 metric tons will be installed on a floating rig and towed to it's final destination off the East Kalimantan coast.

"The units were designed to stand on only 3, in relation to the module, tiny supporting points once installed on the rig. This posed a real challenge when it came to distribute the weight on the ship's deck. The height of the units, measuring approximately as high as a five storey house demanded thorough calculations of the reaction and acceleration forces to prevent tipping and sliding during the voyage" Stephan Behrmann said. "An elaborate system of heavy-lift platforms criss-crossed by heavy-duty beams along with a combination of stiff/elastic lashings ensured that stringent IMO regulations were observed and the units were safely transported from Marina di Carrara, Italy, to Jakarta, Indonesia."

Rolitrans, who signed responsible for this transport, is proud of having successfully proved again to be a competent partner when it comes to move super-heavy lifts.



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A Word from Gary Dale...

There is so much going on these days I almost don't even know where to start!



First of all I think we should take some time and pat ourselves on the back for our recent meeting in Malaysia. More than sixty of our partners showed up for this event and got together for building business with other GPLN group members. We all had many great chances to socialize and get to know each other a bit more personally. We had representation from every continent, good presentations from Mr. Andreas Rocksien, who represented our sponsor Rickmers-Linie and also from Mr. Luke King of Heavylift & Project Forwarding International magazine. We also had very good media coverage from The Star (a major daily newspaper in Kuala Lumpur), Cargonews Asia, the International Transport Journal, and of course Heavylift & Project Forwarding International. Kudos to all who participated!



Another thing that we can congratulate ourselves on is the evidence of GPLN's continued healthy growth with our 100th member office. This one is M.G. International's Bagdad operation in Iraq. Welcome to our partnership!

In the near future we will also be very busy on the conferences and exhibition front with our repeat visit to BreakBulk Europe in Antwerp and our first ever participation in Transport Logistichina in Shanghai, China. We at GPLN are grateful for the members who decide to participate in these events. We always get good exposure for the members and our group as a whole when we make the efforts to promote ourselves to the project forwarding industry at these events.

Finally, I would just like you to know that I have a personal blog now that I have devoted to GPLN specifically and project forwarding in general. If you would like to have a look at it please feel free. You can find it at:

www.projectcargologistics.wordpress.com

And as blogs go, the whole purpose is to have some give and take so I invite you to join the community and comment on the articles. It will be worth both our whiles.

Best regards,

Gary Dale Cearley

Executive Director

Global Project Logistics Network (GPLN)

New Warehouse Facilities for TM Logistics

In order to expand our services to their customer base, the Colombia based GPLN member, TM Logistics, has recently opened a new warehouse in the Bogotá's Free Zone.



The new facility includes 1300 m² for storage with 10.5 meters of free height and 7 levels of stacking positions, with the latest technology in lifts and racks (electric trilateral forklifts).

"On top of the other space, we will have 830 m² for offices," said Carlos Andrés Serna, Project Cargo Director for TM Logistics, "This new area is another additional value for our customers, who will be allowed to take advantage of benefits offered by Free Zone."

Carlos Andrés Serna added that the Free Zone is a special bonded area.

The specifications of TM Logistics's facilities are as follows:

- 2016 stacking positions
- 3 docks for trucks 2 of them with automatic leveling ramps
- 830 square meters for offices
- 400 square meters for special developments (call center, technology development, or special services)

TM Logistics is a daughter company of the well known Transmares Group based in Bogotá, Colombia.



Upcoming GPLN Meetings & Events

3rd Annual Breakbulk Europe Conference & Exhibition

May 27th – 29th, 2008
Antwerp Expo
Antwerp, Belgium

Transport Logistic China

June 17th – 19th, 2008
Shanghai New International Expo Centre
Shanghai, China

19th Annual Breakbulk Transportation Conference & Exhibition

October 14th – 16th, 2008
Ernest N. Morial Convention Center
New Orleans, Louisiana, United States

4th Trans Middle East 2008

November 25th – 26th, 2008
Al Bustan Rotana Hotel
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

7th Intermodal Africa 2009

March 25th – 26th, 2009
Le Méridien President Hotel
Dakar, Senegal

6th GPLN Annual General Meeting

March, 2009
(TBA)
Istanbul, Turkey

*If you would like to add an event please send details to: info@gpln.net

CNC Freight Services Handle Successful Norway Air Charter

Port Klang based CNC Freight Services recently completed a successful air-charter from Oslo, Norway, to Kota Kinabalu (BKI) using B747-200.

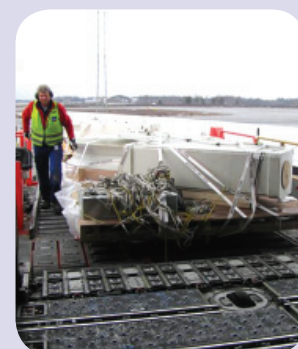


"Our initial plan for the B747-200 to load at Trondheim but it was necessary to switch airports to Oslo airport," said Patrick Lee, managing director of CNC Freight Services, "This was due to lack of loading equipment in Trondheim as their highloader was broke down and spares could not reach in time for our charter flight."



But the change in plans did not upset the apple cart for CNC Freight Services.

"Our own man, Khoo Heng Soon, was in Norway personally coordinating the operation from the start," said Patrick Lee, "He was inspecting the cargo at the airport facilities at Trondheim, which was very fortunate for us in light of the handling problems that came up. And Khoo was present right up to the point of seeing the cargo loaded onboard aircraft at Oslo."



CNC Freight Services is no stranger to air charter as they have done many in the past for projects around the world, especially to Sudan.



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Unishipping International Handles Complex Steel Industry Transports

Unishipping International, a GPLN member in Bulgaria, recently undertook a move for French company, GTS Industries, a member of the Mithals Group.

"The total project was for three back up rolls which weighed 95 tons," said George Belev, managing director of Unishipping International, "And it was a fine example of moving project cargo by multimodal means."

The cargo was delivered all the way from Dukerque in France via Antwerp on a pontoon barge. The cylinders then traveled from Antwerp to Drobeta Turnu Severin in Southwestern Romania by river barge over the Danube.

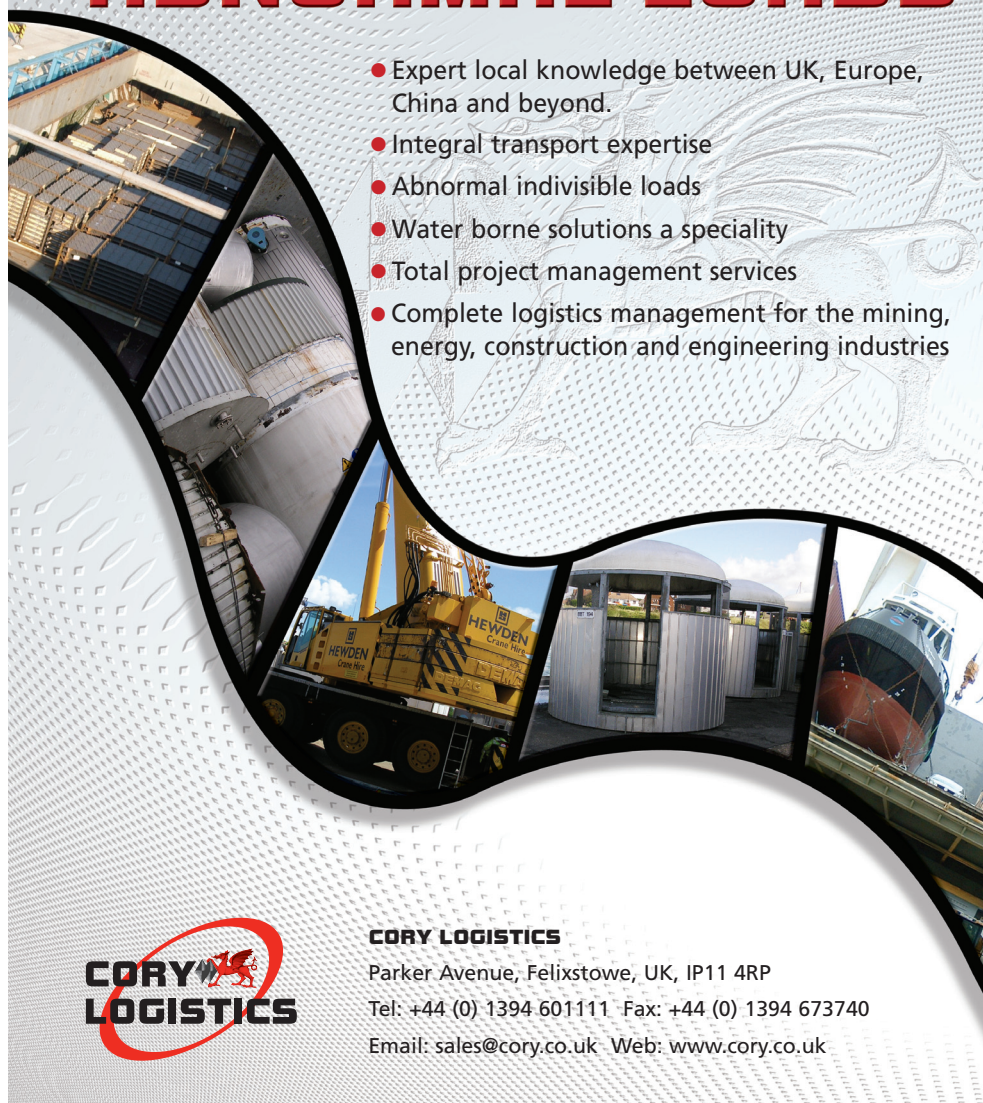
At Drobeta Turnu Severin the cargo was reloaded by 250 ton heavy geared crane on pontoon barge to Oltenita and discharged by gantry crane on to trailers and hauled overland to Bucharest General Turbo in Bucharest. But this move isn't over. The cylinders will be overhauled in Romania then sent on to Indian customer Essar Steel Corporation in India.

"In late May the cargo is scheduled to ship on the second leg to Mumbai via Constanta Port," said George Belev, "And I promise to keep my GPLN partners updated on the progress!"



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Cory Logistics Picks Up Major British Logistics Awards

Customers and Readers of the Lloyds Loading List have awarded Cory Logistics a major logistics award at the annual Star Performer Services Award Ceremony as sponsored by FreightLiner at the Vinopolis in London on April 18th, 2008.

The award presented was Freight Forwarder of the Year and Heavylift / Project Specialist of the Year. Awardees were chosen by their customers and the readership of Lloyds Loading List.

The awards were presented by British television personality Ruby Wax and Lloyds Loading List representative Steve Carter. Mark Harding, director of Cory Logistics, accepted the award on behalf of his company. Mr. Harding thanked his colleagues and customers for their efforts and continued support.

We at GPLN congratulate Cory Logistics on their hard work which resulted in the very successful year that manifested in these honors for their company. Salute!



How NOT to do it!



This photo was sent in by Patrick Dick of The Freight Company in Thailand. He came across these two respective "accidents" on a road South of Bangkok. Here is a prime example of what happens when transport people get careless and don't pay attention to center of gravity. "If there is one good thing that the truckers can take out of this situation," says Patrick light heartedly, "It is that even though the cargo was not loaded well at least we can tell that the cargo second truck was secured properly!" We at GPLN are pretty sure that the consignee wouldn't see the humor in that statement...



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AICL Opens New Tianjin Office



GPLN member Asia Imperial Cargo Logistics (AICL) is extending their already large China footprint by opening a new office in Tianjin, which opened on April 1st.

"Together with other offices in China (Beijing, Shanghai, Ningbo, Hongkong) and in Taiwan (Taipei, Kaosiung), the AICL Group is able to cover a even wider range of business locations and will spare no effort to provide second-to-none service to our group members," said Shanghai based AICL spokeslady, Lynn Liu.

Eric Xu, the manager of the new Tianjin operation, won't be new to the company though. Eric has been working in AICL Beijing office for several years as a business development executive.

"Based on his excellent performance, AICL is proud to have him as the station manager of our new Tianjin office," said Ms. Liu, "Eric is a reliable, talented person and he will make an excellent partner for our other GPLN members without a doubt."





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Saweco Handles Cross Trade Shipment for PETROFAC



Handing at the port in Harwich

Saweco, a Hamburg based GPLN member who has historically specialized on logistics for the oil & gas industry, recently handled a cross trade shipment of cranes from Harwich in the Southeastern part of the United Kingdom to Tunis, Tunisia, in North Africa on behalf of PETROFAC's Abu Dhabi arm.



Lowering the boom!

"Although the shipment wasn't a large project, (it consisted of 8 packages 15,522 kg / 48.686 m3), it was an urgent shipment and a cross trade which always requires special attention," said Andreas Strache of Saweco.



The cargo was laden on the bulk carrier Sloman Trader

PETROFAC is a well known player in the global petrochemical industry with more than 9,500 employees and 24 offices worldwide.

R&L Canada to Ship New Rig to Kamchatka

Rohde & Liesendfeld Canada recently won a major oil & gas contract to deliver a newly designed fully electric Drilling Rig to the Kamchatka Peninsula, in the Russian Far East.



The task will be daunting by lack of infrastructure.

"The site has no road access and the rig must be delivered using a beach landing and all equipment for mobilization, including cranes," said Jan Beringer, managing director of R&L Canada, "And generators for power generation must be delivered in this way."



The largest single piece in this shipment reportedly could be in the 90 metric ton range yet that is still unclear.

"As the rig is being shipped in components, it is hard to say at this time what the largest single piece will be, but due to the beach landing aspect, any size of component will be a real challenge," says Jan Beringer.

On January 1st, 2008, Geodis-Wilson completed their acquisition of the Rohde & Liesendfeld Group of companies worldwide, except for Rohde & Liesendfeld Canada Inc., which remains Canadian controlled and is an active GPLN member.



New Members Since the Last Newsletter

- Jeena & Company Global Logistics Projects Division – India (Mumbai)
- JIM Project & Expo Logistics – Malaysia (Shah Alam)
- M.G. International – Iraq (Bagdad)
- M.G. International – Iraq (Basrah)
- M.G. International – Germany (Siegen)
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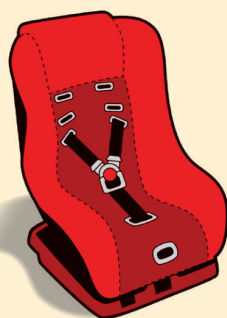


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