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## GPLN Member Czechoslovak Shipping Transports for Antarctic Station



Johann Gregor Mendel Station

Czechoslovak Shipping is proud to announce that once again they will be heading South – way South!

“We are planning a new Antarctic season as the chosen logistics company for the Czech polar station, which is named the Johann Gregor Mendel Station,” said Dušan Jamný, managing director of the Prague based Czechoslovak Shipping.

“Every year the ‘Antarctic season’ starts near the end of the calendar year and generally ends in March of the next year,” said Dušan Jamný, “Our scientists will leave Prague on Christmas Day and go to their station on

James Ross Island via Buenos Aires. We will be shipping the people, spareparts, instruments, supplies... Everything the station will need to operate.”

James Ross Island is a large island off the southeast side and near the northeastern extremity of Antarctic Peninsula. The Johann Gregor Mendel Czech Antarctic Station is a Czech research station built in Antarctica on the coast of James Ross Island. The station, the project of the Masaryk University in Brno, was opened in February 2006. It operates seasonally, during the Antarctic summers. The station is intended for biological, geological and climatological research.

Dušan Jamný thinks the most difficult part of this job is getting the people cargo down from the Argentine Antarctic base to the Czech base.

“The transportation of people and cargo is undertaken by Bell Helicopters from the Argentinian Air Force,” said Jamný, “This starts from Marambio station, the main Argentine base in Antarctica and is a permanent base, which is located in Seymour-Marambio Island, and goes to the Czech base on James Ross Island from there.”



James Ross Island, Antarctica

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## A Word from Gary Dale...

The end of the year rolls around so quickly! It seems that I just got back from BreakBulk 2008 and now it is time to be off to Dubai for the 4th Trans Middle East Conference & Exhibition. After that it is off to Tunis to do some scouting for our next global conference which will be held there next May.

We had strong participation at BreakBulk in New Orleans this year. Some of our happy participants can be seen below!:



So what's up for next year? Well, I personally am going to try to do a bigger push into Africa and the CIS countries, which I think will benefit business development for the members as a whole. We have an excellent base that we are working with so I think we will be able to attract some very good partners in these areas. I have been speaking with some potentials already, but I could always use some help...

And hey, just a reminder... Don't forget to look at the blog some times!:

<http://projectcargologistics.wordpress.com>



Best regards,  
**Gary Dale Cearley**  
Executive Director  
Global Project Logistics Network (GPLN)

## Oceanbridge & Westlink Cooperate on 250 ton Crane Movement

GPLN Members Westlink Logistics Pty Ltd of Brisbane and Oceanbridge Shipping Ltd of Auckland recently completed the shipping of a 250 tonne crawler crane from the port of Tauranga, New Zealand to Brisbane.

For Westlink Logistics the immediate challenge was to provide a solution to the timing requirements of the client. The second hand unit and ancillary equipment was required immediately for contractual purposes in Brisbane. Fast response and timely communication was crucial.



Starting with initial contact from client, through to vessel departure, inclusive of providing a suitable part charter, road transport, load planning, packing & quarantine cleaning, and shipment routing, a total of only 7 days was utilised.

Working on behalf of Westlink Logistics, Oceanbridge Shipping were asked to manage the packing and logistics of getting the broken down components of the crane onto the wharf in time for shipping.



The shipment consisted of 8 x 40ft flat racks plus 10 large break bulk pieces. All the pieces were moved by road from Palmerston North - in the south of north island New Zealand - to Tauranga in the north. At Tauranga the pieces were all cleaned to the high standard required by AQIS in Australia, which means "as clean as new", before either being loaded on to the waiting flat racks and or, in the case of the break bulk items, put to the side waiting for the move alongside the vessel.

The cleaning and packing of the flat racks took place over a period of three days before the flat racks were

required on the wharf by which time a comprehensive packing list per flat rack had been put together. The largest part of the shipment, the crane body itself, stayed on the trailer it left Palmerston North on and was brought alongside the vessel on the day of loading. Once this was loaded two trucks then spent a combined time of nearly 18 hours ferrying the remaining pieces from the holding yard to under the vessel's hook as and when they were called forward.



The vessel discharged Brisbane within time restraints set out, and Westlink Logistics coordinated with their client, Australian Customs, and Australian Quarantine to see the majority of items on their way to contract site within 14 hours. "The important step to managing the quick turn-around of this used unit, especially through Australian Quarantine, was the preplanning and precautions taken in the packing and cleaning preparation of the machine, and close coordination with Australian Quarantine officials throughout the process" stated Neil Thompson, Business Development Manager, Westlink Logistics.



"The job required a lot of co-ordination between a number of service providers and sub contractors in order to go as smoothly as it did", said Richard Thorpe, Project & Marine Trade Manger at Oceanbridge Shipping. "It was great to be able to assist Westlink as another GPLN member and know they felt comfortable with the New Zealand end of things being run in a professional way as this would directly affect how their client looked at the overall performance of Westlink themselves."

As a result of the fast response and co-operation displayed by both GPLN partners, another shipment was requested to be booked and shipped in tandem by the client.



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## J. Martens Marine & Offshore Launches a Logistics Hub in Singapore

J. Martens (Asia – Pacific) Pte Ltd officially launched its Marine & Offshore Logistics (MOL) Hub on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2008 in the honored presence of more than 50 guests and business associates.



The warehouse facility, named **J. Martens Marine & Offshore Logistics (MOL) Hub**, is strategically located close to all major maritime and offshore industry players making the well equipped facility a convenient one-stop service centre for warehousing and logistics.



The MOL Hub offers 5,000 m<sup>2</sup> indoor warehousing, approx 1500m<sup>2</sup> outdoor open space and indoor pallet racking system for up to 1200 pallets.

Within the premises, the MOL Hub offers a wide range of comprehensive material handling equipment up to 10 ton forklifts, 10 loading/offloading bays, fully ICT-equipped private client office space, 24 hour security with CCTV surveillance and customized web-based track and trace system.

"The opening of this facility marks a key development for J. Martens and our presence in Singapore and in the region," said Martin Runshaug, Managing Director of J. Martens (Asia-Pacific) Pte. Ltd., "We now have a strong, self-reliant operation and infrastructure in place in the key strategic marine, offshore, shipping and logistics centre in the Asia-Pacific region. This will enable us to further enhance our dedicated and tailored services towards our valued domestic and international clients."

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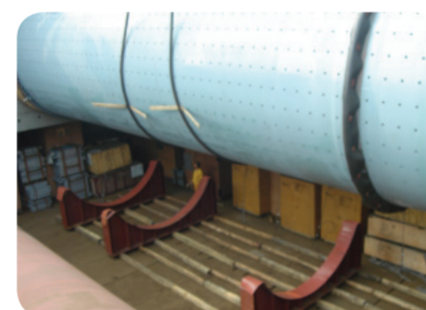
## GPLN Beijing Member Exports Grinding Mill from China to Tanzania

World cement giant Holcim has used The Freight Company China's consultancy services as to checking all the commercial documents, packing, loading, lashing and securing of their supplier's cargo in China for a grinding mill exported to Tanzania.

"The most difficult job was to load the piece weighing some 127 tons in position under deck and train the local stevedoring guys to do a proper lashing, fixing and welding job," said Denis Schmid, managing director of The Freight Company China, "Our client relied on us to make sure no corners are cut as to safe costs as this is often the case in China."

The port of loading for this cargo was Jintang, some 300 km East of Beijing, and the delivery was to Tanga in Tanzania.

One of the key units, the cement mill, weighed some 127,795 tons and all the other smaller packages were another approximately 1000 tons.



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## GPLN Members Cooperate on Locomotive Project from Siemens AG

GPLN members Trans-Trading- Süd GmbH, Hamburg and UTM Projects & Logistics Pty. Ltd., Brisbane have jointly secured the transport of total 68 locomotives (each 132 tons / 20.4 x 2.72 x 3.85 m) from Mannheim, Germany up to placed on to rail at the Brisbane Multimodal Terminal, Brisbane, Australia.

The locomotives, manufactured in Munich, are transported from Munich by low loaders to Mannheim where GPLN member Trans-Trading- Süd GmbH receives them.



"Due to height restrictions along the route to Mannheim, the locomotives arrive with a temporary roof which is replaced with the actual roof, including a pantograph, upon arrival at the heavy lift terminal in Mannheim," said Thorsten Reike, Hamburg branch manager of Trans-Trading- Süd, "Once permanent roofs are assembled, the locomotives, 2 per lot, are shipped by river barge to Bremerhaven. Once in Bremerhaven, the locomotives are lifted out of the river barge using mobile cranes and are loaded on to RoRo vessels for their direct shipment to Brisbane."



Upon arrival in Brisbane, the locomotives are pulled off the vessel using an 8-axle hydraulic trailer and are delivered to the Brisbane Multimodal Terminal (BMT). At the BMT a trailer with a locomotive is driven underneath a lifting system and locomotives are lowered on to rail.

"The challenges in Brisbane include, but are not limited to, the coordination of the tides as locomotives can only come down the vessel's ramp during low tide, as well as coordinating transport with port security and the BMT operator in order to make certain deliveries do not interfere with regular train operations at the BMT," said Peter Schweizer, managing director of UTM Projects & Logistics.

As of now a total of 14 locomotives have been delivered without any delays and to the fullest satisfaction of our customer reported Peter Schweizer.

## Flinter Shipping Starts New Med, Black Sea Services



Flinter Shipping will start a new regular liner service on a conventional and breakbulk basis to several Mediterranean and Black Sea ports.

"Our first sailing will be performed by the brand new and modern M/V Flinter Rebecca," said Michel Janssens, managing director of Flinter in Belgium.

M/V Flinter Rebecca has 5500 dwt and her maiden trip has been scheduled as with her first loading in Antwerp on November 24th – 25th, 2008, with discharges in Alexandria, Mersin, Iskenderun, Istanbul and Diliskelesi.



"Further first class Flinter vessels will be entered in this liner business in order to meet the needs of the trade and our customers," said Michel Janssens, "And consequently destinations such as, but not limited to Algiers, Sfax, Tripoli, Beirut, Lattakia / Tartous and Ereğli will be added to our sailing schedule. Flinter is open for additional load and discharge ports on all kind of cargoes to and from this region."

Janssens also noted that Intermed and Black Sea together with westbound parcels will be well considered and developed. He invites interested parties to contact Flinter in Antwerp directly.

## Luis Ayala Colon Handles Steel Pipes for Puerto Rico Power Authority

Ayala Colon operations team recently handled the discharge of 6700 mt of steel pipes for the construction of the new gas line by the Puerto Rico Power Authority in the south of Puerto Rico. The steel pipes 4031 units with an average size of 18 m and widths of 50 cm was staged in the Free Trade Zone area of the Port of Ponce.



"The operation might seem simple, but it provided a logistical challenge because the staging area next to the vessel was under construction for the future facilities of the Port of the Americas," said Hernán F. Ayala-Parsi, president of Luis Ayala Colon Sucrs., "The cargo had to be trucked and received with construction cranes at the other side of the Ponce harbor."

Even with this inconvenience the Ayala operation team was able to start and finish the operations in time and without incidents. The main goal was the safety of the longshoreman while handling large pipes and the quality of the handling of the cargo.

"Project cargo runs in the family," said Hernán Ayala-Parsi, "During the past 70 years the Ayala Colon family has been instrumental in the discharge of many of the major heavy lifts projects in Puerto Rico.

From the discharge of turbines, to oil and chemical plant equipment, all kinds of different heavy lifts such as generators, transformers, tanks and even construction barges."

## New Members Since the Last Newsletter

- Advance International Transport – Azerbaijan (Baku)
- Advance International Transport – Bulgaria (Sofia)
- Advance International Transport – Kazakhstan (Almaty)
- Advance International Transport – Turkey (Istanbul)
- Advance International Transport – Uzbekistan (Tashkent)
- Daco Heavy Lift de Centroamérica – Guatemala (Guatemala City)
- Dacotrans de Centroamérica – Costa Rica (San José)
- Dako WorldWide Transport – Germany (Düsseldorf)
- Hanssy Shipping – China (Shanghai)
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## Toll Project Services Delivers Project for Bluewaters Power Station



Toll Project Services (TPS) Perth have successfully delivered the second 129 steam drum for unit two for the Bluewaters Power Station in Collie, WA. TPS Perth has worked with a Japanese lead logistics provider, on behalf of IHI as the EPCM, on the Griffin Energy owned coal power station project. TPS have provided a range of services over the last 13 months, including AQIS consultancy, purchase order management, inbound freight forwarding, customs / AQIS clearance, delivery to site and empty container returns.

The project has seen TPS handle in excess of 20 break bulk vessels, with freight ranging from 1,500 - 10,000 s, and in excess of 1,000 containers. The break-bulk freight ranged in size and handling complexity, with the most challenging being the delivery of a 129 ton steam drum for unit two. This was delivered from under the ships hook in Fremantle to a lay down area inside the boiler room at the power station. "The length of the piece proved a challenge during delivery," said Jeremy Thomas of Toll Project Services, "This was due to the large radius required to back up the steam drum and the additional ground compaction required." Through careful planning, management and execution TPS was able to complete the delivery on time and within budget with minimal crane hire, down time and the temporary removal of equipment and site fixtures.



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## CNC Freight Service Transports Cargo for East Malaysia Mega Dam

CNC Freight Services has been busy with another high profile job handling and on forwarding equipment for the Bakun Dam from Bintulu port to the dam site for a client in Argentina.

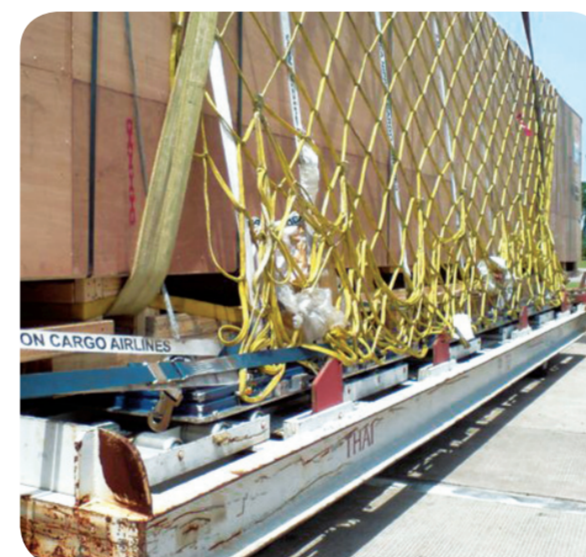
"These shipments were quite interesting and challenging as all the heavy lifts and over dimensionals had to be reloaded on river barges, or landing crafts in this case, for upriver to bypass all the bridges and overhead obstacles," said Patrick Lee, managing director of CNC Freight Services, "Such landing craft vessels are very handy for certain site locations especially in Vietnam where riverine topography is common and road infrastructure frequently faces obstructions."

The Bakun Hydroelectric Project is located in Sarawak, East Malaysia, on the Balui River. As part of the project, the tallest concrete-faced rock fill dam in the world

would be built. This would also be the largest dam in Asia outside of China. It is expected to generate 2,400 megawatts (MW) of electricity once completed.



## BDG Cooperates with TFC on Critical Air Shipment



BDG International successfully cooperated with The Freight Company in Bangkok on moving a very critical air shipment.

"The cargo was a reactor for water purification and needed to move in a short transit time from Bangkok to Chicago," said Lisa Waller, vice president of BDG International, "This shipment was a large airfreight shipment; one piece over 35 feet long (10.67 m) and 11 feet wide (3.35 m)."

The cargo needed full crating and covered two airfreight pallets, which was also handled by The Freight Company in Bangkok.



"Due to the fact that there is no direct freighter service from BKK to ORD we needed to move the cargo via another Asian airport," said Lisa Waller, "The shipment departed BKK via Nippon Cargo Airlines on a Friday at 0850 hrs and arrived into ORD on Sunday at 2240 hrs. We had it cleared through customs and delivered on the very same day. The entire job moved seamlessly."

## ISS Moves Large Cargo from Sharjah to Mumbai for Oil Project



Inchcape Shipping Services recently had an interesting move of two cantilever beams from the United Arab Emirates to India for an oil well project and will be used as foot for the oil well.

"Cargo was laying around 1 km far from the vessel and was brought to the vessel using two 200 mt crawler cranes."

"The most difficult part was to bring the cargo alongside the vessel with dms of 38.43m long, 5.8m high, 1.8m width and weight 160 mt," said Usman Ahmed, Inchcape Shipping Services's project supervisor in Dubai,

The cargo was built by an engineering company inside the port area.

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November 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Al Bustan Rotana Hotel  
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

**1<sup>st</sup> Breakbulk Asia Transportation Conference & Exhibition**  
February 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Suntec Singapore International Convention Centre  
Singapore

**7<sup>th</sup> Intermodal Africa 2009**  
March 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Le Méridien President Hotel  
Dakar, Senegal

**14<sup>th</sup> TransRussia**  
April 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Expocentre  
Moscow, Russia

**12<sup>th</sup> Transport Logistic 2009**  
May 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
New Munich Trade Fair Centre  
Munich, Germany

**6<sup>th</sup> GPLN Annual General Meeting**  
May 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009  
Hotel Abou Nawas Tunis  
Tunis, Tunisia

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Breakbulk Europe Conference & Exhibition**  
May 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Antwerp Expo  
Antwerp, Belgium

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Breakbulk Transportation Conference & Exhibition**  
October 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Ernest N. Morial Convention Center  
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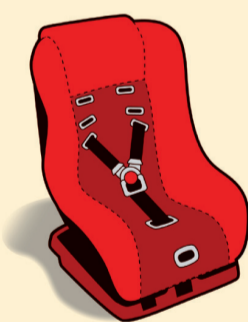
## GPLN Member Ships Offshore Cargo for Haiphong Shipyard



GPLN member The Freight Company Vietnam recently transported a shipment from Singapore, ex-Jurong Shipyard, on the MV Hoang Anh 36, a Vietnamese flagged vessel to the Nam Trieu Shipyard in the port city of Haiphong in northern Vietnam. According to Mr. Truong Quoc Duong, TFC's chartering manager in Vietnam, the whole loading operation took about 7 hours.

The shipment consisted of 6 packages of metering skids and equipment with a total weight of 89.337 tons and a total volume of 1,088.41 cbm.

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