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February 20th, 2015 NEWSLETTER

Dear Clients, Partners and Friends,
we are pleased to update you on the current situation in Iraq as follows

1. Latest News

Budget released

The Iraqi parliament approved the budget for 2015 by end of January. Based on an oil price of 55 USD/barrel the overall budget is approx. 100bn USD. Due to the low oil price, the federal budget decreased by 23 bn USD.

2. Nowrouz holidays

Please consider that from 20 up to 23rd March will be Newroz Holidays. This celebration will be taking place in Kurdish Region only.

3. Security Situation.

The security situation in few provinces of Iraq remains unsafe because of terrorists and the Iraqi Army is continuing fighting ISIS militants. The following provinces are still risky:

- Anbar
- Ninewah
- Salah-al din
- Diyala.

In general, there are still almost daily attacks registered in Iraq. As per now and after intensive security checks – cargo and shipments to Airports and ports are still possible.

2. Border situation

Turkish / Iraqi border (Ibrahim Khalil border)

The border staff is operating normally. The truck and cargo inspections are still more detailed. The current waiting time ex Turkey towards Iraq is 3-4 days. The waiting time ex Iraq towards Turkey is 5-6 days.

Jordanian / Iraqi border (Trebil border)

The security situation is still mixed. We still do not recommend this border point at the moment as clashes are reported daily. A part of the Road from Trebil towards Baghdad is still controlled by IS. Cargo for the private sector can pass after paying road fees to IS. But there is still a high risk that governmental cargo gets confiscated. Therefore, we do not offer transports crossing this route till further notice.

3. Airfreight

Erbil & Sulaymaniyah Airport

Both Airports are working normal and regular passenger and cargo flights are available as per below shown schedule.

Baghdad International Airport (BIAP)

BIAP is working normal.

Emirates and Ethiad Airline have not yet re-started their service to BIAP. Cargo flights are available but subject to inducement. Please check case by case with us.

MOH temperature controlled warehouse is operating again

Basrah Airport

Basrah Airport is working normal and regular passenger flights are available. Cargo flights are possible on request only as per below schedule.

4. Umm Qassr / Khor Al Zubair ports

Earlier this week Umm Qassr port stopped operation due to a strike but since Thursday the port commenced the operation. Due to the strike there is a certain backlog of cargo and trucks. Apart from that, the ports are working normal. Customs and all governmental receivers are proceeding with clearing and collecting / receiving the shipments. We still deliver goods on daily basis to various destinations and oilfields in the southern area of Iraq.



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5. Overland Transport.

The transportation towards Iraq via southeast Europe as well as via Trieste-Mersin Ferry is currently running well. No obstacles or delays registered.

6. Mersin / Iskenderun seaport

Port operations are running smoothly. No obstacles or delays registered.

Airline	To Erbil Airport	To Baghdad Airport	To Basrah Airport
Emirates Sky Cargo	3 freighter + 4 pax weekly	Temporarily suspended	unrestricted operation
Lufthansa / Austrian Airlines	A319 max 150 kg/pce	no service	no service
Etiihad Crystal Cargo	abandoned	max 50 kg/pce	max 150 kg/pce
Royal Jordanian	abandoned	unrestricted operation	abandoned
Coyne Airways (RUS Aviaton)	1 freighter / weekly	1 freighter / weekly	on request only
Qatar Airways	3 freighter + 4 pax weekly	4 pax weekly	4 pax weekly – PAX = max 150 kg/pce
Turkish Airlines	2 freighter + pax weekly	abandoned	abandoned

To conclude, we would like to inform you about our new contact address in Arbil and Amman. You can address all your enquiries to our experienced and expert service team via telephone or e-mail as follows:

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Thank you for your attention.
 Yours sincerely,
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