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

### 1. Latest News

► Due to the current military operations in the Anbar province, the security measures in all cities have increased. Access of trucks to certain areas is restricted. Kerbala authorities have taken precautionary measures and announced no access to Kerbala city for trucks with a license plate from Dohuk, Erbil, Mosul, Sulimaniya and Tikrit. Access is possible if Sponsor is one of the residents of Kerbala city.

► Iraqi and Kurdish Forces have surrounded Mosul city in preparation for the military operation to liberate the city from ISIS.

► Suicide attack against US consulate in northern Iraq Erbil.

### 2. Upcoming holidays

Labour Day on 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2015

### 3. Security Situation.

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.

### 4. 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 9 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 and/or Iraqi security forces. Therefore, we do not offer transports crossing this route till further notice.

### 5. Airfreight

Erbil & Sulaymaniyah Airport

All operations are running smoothly. Regular passenger flights are available. Cargo flights are still available at express rates only. Please check case by case with us.

Baghdad International Airport (BIAP)

BIAP is working normal and regular passenger and cargo flights are available. Please check case by case with us.

Basrah Airport

Basrah Airport is working normal and regular passenger flights are available. Cargo flights are possible on request only. Please check case by case with us.

### 6. Umm Qassr / Khor Al Zubair ports

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

### 7. Overland Transport

The transportation towards Iraq via southeast Europe as well as via Trieste-Mersin Ferry is still

running well. No obstacles or delays registered.

### 8. Mersin / Iskenderun seaport

Port operations are running smoothly. Mersin port storage area is limited due to construction works inside the port.

### Important Notice:

The Iraqi Ministry of Finance, General Customs Authorities have now implemented a new customs tariff based on HS-Codes. The duties vary between 10-30% subject to the kind of goods. Duty and Tax Exemptions for e.g. governmental contracts are still possible. For the private sector, the new duty rates apply with immediate effect.

Please pay attention to the route Kirkuk to Baghdad. This route is still blocked. Alternative options are available. Please check case by case with us.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,  
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