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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

► Ramadi operation

The city in central Iraq Ramadi in province Anbar has been taken by IS terrorists again. Iraqi forces have launched a counteroffensive to retake Ramadi from IS again.

► Kirkuk-Baghdad Highway

This route is reopened again but at first for private vehicles only. Trucks are not allowed to pass the route yet. Alternative options for trucks are still available. Please check the possibilities with us case by case.

► Shabaniyah festival

Due to Shabaniyah festival some local road blocks in and around Baghdad area are expected from 31 May to 06 June.

► Ramadan period and Eid-al-Fitr

The period will start around 17/18 June and will end around 15/16 July. Eid-al-Fitr will start 16/17 July and end 18/19 July. During the whole period the working hours will be shortened and the work sequence will be slowed down.

2. Security Situation

The following provinces are still risky: Anbar (heavy fights between Iraqi army and IS)/Ninewah/Salah-al din/Diyala. In general, there are still almost daily attacks registered in Iraq. As per now - and after intensive security checks – sending shipments to Airports and Ports is still possible.

3. Border situation

Turkish / Iraqi border (Ibrahim Khalil border)

The border staff is operating normally. The current waiting time ex Turkey towards Iraq is **4-6** 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 until further notice.

4. 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 the possibilities with us case by case.

Baghdad International Airport (BIAP)

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

Basrah Airport

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

5. Umm Qassr / Khor Al Zubair ports

The entering process for trucks is getting more complicated due to additional security measures. The waiting terminal for trucks has moved to Bucca checkpoint. The average waiting time for trucks to enter to Umm Qassr port is at least 2-3days. Anyhow, operations are running smoothly.

6. 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.

7. Mersin / Iskenderun seaport

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

8. Important Notices:

New customs tariff

The implementation of the new customs tariff has been postponed at least until end of June 2015.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,
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