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Dear Clients, Partners and Friends,

First of all we wish you and your families a happy and successful new year 2016!
Afterwards we would like to provide you with an urgent update on the current situation in Iraq as follows:

Newsflash

Turkish/Iraqi border reopened

Turkey has announced that Habur border gate has been reopened on 05th Jan 2016 in the late afternoon. The exit clearance from Turkey towards Iraq as well as the entry clearance from Iraq towards Turkey have been restarted. For the time being the procedures are running slowly and by daylight only.

Approx. 500 trucks per day are allowed to move towards Iraq and approx. 750 trucks per day are allowed to enter Turkey. This is only 20-30 % of the usual average quantity of cleared trucks per day.

Due to long waiting queues on both ends of the border

the trucks with perishable goods will be cleared with priority.

Furthermore the trucks which have been stopped at checkpoints near the border will be sent to Silopi first before other trucks can join them at Silopi waiting line.

Turkey has also announced that the trucks leaving and entering Turkey will be temporarily accompanied by military escorts while passing Silopi area. Once the security situation gets better the quantity of trucks to be cleared per day will be increased and military escorts will not be applicable anymore.

Habur border gate was closed since 14th Dec 2015 due to military operations

by Turkish army against PKK in Silopi which is located on the main route to Habur border gate.

More than 10 000 trucks were waiting at both ends of the border in order to cross it for more than 20 days.

Holiday notice:

Today, 06th Jan 2016, is military day and at the same time national holiday in whole Iraq.

Thank you for your attention.
Yours sincerely,
M.G. International Transports GmbH

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