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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

► New customs procedures for Import via KRG border points

To ensure that the new import tariff will also be applicable for shipments addressed to recipients in central and southern Iraq and which have been imported via KRG, the Midland customs started to increase checks of those shipments at Baghdad checkpoint. Customs officers are checking the official import customs documents and are debiting the difference amount to the Importer in case it has not already been done at KRG border points.

► Obligation of Energy efficiency class labelling for some consumables

As per announcement by Central Iraqi Quality Department some consumables will need to be labelled with energy

efficiency class marks from now on. For more details pls feel free to contact our team.

► 4 new border points announced between Turkey and Iraq

Turkey and Iraq have announced that 4 new border points will be opened end of 2016 / beginning of 2017. The plannings have been speeded up after the only border point Habur was closed due to military operations and caused shortage of consumables in KRG and Iraq as well as long truck waiting queues at the border.

► Establishment of Thi- Qar Company as well as re-naming of South Oil Company

The office of the prime minister announced that the Thi-Qar Oil Company has been established. It has also

announced that the South Oil Company will be renamed to Basra Oil Company.

► Upcoming Holidays

05-06 March – Rania Uprising days (KRG only)
11-13 March – Erbil uprising days (KRG only)
14 March – Birthday of Mustafa Barzani (KRG only)
16-17 March – Halabja Commemoration Days (KRG only)
21-23 March – Nawrouz (Iraq)

2. Security Situation

There are no major changes on the security situation. Anbar, Salah-al-din and Diyala are still the most risky provinces but with minor positive development. The number of attacks is decreasing. The army could win some cities and villages back from IS the last weeks. As per now and after intensive security checks –



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sending shipments to Airports and Seaports is still possible.

3. Border situation

Turkish / Iraqi border

The number of clashes between the Turkish army and PKK has decreased although local military operations are still going on in some areas. The security situation is becoming better. The border gates are permanently open. The current waiting time ex Turkey towards Iraq and ex Iraq towards Turkey is 4-6 days.

Jordanian/Iraqi border

No improvement or development on the security situation registered locally. Therefore, we still do not offer transports crossing this route until further notice.

4. Airfreight

Erbil & Sulaymaniyah

Airport

Currently operations are running smoothly. Regular passenger and cargo flights are available. Please check the possibilities as per your requirements with us case by case.

Baghdad International Airport (BIAP) and Basrah Airport

BIAP and Basrah Airport are working normally. Regular passenger and cargo flights are available. Please check the possibilities as per your requirements with us case by case.

5. Umm Qassr / Khor Al Zubair ports

The security measures at both ports are tight. The ports are considered as safe. Generally the operation is running smoothly.

6. Mersin / Iskenderun seaport

Port operations are running smoothly as usual.

7. Overland Transport

Cargo movements towards Iraq via southeast Europe as well as via Trieste-Mersin Ferry are running well. No obstacles are registered.

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

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