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Dear Clients, Partners and Friends,

we are pleased to update you on the current situation in Iraq as follows:

### 1. Overall Situation

As you certainly know, the ongoing all demonstrations in the Central and Southern Part of Iraq have significant impact on the daily live. Most of the Ministries and Governmental Institution are not working or work only with reduced capacity. Furthermore, it is not possible anymore for trucks to enter the larger cities. For a number of cities curfews have been implemented. Overall the movement of goods is very much limited and restricted, customs clearing processes are significantly delayed due to the late issuing of documents and approvals.

### 2. Umm Qassr Port

Ships agent of most of the shipping lines operating to/from Umm Qassr Port are working, partly with reduced capacity and limited opening times. Same applies to the State Agent for Water Transport Offices and the South region Customs Offices.

Since a couple of days the security forces have closed Port of Umm Qassr. Demonstrators have blocked the main road to/from the port. No labors, stevedores and customs staff is available.

Pilots are not able to operate. Therefore, Vessels cannot berth and can't discharge their goods. As a consequence a couple of shipping lines have suspended their services to Umm Qassr Port. Goods which are enroute to Umm Qassr get discharged in other ports in the region and shippers / consignees are in charge to arrange the ongoing shipments to Iraqi Ports by themselves against the payment of the costs. Please contact us if your shipments are effected.

Discharging at other ports in South Iraq is partly possible, subject to further details.

### 2. Basra Airport

The Airport of Basra is working normally. International flights are calling Basra mostly as per schedule. However, customs clearing gets often delayed due to non-availability of personal and documents.

Deliveries to most of the destinations around Basra are, within limits and subject to the situation as the time of delivery, possible. Similar to Baghdad area certain areas in and around Basra are difficult to be reached.

### 3. Baghdad Airport

The Airport of Baghdad is working almost normally. International flights are calling Baghdad. However, Iraqi Airways flights have partly been suspended. Customs at Baghdad Airport is working. Deliveries from Baghdad to the main destinations / Ministries in and around Baghdad depend on the day to day situation. Certain areas are reachable others may not. Particular for temp. controlled cargo delays in the delivery can occur and we might be obligated to store the goods either at the airport or within our trucks.

The overall situation remains extremely volatile and delivers are subject to the situation on the ground at the time of delivery. We cannot guarantee any firm delivery timings for the moment.

Yours sincerely,

**M.G. International Transports**

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