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Dear Clients, Partners and Friends,
we like to update you regularly on the day-to-day situation.

1. Corona Virus / Border Opening / Curfew

In order to prevent the spreading of the virus the Iraqi Government as well as other government in the region have taken the following measures:

The Curfew in Central and South Iraq has been extended till March 29th 2020.

In the KRG Region the Curfew has been extended till April 1st 2020.

Most of the Governmental offices including Customs Offices are not working.

2. Ibrahim Khalil Border

The Turkish – Iraqi border point Ibrahim Khalil Border (IBK) has been closed. Since a couple of days the entrance or urgently required goods (healthcare products, foodstuff) is allowed on a limited level. As per instruction of the local authorities, either a transshipment or a changing of the prime mover has to take place at the “non-men’s land”. Turkish trucks are not allowed to enter to Iraqi territory.

A huge backlog of trucks is waiting on both sides of the border. Subject to the kind of cargo loaded, we have stopped the shipments en-route and stored the goods in customs bonded warehouses.

3. Iraqi Airports

Till now all major Iraqi Airports are still closed. In addition major airlines stopped their services to Iraq / the entire region. We assume that the local authorities will at least re-open the airports partly for cargo flights, particular for urgently needed medical products.

Subject to the re-opening of the airports and airport customs offices for cargo flights, we are able to offer services to Baghdad and Basra.

4. Iraqi Seaports

The Ports of Umm Qasr (UMQ) and Khor Al-Zubair (KAZ) still allow vessels to enter and to discharge their goods. Most of the private terminals are working.

Our colleagues in the relevant offices in Iraq and in Europe are available. We have taken the necessary measures to continue working and are ready by all means to support you 24/7. Please feel free to contact us in case of any specific question.

Yours sincerely,

M.G. International Transports

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