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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

Please note that the current curfew has been extended as follows:

Central and South Iraq till: April 16th 2020.

KRG Region till: April 16th 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) was closed. Since a couple of days the entrance or urgently required goods (healthcare products, foodstuff) is allowed on a limited level. Customs Authorities are now categorizing the goods. Beside medical goods and foodstuff also other goods e.g. spare parts for infrastructure projects can enter.

Still Turkish drivers are not allowed to enter to Iraqi territory. Therefore either a transshipment or a changing of the prime mover has to take place at the “no-man’s land”. The current backlog at the Turkish side is approx. 8-10 days and backwards approx. 2-3 days.

3. Iraqi Airports

Iraqi Airports are now partly open.

Baghdad Intern. Airport is receiving cargo flights.

Customs is working only for emergency shipments. Cargo for Min of Health, Min. of Agriculture can be cleared on Commitment Letter. Customs clearing with full legalized documents is currently not possible because Customs and Tax office are not fully working right now.

Erbil Intern. Airport is also receiving cargo flights, in particular for aid cargo. Customs is working only part time.

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.

Governmental Representatives, Ships Agents, ISCW and Customs are working only limited hours.

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 and please stay safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely,

M.G. International Transports

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