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Newsletter for shipments to Iraq

Dear clients,

I.) New Umm Qassr Port Tariff

Please note that since 1st of March a new port tariff for Umm Qassr is in force. The main changes are:

- Increase of Stevedoring charges
- Increase of Port Storage charges
- Reduced free storage period

II.) Second ro/ro ramp at Umm Qassr port nearly ready

The second ro/ro ramp, now called "Jetty no 22" is completed. The capacity of the ro/ro ramp is 50 tons only. The first ro/ro ramp is still called "Jetty no 21". The capacity of this ramp is 75 tons only. The draft is approx 8,0 – 9,0 meters.

III.) Erbil International Fair 2009

We are pleased to inform you that the "ERBIL INTERNATIONAL FAIR" will take place from 12th till 15th of October 2009. We will participate on that fair.

IV.) Border situation

a.) Al Karameh / Trebil (Jordan/Iraqi border)

The Jordanian and the Iraqi government had also various meetings during the past week in order push the cargo movement via the Jordan gateway (similar to the Syrian gateway). But the current situation has not changed so far.

There are still no Iraqi reefer trucks allowed to enter in to Jordan. Therefore, all reefer cargo has to be transhipped at the border from Jordan to Iraqi reefer trucks.

The number of Iraqi trucks entering Jordan is still very limited. As an average we are talking about 40-50 trucks per day max. Otherwise cargo has to be transhipped at the border (similar to reefer cargo).

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Aqaba port authorities intend to increase the port charges (stevedoring, storage etc) during the next couple of weeks. So far no firm figures are available.

b.) Syrian/Iraqi borders

The Iraqi and the Syrian government have agreed to re-start the Syrian gateway. In a first step they will ship foodstuff in bulk again via Syria. In order to handle larger quantities, they will restart the railway service by the end of this year. Meanwhile, there is only a truck service available. As an average, approx 50-80 Iraqi trucks are entering Syria per day and approx 200 Syrian trucks are entering Iraq per day. The Iraqi trucks are using a border point close to Mosul, the Syrian trucks are using Al Waleed border.

c.) Habour / Zakho (Turkish / Iraqi border)

The service via the Turkish gateway is running very well. Approx 1,000 – 1,500 trucks are crossing the border daily. The average waiting time for Turkish trucks to enter Iraq is approx 2-4 days. The average waiting time for Turkish trucks to return back from Iraq to Turkey is approx 5-7 days.

d.) Umm Qassr port

The current average waiting time is approx.

Ro/ro vessel:	2-3 days waiting time
Container Vessel:	7-10 days waiting time
Break Bulk Vessel:	5- 7 days waiting time, depending on the type of cargo loaded.

Jetty no. 11 : is operated by a private stevedoring company. The costs are different from the Port Tariff. The draft is between 8-10 meters.

In general the draft, depending on the different jetties, is still between 8,00 – 10,00 meters. The availability of trucks for South and Central Iraqi destinations is okay.

e.) Safwan/ Abdali commercial border point (Kuwait / Iraqi border)

The situation is again normal. Approx 100-200 trucks are crossing this border point per days with commercial cargo. All cargo has to be transhipped from Kuwaiti to Iraqi trucks.

Yours faithfully,

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