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THE DIGIFREIGHT NEWSLETTER





WE HAVE SOME EXCITING NEWS!

We are currently processing a large number of applications and all new Members will be introduced to you via our Mailing List and the Newsstand section of our website.

We have decided to move our 1st Face-to-Face Meeting to 8-10 May 2023 to give us the chance to further build our membership, which will mean a larger attendance and therefore a much more beneficial trip for you.



is the chance to get to know each other as that is where the business grows for everyone!

So, we will be holding 2x **Meet our Members Video Sessions** this year, the first will take place on 18 May 2022 at 12:00 (London Time).

The video session will be the perfect preface to our **Virtual Meeting Event** from **23-25** May 2022 where Members can book 30 minute meetings with each other via Skype, Zoom, Google Meet or WhatsApp, to introduce themselves, say hi or discuss new business that you can work on together. So, let's get the dates in order

2 May 2022 Interactive Online Webinar (see page 14)

18 May 2022 Meet our Members video session (see page 15)

23-25 May 2022 Virtual Meeting Event (see page 15) 9 Nov 2022 Meet our Members video session

14-16 Nov 2022 Virtual Meeting Event

8-10 May 2023 Croatia Face-To-Face Meeting (see page 15)

We are very young and still building a solid base of Members and as our membership increases over the next 2 years, our Meeting Hub will become busier and produce lots of new business by connecting you to more business partners around the world.

Don't forget, as the DigiFreight team manage several established networks, you have exclusive access to 500+ forwarders (including heavy lift and project cargo specialists) in 115+ countries. Please email judith@digifreight.live if you have an queries and we will put you in touch with the right forwarders.

For now, enjoy this issue and 'see' you on 18 May!

Rachel Crawford FCILT President / CEO



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to provide independent freight forwarders access to a trusted, worldwide network of agents, whilst working professionally and safely under strict Membership Rules.

DigiFreight aims to be a pioneer in the new era of networking with a cutting-edge platform with built in time zones which enables forwarders to connect with one another directly through their mobile

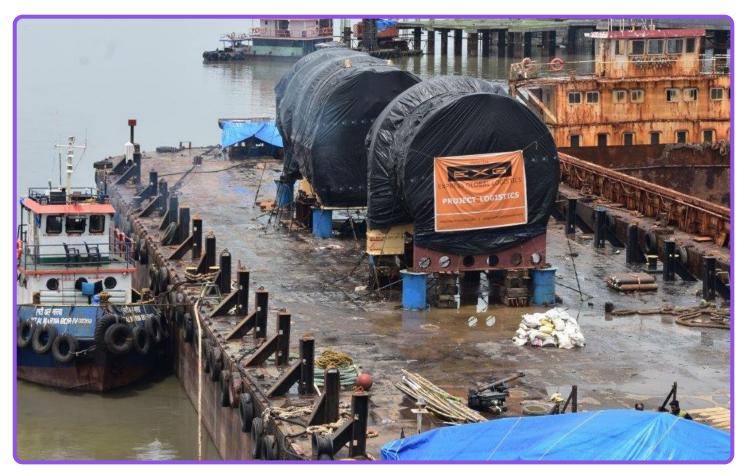
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EXG IN INDIA EXECUTES TRANSPORT & BARGING OF CARGO

Earlier this year, Indian members, Express Global Logistics (EXG) executed the transportation and barging of 191mt of complex cargo from Walchand Nagar in Pune to Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala for a client's GOI project.

The initial part of the journey was inland, from Walchand Nagar to the Ulwe jetty at a distance of 782km via 2 hydraulic trailers. Barges were then used to transport the cargo from Ulwe to Kollam covering a distance of 720nmi. EXG completed the journey with a final inland transportation from Kollam Port to the final site in Thiruvananthapuram (110km).

EXG successfully transported the following pieces:

- A Contraction Section & Settling Chamber Weldment: **9.9 x 5.7 x 5.8m / 129mt**. Transported on 10 hydraulic axles.
- A Silencer Section Assembly: **5.2 x 5.9 x 6.1m / 62mt**. Transported on 8 hydraulic axles plus drop deck.
- 100 Packages of Accessories: Moved on 3 mechanical trailers by road.

The project required the use of 2 hydraulic trailers to move the OOG cargo along a preselected road that had utility and power lines lifted and moved out of the convoy's path. The EXG team put together a coordinated effort to secure several permits ahead of the transportation as well as managing electric shut-downs and numerous tree pruning along the route. Civil work was conducted at multiple locations to ensure the oversized cargo did not face any height restrictions.

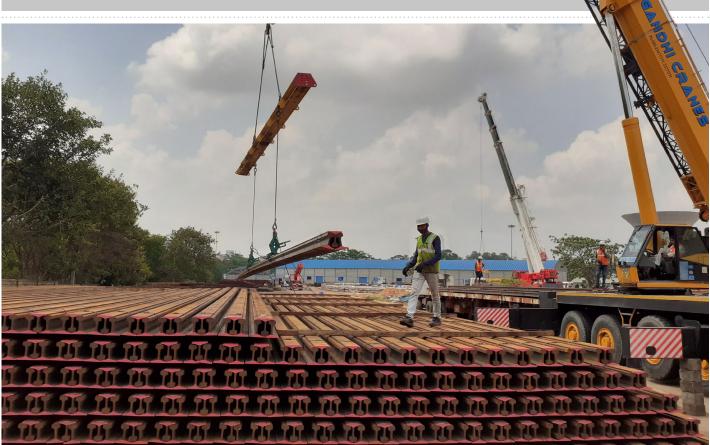
Inclement weather, particularly the onset of cyclone Tauktae, increased the complexity of the project considerably. Once the cyclone passed, the

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EXG engineering team conducted a technical and risk assessment to convince authorities to permit barging during a torrential downpour. Due to the harsh monsoons, the jetty even had to be reconstructed at Ulwe.

The barge had to return to anchorage due to the intermittent foul weather and at Kollam Port, rapid ballasting was also required to stabilize the barge at the time of unloading. The onward movement from Kollam to the site was also challenging due to the demolition and reconstruction of the port gate.

Despite the size of the cargo and distance covered to deliver the cargo, the project was executed smoothly. Unexpected challenges, like the harsh weather conditions and the strict lockdowns, were dealt with deftly by EXG's experienced professionals to ensure the safe and timely delivery of the cargo.



EXPRESS GLOBAL LOGISTICS IN INDIA TRANSPORTS

6.099MT OF RAILS

The movement was critical because of the strict requirements stipulated by the Research Designs & Standards Organisation (RDSO) of Indian Railways which had to be implemented during the operations. The EXG engineering team coordinated to create a thorough

The Express Global Logistics (EXG) team in India have successfully transported 1,875 bundles of rails which are 18m in length for the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation. The total shipment weighed 6,099mt and was transported on 70ftlong trailers from Kattupalli Port in Chennai, Tamil Nadu to Bengaluru, Karnataka.

plan, including organisation and preparation of an in-depth inspection at the site before the unloading of the cargo, to allow for the smooth execution of the project. EXG followed all the safety and handling compliances and in order to ensure the highest standards, the lifting beams and rail clamps were fabricated well in advance to allow for the safe handling of the cargo and to avoid any damage. To mitigate any traffic delays and constraints when moving the cargo, they obtained the relevant permissions to execute the entire movement during the night.

EXG showed their strong commitment by speeding up the transport of these rails to meet the required timeframe of their clients. **www.expressworld.com**

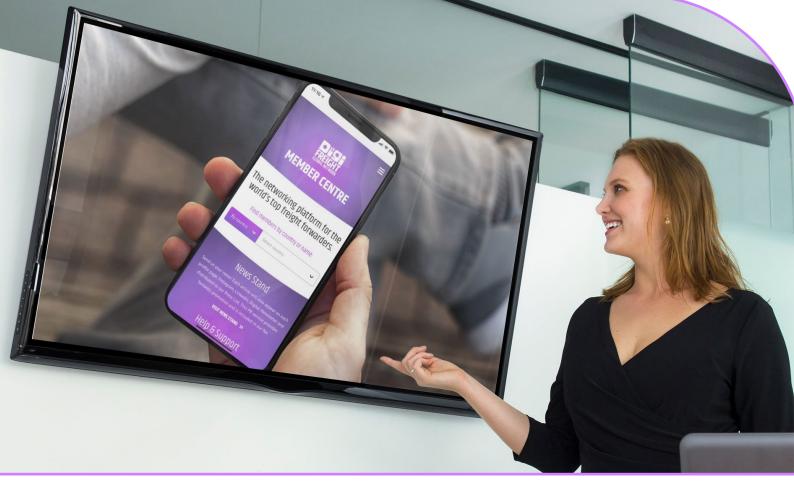
CLASS A FREIGHT FORWARDING FROM WELLFAST LOGISTICS IN CHINA

We are pleased to report Wellfast Logistics are new members in China. Founded in 1999, the company's head office is in Xiamen with branch offices in Shanghai, Tianjin, Shenzhen, Dalian, Yiwu and Fuzhou. **A warm welcome to our latest DigiFreight member!**

Managing Director, Karl Yang says; "Wellfast Logistics is a class A international freight forwarder in China with a team of over 100 experienced and specialised employees. Among the many different logistics companies in China, we distinguish ourselves by active, professional, efficient, value-added, cost-effective and one-stop services. As our company name implies, our mission is to provide very 'well and fast' logistics services.

Our range of services covers all areas of cargo logistics including sea freight (LCL, FCL, consolidation, containers, bulk, breakbulk, RORO), air freight, inland transportation, rail freight, project cargo, door-to-door delivery, chartering, warehousing and customs clearance." www.wellfast.com



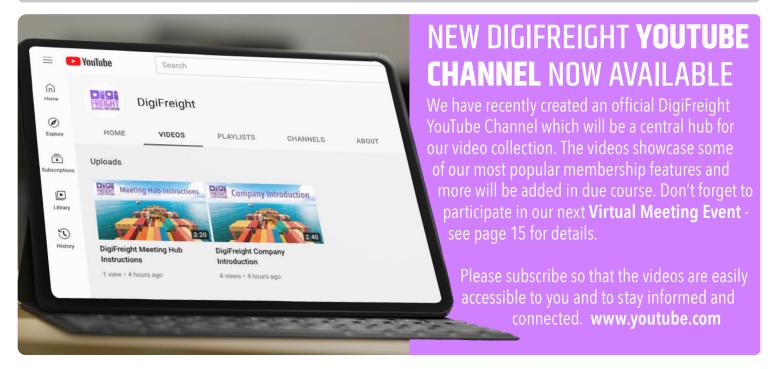


SHORT VIDEO EXPLAINING OUR MEETING HUB

We know that people prefer to watch, rather than read when it comes to learning about something new. We also know that learning is best achieved when information is delivered clearly!

Our bespoke Meeting Hub allows members to easily connect virtually using the platforms that have now become an essential part of daily life including Zoom, Google Meet, Skype, and WhatsApp.

Here is a **short video** which explains how to use our system by walking you through a few steps...







COMPLEX 1,800KM TRANSPORT OF TRANSFORMER BY **EXG**

Indian members, **Express Global Logistics (EXG)** have recently executed a multimodal transportation project for a major electrical power equipment manufacturer. The cargo consisted of a transformer measuring **4.8 x 2.6 x 3.4m** with a weight of **45mt**, along with 97 oil barrels and a Nitrogen Injection Fire Protection System (NIFPS), transported from Karjan in Gujarat to Tyada in Andhra Pradesh, covering a distance of **over 1,800km**.

Vishvendra Singh from EXG describes the complex transport; "The project was challenging as the cargo was initially transported on 6-axles for 1,773km but beyond this, movement was restricted due to the ghats so we had to switch to rail. Another challenge occurred 25km before Srungavapukota (Skota) Rail Station as the main unit had to wait for 3 days for all the accessories to arrive and be offloaded before moving through a single and narrow approach road only 3.5m wide in order to facilitate a seamless rail movement with all the cargo. Then, the entire consignment had to be manually offloaded and a 40m dragging operation was put into place for loading the cargo on a ramp and eventually onto a wagon at Skota Rail Station in Andhra Pradesh.

We had to manage multiple railway shutdowns to safely and successfully load and unload the consignment on and off the railway wagons. The team also had to carefully navigate the last leg of the rail movement covering 23km through 13 tunnels by carefully securing the cargo and keeping its height in check."

Despite difficult challenges, Express Global Logistics adopted all safety measures and ensured the timely and successful delivery of the cargo to the site. **Express Global Logistics (EXG)**







EXG TRANSPORTS FIRST OF 30 HUGE STEEL DECKS FOR THE MUMBAI TRANS HARBOUR LINK PROJECT



Members in India, Express Global Logistics (EXG) have successfully transported the first of 30 OSDs (Orthotropic Steel Decks) for the Mumbai Trans Harbour Link Project. The deck weighs an incredible 1,362mt and this is the first of 30 that EXG will handle for the project, totalling 40,860mt.

The transportation was done for one of the largest infrastructure projects in India, the 'Mumbai Trans Harbour Link Project (MTHL)'. The OSD measures 118.00 x 14.87 x 7.50m and was transported on 4 x 12-axle lines (48-axles) and 2 x 12-axle lines (24-axles) totalling 72 SPMT axle lines with 4 Power Pack Units (PPUs). The first of the 30 pieces was moved from the manufacturing unit to the Kerosene Jetty where the load transfer from the SPMTs to skid chair car was completed. Some salient features of EXG's operations included:

- Being involved at the nascent stage of the project by supplying the SPMT stool structure design to the client;
- Aligning the locking plate of the OSD on tilting hinges twice with a bare minimum tolerance of just 10mm - first on the axle during transport & second during the load transfer to the skid chair car;
- Handling the special machinery with precision considering size & weight of the cargo;
- Coordinating the transportation by factoring in high tide, that happens only twice a month at this jetty, for the smooth roll-on & rolloff movement;
- Matching the project planning implementation in 2 days.

The EXG team's thorough planning to organise and prepare at the site before the movement of the cargo took place, allowed for a smooth execution of the project.

DIGIFREIGHT REPRESENTATION IN SENEGAL WITH **PRO LOGISTICS SOLUTIONS**

We are pleased to announce DigiFreight now has representation in **Senegal** with **Pro Logistics Solutions**. CEO, **Oulimata Wade** says they are looking forward to making new connections around the world with DigiFreight members.

"Pro Logistics Solutions was established in 2017 and since then has been providing value-added transport and customs services thanks to our proven experience and highly qualified personnel. We are specialised in both import & export, door-to-door services and efficiently handling & delivering goods from suppliers to recipients.

Our expertise is built on the strong commitment of our team, our global approach, the synergy of our resources and our well-organised transport and warehouse management systems. From the delivery of raw materials and components to the distribution of finished products, we provide tailor-made and competitive, responsive and qualitative solutions."





FORWARDING

RAS are new DigiFreight members in Poland!

Owner, Marcin Hartman says; "RRAS Forwarding is a modern freight forwarding company based in **Gdańsk.** We provide a comprehensive range of professional services in both domestic and international shipping. Drawing upon the experience and expertise of our team, we handle cargo by all means of transportation

We specialise in competitive logistics solutions by road, rail, sea, air and multimodal with all related services including customs clearance, warehousing, packaging, transshipping, stowage, temperature-controlled transport and cargo insurance."

The photo below shows construction rollers handled by RRAS from Poland to Australia. The cargo transport included a transshipment into containers carried out at the RRAS warehouse in Gdańsk under the watchful eye of their team to maintain all safety measures and ensure a smooth delivery to Australia. **RRAS**





e are very pleased to introduce **2Log** as new DigiFreight members in Italy located in Genoa.

With a full range of international transport and logistics services, the experts at 2Log offer quick answers and efficient solutions. "2Log is a logistics company specialising in international transport. We provide tailor-made solutions and our customers range from companies entering foreign trade for the first time to large companies requiring consolidated logistics activities." **2Log**







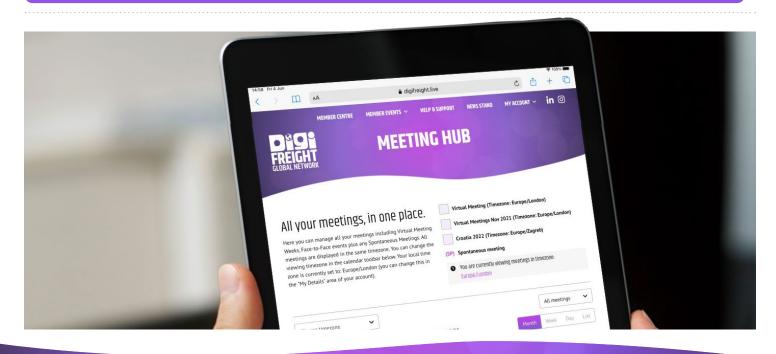


TRANSPORTATION OF OOG DRUMS BY **EXPRESS GLOBAL**

The Express Global Logistics (EXG) team in India recently handled the transport of 2 drums. A Hot HP Separator Drum with dimensions of 23.3 x 6.0 x 6.6m and a weight of 297mt and a Cold HP Separator Drum at 13.3 x 6.2 x 6.6m and 205mt. The well-planned and carefully coordinated transport was handled from Dahej in Gujarat to Barmer in Rajasthan. The EXG team faced heavy non-seasonal rains and overcame unexpected road conditions due to the sudden change in weather. Civil work had to be done in several areas in Gujarat to ensure the safe movement of the over-dimensional cargo. During the arduous journey, the height of the cargo also required the structure of a toll plaza be dismantled and rebuilt for the cargo to pass. The cargo was safely delivered well within the time frame thanks to the professional team at EXG.

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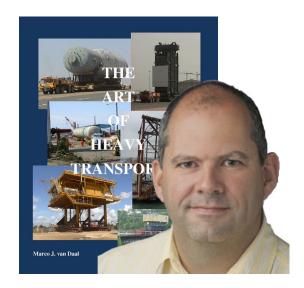




Interactive Webinar

We are delighted to announce that we have arranged an exclusive Interactive Webinar for our Members with **Marco J. van Daal**, a Lecturer/Speaker who has over 20 years' experience extending to more than 55 countries on 5 continents.

Marco is Author of the book 'The Art of Heavy Transport', and in addition to being a contributing member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) and the European Association of Abnormal Road Transport and Mobile Crane (ESTA). Marco also delivered the training for our eLearning Platform.



Fully funded by the Head Office, the **Interactive Webinar** is provided free for Members and will include an interesting case study of a power plant that planned an extension and went from 12x180 ton gensets to 6x300 ton. The intriguing case study shows how late changes in a project design can have a major influence on equipment selection and sourcing. Not to mention schedule overruns and all the associated cost. A perfect example that the heavy transport provider (or crane provider) should be involved from the early stages of the project.

The session will take place on **2 May 2022** at **12.00 London time** and will be recorded for those who are unable to participate due to varying time zones.

Face-to-Face Meeting: 8-10 May 2023

Our industry has always been about building solid relations with agents and customers, so we are looking forward to getting back to meeting face-to-face. We know from experience that a network like ours sees increased business after meeting in person. Building closer relationships (and friendships) is a valuable tool in forwarding, which shouldn't be underestimated. Knowing who you are speaking to, personally,

automatically builds

confidence.

Our exciting first face-to-face gathering takes place in Croatia from 8-10th May 2023 at Hotel Croatia Cavtat, just 5km from Dubrovnik airport.



Our first chance to meet will be at 18:00 on Monday 8 May 2023 for a dinner feast at Restaurant Alverede. Our official meeting will then start on Tuesday 9 May 2023 in the Orlando Meeting Room and after lunch we will enjoy a relaxing boat trip across the bay to Dubrovnik Old Town. We will be shown around the marble-paved squares and cobbled streets, all of which have also remained unchanged for centuries. We will then enjoy dinner together before returning to the hotel by coach at approximately 20:00.

Having got to know your fellow Members, Wednesday 10 May 2023 is all about business! Our delegates will hold pre-arranged individual 20-minute meetings so that they can highlight their specialist areas and discuss cross trade. These crucial meetings provide an opportunity to share key import and export trade information.

To find out more, go to digifreight.live.

The event will
provide a fantastic
opportunity for our Members
to save substantial time away
from the office as well as
considerable travel expenses by
being able to meet together
in one place at the
same time.

Meet our Members Video Session: 18 May 2022

We are aware that one of the most important aspects of face-to-face gatherings is the chance to get to know each other as that is where the business grows for everyone! So, we will be holding a Meet our Members Video Session, which will take place on 18 May 2022 at 12:00 (London time). The Zoom session will be recorded for those who are unable to participate due to varying time zones. We have sent invites to all Members, if you did not receive one, please check your spam folder or email me directly on rachel@digifreight.live.

We really hope that as many Members as possible will be able to participate in this event as it will bring good promotion to your company and hopefully lead to new business!

Virtual Meeting Event: 23-25 May 2022

Every 6 months the DigiFreight team allocate a series of consecutive days where a Members are invited to participate in virtual meetings (at no extra charge).

How Do I Register? There is no need! We want the system to be as simple as possible so everyone with a Meeting Hub account can automatically participate. The system is set to make you unavailable for all sessions so that you have time to set your availability. All you need to do is go to our Virtual Event page and click Agenda & My Availability and set your local time zone for those dates. Once set, you can make yourself available for meetings by







We are pleased to approve members in Mexico with FIT Logistics.

The company have offices in Monterrey and San Luis and was founded by CEO & Managing Director, Columba Uribe (pictured above) who has over 15 years of professional experience in logistics, supply chains, international shipping and freight forwarding as well as international business and customs processes.

She is passionate about logistics and says they are joining DigiFreight because; "... cooperation is the strongest way to keep going forward and empower each other to be able to stay competitive in this world of challenges. We look forward to offering the best solutions in Mexico to the network."

"FIT Logistics are a Mexican freight forwarder and experts in international freight solutions. With experience that inspires confidence, we provide ocean, air, rail and road services for cargo transportation as well as multimodal services to meet the most challenging delivery times and cost requirements. We also offer additional services in storage, door-to-door solutions, customs brokerage, packaging & crating, freight insurance, professional planning and trade consulting.

We are FIT because the essence of our approach is the creation of solutions that are tailor-fit to the specific needs of our customers and partners. Providing support for regular and urgent shipments - anything from a small box to an entire assembly line. Having diversified our shipment solutions, we are able to provide services across all industries, specializing in the automotive, construction and petroleum sectors as well as oil & gas, food, chemicals and pharmaceuticals.

Our purpose is to make global freight shipments easy and safe. We do this through personalized assistance and the deployment of fool-proof processes. With wide experience and expertise in the international freight industry, our team of specialists are qualified and ready." **Fit Logistics**

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