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## NEW MEMBERS:

CHAMPION  
LOGISTICS  
(NIGERIA)  
TIME WORLD  
FREIGHT (UAE)

## SEE WHEN YOUR FELLOW DIGIFREIGHT MEMBERS ARE ONLINE

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# welcome

## BACK TO MEETING FACE-TO-FACE!

Welcome to our 4th Digital Newsletter!

I have recently recorded a video so that you can see how our Meeting Hub works – **please click here**. At the same time, I am delighted to announce that our next Virtual Meeting Event will be from 8-10 November 2021.

A great opportunity for our Founder Members to 'meet'!

Don't forget, you can also request a virtual meeting via Skype, Zoom, Google Meet or WhatsApp with your fellow DigiFreight Members on any date and time of your choosing .... to introduce yourself, say hi or discuss some new business that you can work on together.

Simply choose a company from our Member Centre and go to Staff and select who you wish to get in touch with. You will see their full contact details and a box where you can click Request Meeting.

Every meeting will appear in your Meeting Hub, with each calendar entry containing all the information needed for a successful virtual meeting, including who is responsible for starting the meeting, notes, the chosen communication platform, ID address/details, etc.

Did you know that my other general cargo network, Universal Freight Organisation, has just safely held one of the industry's first network meetings since the beginning of the pandemic? **Please click here** to read more and see photos.

Meeting face-to-face and 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. DigiFreight's exciting first face-to-face gathering takes place at the same venue, Hotel Croatia Cavtat, just 5km from Dubrovnik airport from 29-31 May 2022.

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.

Enjoy this issue and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate in contacting me on [rachel@digifreight.live](mailto:rachel@digifreight.live).



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DigiFreight was established in November 2020 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 device across several communication platforms.

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## EXG AWARDED CONTRACT TO HANDLE 182 RAILWAY COACHES FOR INDIA-SRI LANKA PROJECT

They are to be exported to Sri Lanka for a state-owned corporation under a MoU between the Indian and the Sri Lankan Governments. EXG have already successfully handled the first lot of 10 coaches which were moved by rail from a state-owned manufacturing facility to Chennai Port for final assembly and packing ready for shipping to Colombo. The seasoned EXG asset management, heavy hauling and engineering teams had coordinated to create detailed plans well in advance of the coaches being moved which allowed them to fabricate the spreaders and saddle to flawlessly execute the project, whilst their operations and clearance teams managed approvals from various government agencies, port authorities and vessel agents.

They used in-house hydraulic axles to support under-hook delivery without leaving the hook idle. Therefore, they were able to meet the challenging timelines of loading the vessels with a crew of 22+ personnel working hard to synchronise the 3 day operation. Vishvendra Singh at EXG comments; "India and Sri Lanka signed a Memorandum of Understanding for 'cooperation on economic projects' in 2019. The development and operation of the container terminal was one of the projects in the MoU and India-Sri Lanka cooperation in the transport sector continues to expand with the arrival of these state-of-the-art railway passenger coaches



at Colombo Port. Sri Lanka is looking to extend its rail networks and increase the current capacities for which India has been a successful partner for decades.

EXG is committed to moving the remaining coaches in the future in close coordination with our client and stakeholders. We are proud to be delivering on a project that is not only prestigious for the company but also for our country."

**Express Global Logistics (EXG)** have secured a contract to handle 182 Railway Coaches and 4 Driving Power Cars (DPCs) for a India-Sri Lanka Railway Project. The cargo will total 45,000ft with the coaches ranging from 36-80mt each and dimensions of 20.30 x 2.95 x 4.00m.





**Express Global Logistics (EXG)** successfully executed a project to import 300 oxygen cylinders from China for the Government of India. The shipment comprised a total volume of 108mt of empty cylinders packed in 150 wooden boxes.

A Boeing 747-400F was chartered from Tianjin Binhai International Airport to Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport for the first 252 oxygen cylinders weighing 77mt. The remaining 48 cylinders were brought in on scheduled flights.

EXG's scope involved receiving the 150 wooden boxes, packing and palletising them at the warehouse in China and obtaining export clearance which included hazard clearance due to the batteries in the pressure measuring device on the cylinder. Post export clearance, they were responsible for hiring a charter from the Chinese authorities, receiving the cargo at the Delhi airport, streamlining import custom clearance and loading the shipment on trailers for further transport

Vishvendra Singh at EXG comments; "It was critical to arrange a charter for the cargo to reach India at short notice in light of the COVID-19 second wave. We coordinated with various government agencies to ensure receipt of the cargo from the shipper in a timely manner. Given the crisis, we obtained permits in China under humanitarian aid and relief cargo. Due to the original flight exceeding its allotted quota to fly into China, we rescheduled a new one without disrupting the original timeline before ensuring prompt import clearance at the Delhi airport to facilitate the quick transportation of the cargo to its final destination."

All the cargo was cleared safely and without incident, fully meeting the delivery deadlines. Express Global Logistics are committed to provide any assistance to facilitate the logistics of medical equipment in the battle against the COVID-19 pandemic.







Pictured: George (Graphic Designer), Rachel (C.E.O.), Judith (Administration Director), Sam (Recruitment Director) & Wendy (Administration Manager)

## DIGIFREIGHT HEAD OFFICE TEAM REUNITED FOR A FUN TEAM BUILDING EVENT

We have all stayed in close daily contact via Skype since DigiFreight launched but it was great to relax in each other's company after such a long time apart and we succeeded in 'escaping' from the room. Although cases rose in the UK, they are now decreasing again and the severity of illness is greatly reduced so our vaccination program is working thankfully.

All DigiFreight Head Office staff have received both vaccinations and remain safe and well. We know that Covid-19 will likely have lasting effects on the way we live, work and travel but we hope that as scientists suggest, the virus will become a much milder illness and that we can get back to what we enjoyed (and probably didn't fully appreciate) before the pandemic.

It's been a challenging time with remote working and lots of virtual meetings but the DigiFreight Head Office team were recently reunited for a fun team building event, an Escape Room followed by dinner.

Also, we are delighted to announce that our next Virtual Meeting Event will be from 8-10 November 2021. The event is fully set up and super easy to use! Simply go to Agenda & My Availability and set your local time zone for the dates. Once set, you can make yourself available for meetings by ticking the I'm Available box next to each session.

We have also added a useful feature which allows you to bulk set your availability (to save numerous clicks!).

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# COMPREHENSIVE, TAILOR-MADE & COST-EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS FROM CHAMPION LOGISTICS

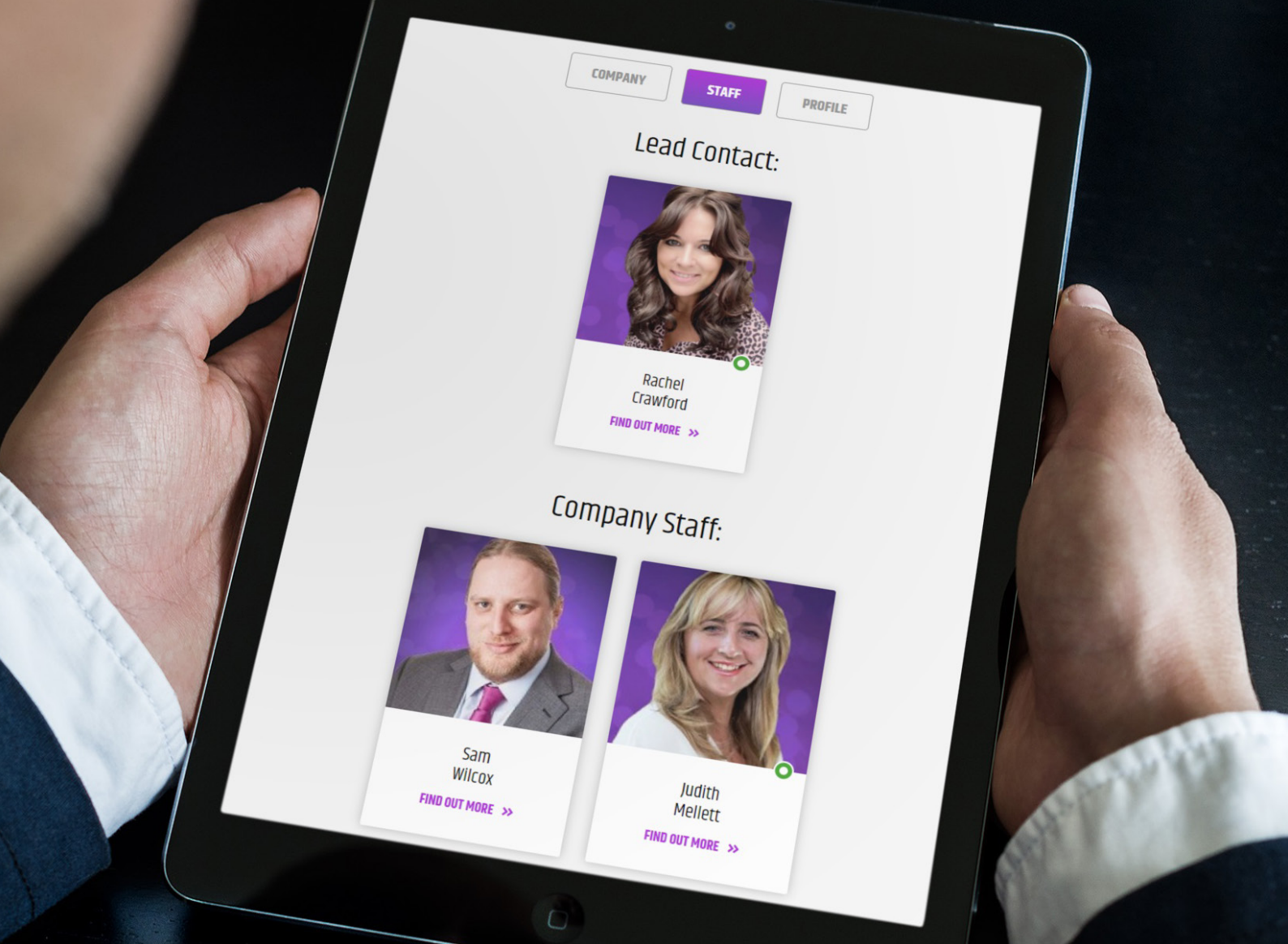
We are pleased to announce Champion Logistics Nigeria Ltd are new members!

With headquarters in Lagos, they offer a broad portfolio of freight forwarding and logistics services including air freight, sea freight, road transport, railway transport, customs clearance, warehousing, packaging, port handling, chartering, door-to-door, express delivery, documentation and insurance. They are also experienced in the fields of military, perishable and over-dimensional cargo.

Managing Director & CEO, Mustapha Tolu has a rich experience in the shipping, maritime and aviation industries. He comments; "Champion Logistics is a renowned global cargo service provider delivering reliable cargo handling services. Our expertise allows us to provide comprehensive, tailor-made and cost-effective solutions to meet the most complex of corporate and individual requirements."







## SEE WHEN YOUR FELLOW DIGIFREIGHT MEMBERS ARE ONLINE

Did you know that when you view staff, a green circle will indicate that they are online? This useful features helps establish active lines of communication especially when working across so many different time zones.

Good communication has been exceptionally important since the COVID-19 outbreak with many people working remotely. DigiFreight is designed to enable freight forwarders to connect better so that they can achieve and maintain strong working relationships, essential in our industry.

A shipment has come up and you do not have time for a long back and forth email trail? Our powerful interface enables you to quickly schedule a meeting with your global DigiFreight partners with international time zones automatically considered across several communication platforms including Skype, Zoom, Google Meet and WhatsApp. Plus our Virtual Meeting Events take place every 6 months at no extra cost - a great opportunity to 'meet' and connect with new Members!

We also know it is important to meet in person so we have organised an exciting event in Croatia from 29-31 May 2022. The gathering is entirely optional, but we anticipate most major world markets to be represented - **read more**. Please note that we will only approve 2 freight forwarders per country so that DigiFreight fosters a close network of agents and for a limited time, we are offering 2 years membership for the cost of 1 for only £1000 as well as a free 5-year listing on the Freightbook Directory and 2 free users of the Freightbook eLearning platform (worth GB £700). As the DigiFreight team manage several established networks, you would also have access to over 470 forwarders (including heavy lift and project cargo specialists) in more than 115 countries - **read more**.





# A TRUSTWORTHY TEAM WITH KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE & CREATIVITY AT **TIME WORLD FREIGHT**

We are pleased to approve Time World Freight LLC as new members in the United Arab Emirates.

Their offices and warehouses are located in Dubai and the company are almost 20 years old. They hold FIATA and NAFL certification and say they are joining DigiFreight "... to connect with worldwide members and improve our market presence". "We have established ourselves as a prominent international freight forwarding company by providing excellent quality air freight, sea freight, transportation, project cargo, warehousing, logistics solutions and customs clearance services. The goodwill we've gained in the market and industry are the result of sustained efforts over the years to exceed our clients' expectations.

We're also quick to acknowledge that none of this would have been possible without the help of our trustworthy team. Every one of our employees is well-versed with industry practices and brings their own mix of experience and creativity to the table. Designing solutions to suit the individual and varied requirements of our clients at a competitive price is what our team does best.

In our constant endeavour to better ourselves, we align with the latest technology and trends and go the extra mile with quarterly performance checks on all our departments."

"We are here for any logistics needs and any freight forwarding enquiries!"





# TRANSPORTATION OF 248MT DESALTER VESSELS BY EXPRESS GLOBAL LOGISTICS

Members in India, Express Global Logistics (EXG) recently performed the transportation of two desalter vessels from Gujarat to Rajasthan. Each desalter vessel weighs 248mt and has dimensions of 33.65 x 4.60 x 4.85m.

A desalter is processing equipment and a major component of a refinery used to remove salt and other impurities from crude oil. They were loaded at an industrial process and project engineering company in Gandhidham (Gujarat) and delivered to a petroleum refinery in Barmer (Rajasthan), covering a distance of 630km.

A combination of EXG's experienced operations team and engineers helped to successfully execute the job. At the end of the transportation, a challenge was faced before approaching the site as there were insufficient turning radiuses on the curved roads for the cargo to navigate through safely. So EXG promptly arranged for civil work to be done and built a temporary approach road to overcome the problem allowing the cargo to reach its destination on time. The seamless movement of this valuable cargo was ensured by the thorough due diligence including detailed route surveys conducted by the EXG engineering team prior to executing any project.

