



NEW MEMBER IN EGYPT

At the end of last month, we had the pleasure to welcome TRANS MISR SHIPPING, CLEARING & TRADING S.A.E. as the TPF Member in Egypt.

TRANSMISR started as local Custom Clearance Agent in 1977, with Mr. Hosni El-Antably as own-entrepreneurship business. By 1980 it was already firmly established in the market and since then new services have been introduced in inland, freight forwarding, and shipping to fulfill their customer's needs of logistics.

Today, TRANS MISR offers its customers full logistics services, multimodal transport and shipping and chartering services through its well-trained staff.

The company controls regular sea traffic (Sea Import & Sea Export) of both FCL and from and to all Egyptian ports as well as all kind of air shipments direct, transshipment and Consolidation Cargo to from Alexandria and Cairo Airports. TRANS MISR even offers aircraft chartering for its dedicated customers.

TRANS MISR specializes in the transport of products which need special handling, agriculture products and dangerous goods. They handle a regular traffic of ISO TANKS for several multinational and local companies specialized in liquid bulk cargo, foods, chemical and oil products, hazardous materials, etc. They also provide a wide range services for flexi tanks as alternative and cost effective solution for barrels and drums use. And their IATA certified and skilled staff has experience in handling Project Cargo, Plants transfers, oversize cargo, dangerous cargo and any other cargo that may need special handling.



Mr. Ahmed El-Antably
Managing Director
TRANS MISR (Egypt)



TRANSMISR offers a variety of warehouse related services, from the handling of any specific retail shipping requirements to inventory management or packaging correction. Currently developing a new warehouse and distribution center, they will soon be able to provide both bonded and non-bonded services and cold chain management in their several multipurpose built facilities.

The firm is focused on Quality Management as a key to success. Consequently, all the staff is aware of their responsibility towards quality in their work. This enables the Quality Management

System developed in the company to be effectively implemented.

Trans Misr is registered with the "General Petroleum Authority" and is a member of the following organizations: **ACS** (Alexandria Chamber of Shipping), **BIMCO** (The Baltic and International Maritime Council), **EIFFA** (Egyptian International Freight Forwarders' Association), **FIATA** and **IATA**.

From November 2002, Trans Misr is an ISO 9001:2000 certified company, BVQI/UKAS certification. Trans Misr provides the transportation services in accordance with international rules and its standard trading conditions.





CONGESTION & FLOODS IN INDIA

Mr. Nakul Tanna, from LINKS, our member in India, reports on the congestion in Chennai port, which is struggling to meet container traffic.

With just two container terminals, one gate and limited infrastructure, Chennai Port Trust (ChPT) is finding trouble to cope with the 15 to 20 % annual growth in container volume in the harbour.

Mr. Tanna explains that the inventory of export and import containers at the terminals has shot up to 18,500, with excess capacity of 6,000 containers. He says that since September, vessels are forced to wait in the outer anchorage for 36 to 48 hours, whereas some months ago, berthing was available on arrival. As a result, exim trade has suffered much in the last two months due the difficulties in dealing with the containers on time.

Apparently, exporters used to bring in their containers two days before the arrival of vessels. But today, they are not able to do so as the vehicles are stranded on the road. Even, if they reach the port, they do not have adequate place to park their containers as import containers are still waiting to be cleared.

On top of it, importers are asked to pay congestion surcharges.



The situation would have turned worse, but for the opening of gate 2A and the port authorities have been forced to look at other ports to fulfill their obligations, as some of the shipping lines have started to do. Some other alternative solutions are being considered to deal with a volume of traffic that has grown manifold in the last 10 years while the number of gates has decreased.

Mr. Tanna, also provided this photograph of the situation at ICD Patparganj (ICD Delhi) heavy rains in Delhi City earlier this month.

TPF BRICS MEETING

Following the decision made by the membership at this year GAM in Vietnam, the TPF BRICS committee met this month for the first time. Brazil was represented by Mr. Carlos Ciccini, India by Mr. Shashi Tanna, China by Ms. Connie Kay, South Africa by Mr. Sugie Govender and TPF by Ms. Begonia Arsuaga. During their conference call they agreed on the procedures to follow in order to increase cooperation between their countries and develop business within the frame of TPF.

In Mr. Govender's words, this is to be achieved by sharing information of business opportunities between BRICS countries, committing to speedy response on enquiries, committing to reduced rates to promote trade and keeping regular contact between members to stay focused on the group's targets.

The purpose of this initiative is to foster a close relationship between BRICS members and thereafter sharing their experiences with other members.

TPF Members will be receiving the meeting minutes shortly.





RECORD IN SPAIN

Mr. Marco Garcia, from TRACOSA, TPF member in Spain, reports that container exports have hit record high in Barcelona.

Between the months of January and August the port of Barcelona handled 1.4 million TEUs, a 13% increase on the same period of the previous year. The container exports rise is especially pronounced, growing by 19% during the first eight months of the year. In August the port recorded an all-time container exports high, handling almost 50,000 TEUs - the highest figure ever recorded in a single month.



SECURITY IN GREECE

Mr. Nikos Arvanitis, from VISTA MARITIME, our member in Greece, informs that Piraeus container terminals (PCT) improved security systems according to IMO / ISPS CODE standards and were certified accordingly.

Within the framework of full implementation of the Code, PCT, through significant investments in the provision of continuous improved port services, is aiming to become integrated among the safest container terminals in European ports.

Following consultation with the International Maritime Union (IMU) and the PPA and taking into account the cost of implementing and operating ISPS systems, adverse economic conditions in domestic and global market and the pressure from IMU representatives for the minimal charge on port users, the PCT established a relevant fee which is set at euro 9.80 per full container as from September 15, 2011.



REPORT ON LIBYA

Mr. Moez Hedhiri, from EUROTRANS, TPF Member in Tunisia, Libya and Algeria, reports that all cargo for Libya has been moving via Tunisia. Then, Libyans go to Tunisia to get it with their own trucks. This means, EUROTRANS has been managing all that traffic added to the usual Tunisian traffic they deal with. Apart from that, they just suffered some delays due to congestion. EUROTRANS Tunisia has also been working at getting its own warehouse ready in the very heart of Rades Port with a view to further business development.

Mr. Hedhiri also mentions that banks in Tunisia are also facing an unusual situation, with about one million people arriving in Tunisia from Libya and moving a lot of money.

In all, a rather complicated situation for a new democratic country as Tunisia. However, other than that and the delays mentioned earlier, life is business as usual and even tourists are back.



CHANGES IN CHINA

WLG, our member in China and Hong Kong, reports that Ms. Connie Kay is no longer in the company. They ask the rest of the members to update their records as follows:

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