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Dear Clients, Partners and Friends,
we are pleased to update you on the current situation in Iraq as follows:

1. Latest News

► EIA and ISU opened for operation again
Erbil and Sulaymaniyah Airports have been opened again after being closed between Monday and Wednesday due to military operations of the Russian air force.

► Kirkuk-Baghdad Highway opened for cargo movements again
Kirkuk-Baghdad Highway was blocked since 14th of Nov due to local clashes. Since a few days, the Highway is open for cargo movements again.

► Ziyarah Arbainiyah and related road blockages
On 3rd of December is Arbainiyah day. For the period between 30th of Nov and 05th of Dec local road blockages for central and southern Iraq have been announced. Small Trucks

and Trailers will not be allowed to pass the region between Baghdad, Kerbala and Basrah. They will be stopped at local checkpoints and will need to wait until roads are open again.

2. Security Situation

There are no major changes on the security situation. Anbar, Salah-al-din and Diyala are still the most risky provinces. The number of attacks is decreasing. As per now and after intensive security checks – sending shipments to Airports and Seaports is still possible.

3. Border situation

Turkish / Iraqi border
The number of clashes between the Turkish army and PKK has decreased. However, local military operations are ongoing in some areas. The security situation is becoming better.

Since a few weeks, the border is permanently open. The current waiting time ex Turkey towards Iraq and ex Iraq towards Turkey is 5-6 days. Due to operations on the route towards the border, trucks sometimes need to wait at several checkpoints which causes delays of additional 1-2 days.

Jordanian/Iraqi border

No improvement or development on the security situation registered locally. Therefore, we still do not offer transports crossing this route until further notice.

4. Airfreight

Erbil & Sulaymaniyah Airport

Currently operations are running smoothly. Regular passenger and cargo flights are available. Please check the possibilities as per your



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requirements with us case by case.

Baghdad International Airport (BIAP) and Basrah Airport

BIAP and Basrah Airport are working normally. Regular passenger and cargo flights are available. Please check the possibilities as per your requirements with us case by case.

Basrah Airport

Basrah Airport is working normally. Regular passenger flights are available. Cargo flights are possible on request only. Please check the possibilities as per your requirements with us case by case.

5. Umm Qassr / Khor Al Zubair ports

The security measures at both ports are tight. The ports are considered as safe. Generally the operation is running smoothly.

6. Mersin / Iskenderun seaport

Port operations are running smoothly as usual. The number of available trucks has reached the normal level again. Local clashes and operations on the road between both ports and Turkish-iraqi border might cause additional delays.

7. Overland Transport

Cargo movements towards

Iraq via southeast Europe as well as via Trieste-Mersin Ferry are running well. Obstacles or delays are only registered near the Turkish-Iraqi border.

8. Important Notes:

New Umm Qassr Port Tariff
There is an updated Umm Qassr port tariff available. We can provide copies to our clients at any time.

Thank you for your attention.
Yours sincerely,
M.G. International Transports GmbH

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