

NEWSLETTER WK 6 (02.Feb.2004 )

UPDATE ON SITUATION IN IRAQ

Further to our last newsletter, following is an update of the situation in Iraq.

BARWIL IRAQ:

During week 5 there was limited industrial action at most Iraqi ports by workers with disputes. This action affected berthing and unberthing of many vessels at Umm Qasr. Parts of the port were not operational during this period but this did not affect Basrah Oil Terminal activity. We understand this is being resolved and the port will be back to normal operations within a short period of time. The number of vessels calling Umm Qasr continues to increase on a daily basis and this has caused some berthing delays at the port of Umm Qasr. Owners and charterers are again strongly advised that all payment issues for Port Dues, Stevedoring and Port Handling Charges are settled before vessels arrive at Umm Qasr. Vessels are experiencing unnecessary berthing delays as a result of these issues not being settled.

PORT OF UMM QASR, COMMERCIAL USE:

We have received a number of enquiries for scrap export from Iraq and can advise as follows - CPA had issued an order banning the export of scrap from Iraq on January 16, 2004. However, limited export of scrap is allowed with the correct documentation from the relevant ministry. Therefore all enquiries should be accompanied by the relevant / correct documentation. For additional enquiries on rates, please contact us.

CUSTOMS / IMMIGRATION:

Documentation as per the port tariff still required for all goods coming into Iraq for clearance of cargoes at Umm Qasr.

BASRAH OIL TERMINAL

The volume of exports at Basrah Oil Terminal increased during January.

However, severe weather conditions affected berthing and unberthing operations and caused delays. In addition the average flow rates have been reduced in the past few weeks thus affecting loading time of vessels. The average waiting time at the terminal during January was approx. 3/ 4 days per vessel and more towards the end of January. South Oil Company has indicated an intention to open Khor Al Amaya Terminal in southern Iraqi waters in April 2004. This terminal has a capacity of 200,000 / 300,000 -bpd for export. The terminal will be restricted to Suezmax size vessels initially. This is to ease the demand on Basrah Oil Terminal and increase overall exports of Iraq as northern pipelines are still out of commission.

KHOR AL ZUBEIR

Fuel oil loading at KAZ is ongoing although not without problems. The authorities still struggle to give specific vessel line ups and this has caused some confusion as vessels race to occupy berthing

space. We are working with the authorities to try and resolve some of these issues.

Dredging work continues around the terminal and dry cargo port.

VESSEL LINE UP AT UMM QASR PORT

<b>Name</b>	<b>Arr</b>	<b>Dep</b>	<b>Type</b>
Jabal Ali 2 v.142	1-Jan	2-Jan	Ro-Ro
Pishtaz	1-Jan	3-Jan	Containers
Merdif 2 v.018	2-Jan	3-Jan	Ro-Ro
Jabal Ali 3	3-Jan	4-Jan	Ro-Ro
Hartland Point	4-Jan	5-Jan	Military Ro-Ro
Yi Hai	5-Jan	20-Jan	Wheat
Faye v.3	5-Jan	6-Jan	Ro-Ro
Jabal Ali 1	6-Jan	7-Jan	Ro-Ro
Mina Qaboos	7-Jan	10-Jan	Containers
Hartland Point	8-Jan	9-Jan	Military Ro-Ro
Jabal Ali 2	9-Jan	9-Jan	Ro-Ro
Merdif 2	9-Jan	10-Jan	Ro-Ro
Ghazee	10-Jan	14-Jan	Containers
Two Rivers	10-Jan	16-Jan	Containers
Jabal Ali 3	10-Jan	11-Jan	Ro-Ro
Traviata	12-Jan	13-Jan	Vehicles
Scanfinlandia	12-Jan	12-Jan	Military Ro-Ro
Jabal Ali 4	12-Jan	15-Jan	Ro-Ro
Faye v.3	12-Jan	14-Jan	Ro-Ro
Jabal Ali 1	14-Jan	15-Jan	Ro-Ro
Gemini J	14-Jan	21-Jan	Containers
Merdif 1	14-Jan	16-Jan	Ro-Ro
Jabal Ali 2	16-Jan	17-Jan	Ro-Ro
Explorer 1	16-Jan	19-Jan	Containers
Merdif 2	17-Jan	18-Jan	Ro-Ro

Jabal Ali 3	18-Jan	19-Jan	Ro-Ro
Anvil Point	19-Jan	20-Jan	Ro-Ro
Faye	20-Jan	20-Jan	Ro-Ro
Man Hai	20-Jan		Bulk Wheat
Manila Bay	21-Jan	26-Jan	Containers
Rose	21-Jan	22-Jan	Ro-Ro
Ever Progress	22-Jan		Bagged Sugar
Jabal Ali 2	22-Jan	23-Jan	Ro-Ro
Merdif 2	24-Jan	26-Jan	Ro-Ro
Jabal Ali 3	24-Jan	26-Jan	Ro-Ro
Industrial Chall	25-Jan		Project Cargo
Anvil Point	26-Jan	27-Jan	Military Ro-Ro
Xenia	26-Jan		Gen Cargo
Sima Tara v.69	27-Jan		Containers
Jabal Ali 4	27-Jan		Gen Cargo
Adjan City	27-Jan	29-Jan	Ro-Ro
Colibri	27-Jan	28-Jan	Military Ro-Ro
Jabal Ali 2	29-Jan	29-Jan	Ro-Ro
Mina Qaboos	TBA		Containers
Ghazee	TBA		Containers
Amir Kabir	ETA TBA		Pipe
Explorer 1	ETA TBA		Containers
Gemini J	ETA TBA		Containers
San Lorenzo	ETA TBA		Containers
Han Hai	ETA TBA		Bulk Wheat

The above vessels called Umm Qasr during January indicating the busiest month to-date.

#### GRAIN SILO

The grain silo is likely to experience a very busy February with the first two weeks already looking extremely busy and vessels likely to be waiting at anchorage for some time before berth availability. The authorities are trying to resolve this situation by looking into alternative possibilities for berthing of vessels.

#### GENERAL SITUATION

Security problem continues for all personnel operating in Iraq including private contractors as well.

Kind Regards

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