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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR **CARGO CONNECTIONS**

**TWO  
NEW MEMBERS  
THIS ISSUE**

**US TRANSWORLD  
LOGISTICS:  
INDIA**

**RAPID KATE  
SERVICES:  
KENYA**

## 2021 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD IN CROATIA

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**CARGO**  
Connections

The CC Head Office has kept in regular touch with our Members since the global pandemic started and we have been hugely impressed with the resilience of the companies that make up our fantastic network and how you are all coping incredibly well under the new pressures. The support you have given each other is tremendous and I have no doubt that the CC family will emerge more resilient than ever before.



To assist our Members, we have invested in a bespoke **Virtual 1-2-1 Booking System** and are encouraging our Members to take part in our Virtual 1-2-1 Meeting Week, which will take place from 10-14 August 2020. See page 3 for details.

As we publish this newsletter, we are delighted to have over 60 participants from over 30 countries booked on. A key feature is being able to make notes against each meeting as well as one-to-one messaging so that you can engage with each other before, during and after the Virtual 1-2-1 Meeting Week. Please note that participation and access to the booking system is provided free of charge.

In our current virtual world, office small talk and connections with our colleagues is more difficult. Our relations with each other now we are remote is much harder to maintain and new ways of engagement will need to be made as this new way of working will be here for a while yet. It's also important to acknowledge and encourage each other and to say thank you more, as it is hard for all of us right now.

We know that waiting until the pandemic is over is not an option. We must improve our remote working skills and challenge ourselves to engage in different ways, ask for help when it is needed and to build viable futures across the computer screen as best we can.

Kind regards and stay safe,

RACHEL CRAWFORD  
President/C.E.O.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT/C.E.O.

### CARGO CONNECTIONS

Cargo Connections (CC) is an ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certified organisation established in 2014 with the aim of becoming a leading international network of freight forwarders. Our Members offer clients the personal local service and flexibility that only privately-owned forwarders can, whilst benefiting from being part of a strong, established network. Our membership is growing steadily and currently comprises of 118 companies in 59 countries.

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# VIRTUAL 1-2-1 BOOKING SYSTEM

The Virtual 1-2-1 Booking System was officially opened on 1 July 2020 where you can now view your schedule, make periods of time unavailable, book or cancel meetings, make notes and message each other.

We hope you have registered and please visit the web site or email Rachel for further instructions.

We hope that you will find this new membership benefit useful and although we won't be able to shake hands and hug, we can still talk and connect in order to grow business.

**We are aware that communication and connections are vital, and we have very much enjoyed 'seeing' everyone during our regular virtual get-togethers. At the moment, we are living in a very different world and we don't yet know what the future holds with regards to the gathering of large groups.**

We want to ensure that Cargo Connections continues to evolve and provide you with a strong networking platform so that you are in the best position possible when the outbreak dissipates. Indeed, belonging to organisations like Cargo Connections could be essential to the survival of many independent forwarders over the coming years.

We are aware of the importance of the 1-2-1 meetings during our Annual Assemblies, where Members are able to discuss existing and potential new business.

Therefore, we have invested in a Virtual 1-2-1 Booking System and are encouraging our Members to take part in our Virtual 1-2-1 Meeting Week, which will take place from 10-14 August 2020.



## CARGO CONNECTIONS MEMBERS HOLD FIRST VIRTUAL GATHERING

**We held our first Zoom meeting on 21st April 2020!**

The Cargo Connections Head Office staff were joined by:

- Brian Mafarachisi, Customs Services, Zimbabwe
- Delphine Atlantide, Atlantide Logistics, France
- Francoise Lok, Afriglobal Logistics, Nigeria
- Luiza Celik, Solibra Logistics, Turkey
- Mahesh Neelakantan, V-Care Logistics, India
- Martin Zeller, ALLSTA, Germany
- Santiago Fernández, Milestone Logistics, Spain
- Toler Wolfe-Coote, Fox Mallard Freight, South Africa
- Tom Thornton, Wells Cargo Logistics, Ireland
- Wilfred Menzes, Athena Global Logistics, India

Many important and relevant subjects were discussed and we agreed that a 2nd meeting would be useful (see page 6).

Remember, we recently issued an eZine: Coronavirus Special, which covers tips for working from home, mental health and exercise. Please feel free to issue via email to all your staff.

Again, we are thinking of our global family, please take good care of yourselves.

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## UNI-HOME HANDLE AIR CHARTER SHIPMENT OF MASKS

**Chinese members, Shenzhen Uni-Home International Logistics are pleased to report an air charter shipment of masks they have recently successfully completed.**

The masks were transported from China to Iran as follows:

- Loading Airport: SZX - China
- Destination Airport : IKA - Iran
- Aircraft Type: Boeing 747
- Airline Company: Qeshm Fars Air
- Cargo: Masks

See the photos above of the project and visit the online story for a short video.

[www.cn-unihome.com](http://www.cn-unihome.com)



# 2021 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD IN CROATIA

Due to the global pandemic caused by COVID-19, we have taken the decision to cancel our meeting due to be held in Phuket in November.

We will be holding our next gathering from **20-22 October 2021** in Croatia.

The venue is the Hotel Croatia Cavtat, a leading five-star resort and conference centre enjoying spectacular views of the open sea and just 5km from Dubrovnik airport.

**Full details of the event are on the web site.**

To date, we have 68 CEOs and Senior Managers from 34 countries due to attend (see updated list on the web site) and we will automatically move these bookings over to our event in Croatia. We will contact each delegate directly with instructions on how to book your guest room at Hotel Croatia Cavtat.

**We can also now accept new registrations for the event, please book your place online.**

Although the change of dates and location may cause some inconvenience, this is a Force Majeure situation and we want to provide Members with a clear and safe way forward in what is a challenging time.

As always, the health and safety of our Members is of upmost importance and we hope that we have your support and understanding.

If you have any questions, please email Rachel.

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Mavji Velani continues: "The

Rapid Kate Services Group is a market leader in the field of freight forwarding and customs clearance services, covering all major airports and ports in Kenya. Our comprehensive suite of services can be tailored to specific requirements within the supply chain. In today's fast moving environment, customer requirements for international logistics have become increasingly advanced and diversified and Rapid Kate Services has

achieved an excellent track record in structuring and implementing modern logistics related systems."

"We care and are committed to providing all required services under one roof through a combination of experience, hands-on management and a focus on customer service."

A warm welcome to Rapid Kate Services from the CC Head Office!

# A WARM WELCOME TO RAPID KATE SERVICES IN KENYA!

We are pleased to approve Rapid Kate Services Ltd as new members in Kenya! With offices in Nairobi and Mombasa, the company are 35 years old, established in 1985. CEO, Mavji Velani says they are joining Cargo Connections: "...for the availability of reliable and efficient overseas agents around the world and to mutually boost business."



# CARGO CONNECTIONS HOLDS 2nd ZOOM GATHERING!

On the 5th May 2020 we held our 2nd Zoom gathering and the Cargo Connections Head Office staff were joined by:



- Bob Schott, AIRSCHOTT / SEASCHOTT, USA
- Francoise Lok, Afriglobal Logistics, Nigeria
- Hasaan Maniar, JAC Logistics, Pakistan
- Jeyasuresh Sundaram, Aura Freight Time Shipping, UAE
- Linda Pitto, BASE S.P.A, Italy
- Luis Arguello, Soulistic Group, Mexico
- Luiza Celik, Solibra Lojistik, Turkey
- Mayuri Gupta, Athena Global Logistics, India
- Ozgur Deniz, Mark Global Lojistik, Turkey
- Peter Sequeira, Tri-Alliance Freight Services, Canada
- Santiago Fernandez, Milestone Logistics, Spain
- Siddharth Dave, FreightBridge Logistics, India

Discussions included updates from the different countries, cash flow, credit terms, communication with customers, local customs issues, online systems including Cargowise, preparations for post-pandemic operations, and more.

Some comments from participants included:

- "During the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to stay connected to our partners around the world so many thanks to Cargo Connections! It was great to meet you all and see you for the next gathering! We are a team!" - Luiza Celik, Solibra Lojistik, Turkey.
- "At this time of forced social isolation, holding these Zoom gatherings is a brilliant idea. It is good to know and share current business and personal

sentiments." - Peter Sequeira, Tri-Alliance Freight Services, Canada.

- "We are the #CoronaTeam!" - Santiago Fernandez, Milestone Logistics, Spain

More virtual gatherings were scheduled after this. Details of the 4th one are on page 12.

Please also find some related links below which we hope you find useful:

- Global Interviews Taken During COVID-19 Pandemic
- Coronavirus (COVID 19): List of Helpful Online Resources
- Coronavirus Special eZine



## CARGO CONNECTIONS RESPONDS TO GLOBAL PANDEMIC

On 11 March 2020, the World Health Organisation declared the new coronavirus outbreak as a pandemic. Since then, the virus, officially named COVID-19, has spread rapidly around the world reaching more than 180 countries.

The pandemic has sent billions of people into lockdown and is affecting everyone both professionally and personally. As a global family, Cargo Connections wanted to obtain feedback from our Members. The results are now collated in an Official Report in order to have a permanent record to reflect upon of this historic event.

We have also put in place a number of features to help our Members navigate their way through the crisis, including:

- Coronavirus (COVID 19): List of Helpful Online Resources
- Coronavirus Special eZine

Cargo Connections has also held regular Zoom meetings to ensure our members continue to feel connected while isolated - visit the web site to read more.

President & CEO, Rachel Crawford says: "We are aware that communication and connections are vital, and we have very much enjoyed 'seeing' everyone during our regular virtual get-togethers. At the moment, we are living

in a very different world and we don't yet know what the future holds with regards to the gathering of large groups. We want to ensure that Cargo Connections continues to evolve and strengthen our global networking platform so that our Members are in the best position possible when the outbreak dissipates. Indeed, belonging to organisations like Cargo Connections could be essential to the survival of many independent companies over the coming years. We are aware of the importance of the 1-2-1 meetings at our Annual Summits, where Members are able to discuss existing and potential new business. Sadly, we are unable to hold a physical meeting this year so we are developing an online 1-2-1 Meeting App and will be encouraging our Members to take part in a 'Virtual 1-2-1 Meeting Week', set to take place in August."

Recruitment Director & News Desk Editor, Sam Wilcox added: "Since the outbreak, we have noted an increase in sign-ups for our eLearning platform which contains a 6 module online 'Heavy Transport' course. With much of the world currently working from home, they have taken advantage of their time as each user receives a personal log-in so they can train at their own pace with no deadlines. Upon completion, an e-Certificate is sent via email which can be downloaded, shared and printed immediately so that the user can verify their training to clients and officials quickly and easily."





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# FUNDRAISING

THE CARGO CONNECTIONS FUNDRAISING FOUNDATION HAS RAISED OVER **\$10,000** FOR THE FOLLOWING CHARITIES AND PROJECTS.

## 2019: GLOBAL FOOTPRINT NETWORK

We are pleased to be supporting the work of Global Footprint Network, an international research organization that envisions a future where all can thrive within the means of our one planet.

It's widely used Ecological Footprint accounts continue to be the only metric that compares overall human demand on nature with what our planet can renew. The distilled results: humanity is using over 1.7 Earths. In 2018, its "Earth Overshoot Day", the day each year when humanity has used more from Earth than the planet can renew in the entire year, fell on August 1.

[www.overshootday.org](http://www.overshootday.org). Their campaign generated over 3 billion media impressions in over 100 countries, and was present on over 2800 websites.

See [www.footprintnetwork.org](http://www.footprintnetwork.org)

## PREVIOUS YEARS

### 2018: LEAGUE OF DIATHLETES

**£1000**

The League of DiAthletes hosts "T1D Heroes" currently based across Australia, Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Ghana, Kuwait, Pakistan, Uganda, the UK and USA; who unite together developing grassroots type 1 diabetes educational workshops and activities.

### 2018: KLOKÁNEK HOUSE, PRAGUE

**£1000**

A converted former agricultural training centre, now 13 flats for 48 children, Klokánek (Kangaroo House) is a project of the Fund for Endangered Children. Offering temporary family care until the child can safely return home or enter permanent adoption.

### 2017: 2 SMALL BUSINESS PROJECTS, INDIA

**£800**

As well as helping hundreds of individuals living in poverty (mostly children) to access insulin and medical care, The Dream Trust also helps provide funding for small business start-ups so that their patients can become self-reliant and gain pride and dignity.

### 2016: RACHEL ABSEILS FOR INSULIN!

**£4000**

The Dream Trust provides life-saving insulin to poor children. It costs GB £200 to pay for the insulin that keeps a child alive for 1 year and Rachel, Jane and Tania are delighted to have already raised enough funds to fund 20 children.

### 2015: SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE BAMBOUS

**£1500**

SOS Children's Villages Mauritius is a leading child care Non- Governmental Organisation providing long-term care to needy children. Helping children who have lost parental care, who are at risk of abandonment or whose basic rights are not being fulfilled.



# UNI-HOME SUCCESSFULLY HANDLE HELICOPTER SHIPMENT

Chinese members, Uni-Home Intl Logistics have recently handled a helicopter to Malaysia as pictured.



Zhang, handled every detail patiently, conscientiously and responsibly, resulting in a fully satisfied customer."

The customer gave the following feedback on Uni-Home; "You have been very patient and worked very hard. It is not always a matter of price, but a matter of attitude."

Cherry concludes; "This is the first time for us to transport a helicopter and our team have collected good experience through handling it."

[www.cn-unihome.com](http://www.cn-unihome.com)



## NEW eZINE: MANAGING FLEXIBLE WORK ARRANGEMENTS

We have prepared a new COVID-19 Special eZine for you called Managing Flexible Work Arrangements.

The COVID-19 pandemic has seen businesses implement flexible working practices including remote operations at a record rate in order to protect the workforce and provide business continuity. Although everyone is anxious for the pandemic to be over, there is much uncertainty and new guidelines and protocols will continue for some time to come. This leaves us with adjusting to a new way of life - will some staff continue working from home; will there be staggered shifts at the office, etc.

We hope this new eZine will provide some useful information and links for planning your ongoing strategies.

Further reading:

- Official Report: Global Interviews taken during COVID-19 Pandemic
- Coronavirus (COVID 19): List of Helpful Online Resources
- eZine: Coronavirus Special covers tips for working from home, mental health and exercise
- eZine: Managing Flexible Work Arrangements covers managing flexible work arrangements
- Our FREE Virtual 1-2-1 Meeting Week will take place from 10-14 August 2020

The very complicated cargo of the helicopter, with extremely high value, was first transported from Australia to Tianjin in China on a temporary import and sent to Shenzhen Airport for processing. Afterwards, it needed to be sent back to Tianjin Port and exported to Port Klang, Malaysia.

Uni-Home's scope of work included the fumigation in Shenzhen, loading onto the truck, transport from Shenzhen to Tianjin and export shipping from Tianjin to Port Klang.

Cherry Chow at Uni-Home comments; "It was not an easy job because the customer had very high requirements and specification for each service, such as fumigation, loading and packaging. In order to meet the customer's high service standards, our team and especially our Overseas Manager, Ms. Kelly



## SPARK GLOBAL LOGISTICS DELIVERS MINING EQUIPMENT

The latest project from Spark Global Logistics has involved the delivery of mining equipment from Continental Europe to the Pilbara in Australia.

The cargo consisted of heavy, awkward and time-sensitive equipment delivered to the Pilbara, a remote region of Western Australia, 2,500km from Perth.

Sebastian Laffont (Western Australia Projects & Sales Manager at Spark) explains: "Their were very few options to ship to Fremantle as breakbulk so RO/RO was the only viable option. The cargo had to first be crated and lashed to ensure that the main units were not exposed to saltwater or fine dust. After the long sea journey concluded, we handled the complex lifting on the Fremantle wharf from the MAFI trailers to the trucks, using combinations of reach stacker cranes and 20tn forklifts."

Government restrictions were in place whilst the cargo was on the long journey through the West Australian desert but full planning and preparations had taken place long before the cargo arrived to port. The smooth processes handled by Spark Global Logistics were acknowledged by the customer, one of the largest mining operations in the world, who rewarded them with their continued support.

Sebastian concludes: "Large multinational forwarders tendered for this cargo, but the customer appreciated and valued the proposal with the added values that Spark offered including timing, preparation, safety and transit times."

[www.sparkgl.com.au](http://www.sparkgl.com.au)

# RELIABLE DELIVERIES FROM US TRANSWORLD LOGISTICS IN INDIA

**We are pleased to announce US Transworld Logistics are new members in India! Located in Delhi, they offer end-to-end freight forwarding and logistics solutions.**

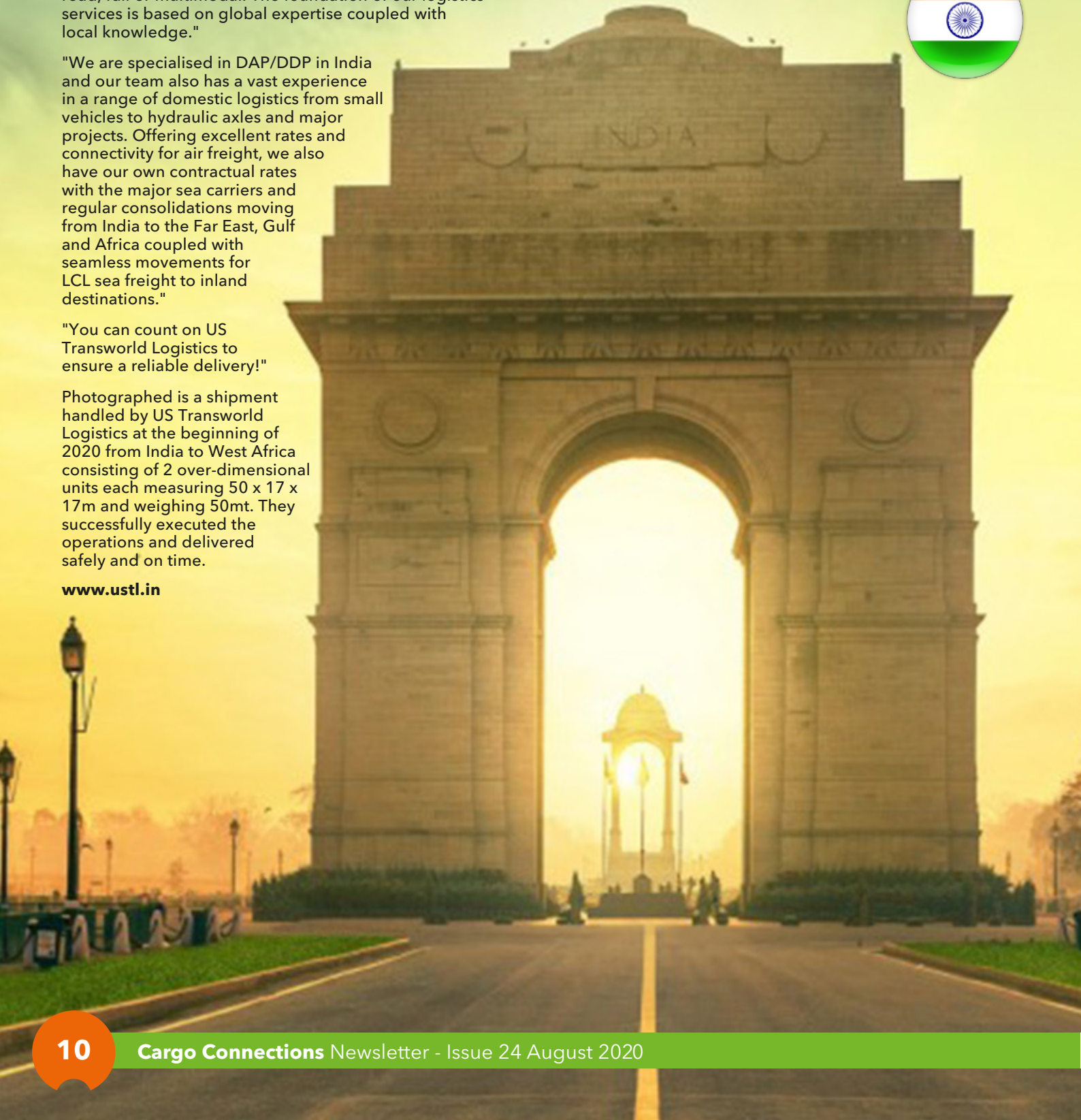
CEO, Mr. Uttam Singhal was recently interviewed for 'Insights Success' regarding logistics and supply chains in India. Uttam introduces the company as follows: "US Transworld Logistics is a complete freight forwarding company, providing integrated solutions for all logistics needs under one roof. We can handle any type of cargo despite the dimensions or weight, by any mode, air, sea, road, rail or multimodal. The foundation of our logistics services is based on global expertise coupled with local knowledge."

"We are specialised in DAP/DDP in India and our team also has a vast experience in a range of domestic logistics from small vehicles to hydraulic axles and major projects. Offering excellent rates and connectivity for air freight, we also have our own contractual rates with the major sea carriers and regular consolidations moving from India to the Far East, Gulf and Africa coupled with seamless movements for LCL sea freight to inland destinations."

"You can count on US Transworld Logistics to ensure a reliable delivery!"

Photographed is a shipment handled by US Transworld Logistics at the beginning of 2020 from India to West Africa consisting of 2 over-dimensional units each measuring 50 x 17 x 17m and weighing 50mt. They successfully executed the operations and delivered safely and on time.

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## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19): LIST OF HELPFUL ONLINE RESOURCES

**Firstly, we hope you and your loved ones are safe and well at this difficult time.**

Our Administration Manager, Wendy Schuller manages our Reference Library and thought it might be useful for Members if she created a new page focussing on helpful online resources regarding the Coronavirus outbreak. We thought it was an excellent idea and Wendy has spent the past few days compiling a list of website links which you may find useful:

### Coronavirus: List of Helpful Online Resources

- Information that has the potential to impact ship operations
- Articles from an informal network of maritime and transportation lawyers
- FIATA's resources related to the COVID-19 crisis
- COVID-19 News from BIFA
- Information on the specific areas concerning air cargo from IATA
- CIFA features a list of tools and resources to assist and inform during the COVID-19 crisis
- TIACA Statement on COVID-19 and useful links
- Innovation 'crucial' for forwarders managing Covid-19 challenges
- A live roundup of air cargo companies' efforts to meet the current challenges
- Media Releases from CBAFF regarding the COVID-19 situation
- Information from WHO on the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) Pandemic
- Coronavirus Effect On Supply Chains from JOC
- Breakbulk share important industry information
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- The COVID-19 outbreak & UNESCO's mission
- Documents and publications from Africa CDC
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- Coronavirus Updates from Road Haulage Association
- The Effects of Coronavirus on International Shipping
- Loss Prevention Measures for Cargo Storage and Transportation
- Drewry's Market Opinion: Multipurpose & Heavylift Shipping to Stagnate on Coronavirus Impacts
- Is your business Secured...Insured? by Prudence

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# 2 GUEST SPEAKERS AT OUR 4th ZOOM MEETING!



**We have held Zoom meetings since the beginning of April, initially so we could see other people apart from our families! Discussions then progressed to updates on each country's situation, cargo being stranded, transit disruption, controls and restrictions, extending credit and cash flow.**

Despite the challenges, it is always great to hear that Cargo Connections Members are operating and coping incredibly well under the new pressures.

During our 4th Zoom meeting held on 9th June 2020, we were joined by 2 Guest Speakers:

- Julian Kurz of CMA CGM discussed BBK on container vessels and how they have observed the COVID-19 situation and challenges.

- Keith Plummer and Martin Lee of CargoWise updated Members on their experience over the last few months and how technology has played a role.

We appreciate that with so many different time zones, we were unable to allocate a time for our meeting that suited everyone. Therefore, we recorded the meeting so that you can listen to the discussions and hear from CMA CGM and CargoWise. It is available to download in the Head Office Notices in the Members Area of our website.

As you may know, we have developed our own inhouse Virtual 1-2-1 Booking System and are encouraging Members to take part in our Virtual 1-2-1 Meeting Week, which will take place from 10-14 August 2020. To participate, you need a computer or laptop with webcam and microphone function, a reliable internet connection and a Skype account.

Using our new Virtual 1-2-1 Booking System, you will be able to book 30-minute meetings with fellow Members that you particularly want to talk with. Registration was open until 1 July 2020, so we hope you booked and are joining us.

Further reading:

- Official Report: Global Interviews taken during COVID-19
- Coronavirus (COVID 19): List of Helpful Online Resources
- eZine - Special Issue: Covers tips for working from home, mental health and exercise



## RECENT PROJECTS HANDLED BY UNI-HOME INTERNATIONAL

**Shenzhen Uni-Home International Logistics are busy handling their regular routes and are pleased to share some recent work.**

They transported a JCB excavator from Shanghai in China to Tashkent, Uzbekistan, handling the full international trucking with the transit border at Khorgos. Overseas Sales Manager, Cherry Chow explains: "We have been handling projects for this route for several years and therefore with our experience, it becomes quite an easy job. However, things have changed and it is very different to arrange the project in the COVID-19 period."

"Before the movement, transportation on this route was slow but running so we decided to proceed with moving the cargo. But when the cargo arrived at the Khorgos border, the pandemic had become severe in other countries whilst

the situation in China was almost under control and as new infections were mostly imported cases, China decided on a policy of closing the border and Kazakhstan drivers could not enter.

The cargo was stored in a warehouse under lockdown until restrictions were eased and drivers were allowed to enter. We faced many problems for this project that we had never experienced before but we were lucky that all involved parties were rational and understandable. Finally, the cargo has now safely arrived in Tashkent."

Uni-Home have also recently handled the transport of a complete injection moulding machine consisting of 2 x 40'FR and 3 x 20'FR from Ningbo in China to Bandar Abbas, Iran.

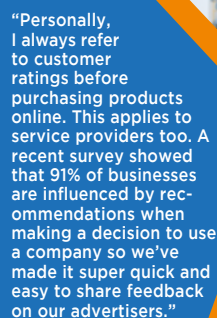
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Freightbook also recently launched v3.0 of their Smartphone Service at [m.freightbook.net](http://m.freightbook.net) where forwarders and suppliers to the freight industry can be found quickly on mobile devices.

CC Members are eligible for free registration. Contact [wendy@freightbook.net](mailto:wendy@freightbook.net) for details



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## LINKING TOGETHER INDEPENDENT FREIGHT FORWARDERS

## EXHIBITION COLLABORATIONS SECURED

Cargo Connections proudly collaborate with many of the world's top freight related exhibitions and events. Here are some of the collaborations we have secured. If you are interested in discussing a Media Partnership, please email us.

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Our next gathering will take place in Croatia from 20-22 October 2021 at Hotel Croatia Cavtat, a leading five-star resort and conference centre enjoying spectacular views of the open sea and just 5km from Dubrovnik airport.



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**"Croatia has become a popular destination thanks to the fact they shot several scenes of the famous TV series 'Game of Thrones' in the country. However, that is not the only reason people flock to this beautiful country, it is incredibly diverse filled with culture, history, nature and delicious food!"**

We have arranged a fantastic start to our event! We will meet at 14:00 on Wednesday 20 October for a relaxing boat trip across the bay to Dubrovnik Old Town, one of the world's finest and most perfectly preserved medieval cities in the world. We will be taken in groups of 25 by English speaking guides around the marble-paved squares and cobbled streets, all of which have also remained unchanged for centuries. We will then enjoy dinner together at the stunning Palm Terrace at Excelsior Hotel before returning to the hotel by coach at approximately 20:00.

Our official meeting will start on Thursday 21 October in the Congress Hall Ragusa and delegates will gain access to our exclusive Event Web App so that 20-minute business meetings can be arranged prior to arrival. After a productive day of 1-2-1 meetings, there will be time to rest before we meet at 19:30 for a dinner feast with an open bar at Restaurant Alverede. We have then arranged for us to relax with the exclusive use of the Posejdon Night Club. We have arranged an open bar and private DJ to help us dance off some of the calories.

Our official meeting will continue on Friday 22 October with more 1-2-1 meetings where delegates highlight their specialist areas, discuss cross trade, existing and new business as well as information regarding their country's regulations and requirements. These crucial meetings also provide an opportunity to share key import and export trade information.

For more information and to register visit:

[www.cargoconnections.net/event/next](http://www.cargoconnections.net/event/next)

## Wednesday 20 October 2021

14:00 – 18:00 Dubrovnik Old Town Tour

18:00 – 20:30 4 Course Dinner at Palm Terrace

## Thursday 21 October 2021

09:30 – 17:00 1-2-1 Meetings

19:30 – 23:30 Gala Dinner, Private DJ & Nightclub

## Friday 22 October 2021

09:30 – 17:00 1-2-1 Meetings

17:00 Meeting Ends





## HELPFUL TIPS FROM CARGOWISE TO NAVIGATE TODAY'S SUPPLY CHAINS



Our technology partner, CargoWise, is continuing to produce a series of helpful articles for members and freight forwarders globally.

Whether you're a CargoWise user or not, these articles will provide you with tips and insights on increasing productivity as a forwarder.

Check out these two-minute reads here (links attached to the online story):

- **How real-time information can transform your supply chain**
- **3 reasons you should streamline your customs and warehouse operations**
- **Why going paperless is critical to navigating supply chain disruption**

[www.cargowise.com](http://www.cargowise.com)



## UNI-HOME TRANSPORTS ANOTHER EXCAVATOR FROM CHINA TO UZBEKISTAN

Chinese members, Shenzhen Uni-Home International Logistics are pleased to report the transportation of another excavator from Shanghai to Tashkent.

Cherry Chow at Uni-Home explains: "This is the second excavator we have transported during the COVID-9 outbreak. Similar to the first unit we moved, due to the epidemic situation, there were few vehicles suitable for carrying the excavator and it was difficult for such trucks to enter Khorgos on the China side. The excavator waited for nearly 25 days at Khorgos but all parties remained calm and patient because we all knew that this unit would finally be moved out eventually."

- Place of Loading: Shanghai, China
- Transit Border: Khorgos
- Destination: Tashkent, Uzbekistan

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## COOPERATION BETWEEN 3 CARGO CONNECTIONS MEMBERS TO EFFICIENTLY HANDLE PROJECT SHIPMENT

Three Cargo Connections members recently worked together to smoothly handle a project shipment from the Czech Republic via Antwerp Port in Belgium to Mumbai Port, India.

FreightBridge Logistics in India asked Spark Global Logistics Belgium to organise the complete shipment from the loading facilities to Mumbai Port.

The loading onto the truck needed to be completed by crane and Spark asked for the assistance of ZOOM Cargo in the Czech Republic to arrange the loading crane and trucks for transportation from Litovel to Antwerp Port. The cargo was then shipped by Chipolbrok as breakbulk to Mumbai Port.

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- Case 4 - 462 x 281 x 296cm / 9,030kg
- Case 5 - 298 x 232 x 238cm / 4,985kg
- Case 6 - 278 x 96 x 255cm / 975kg
- Case 7 - 1458 x 287 x 317cm / 34,700kg

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## SOLIBRA LOGISTICS SHARE UPDATE ON STRAY ANIMAL DONATIONS IN TURKEY

Solibra Logistics (members in Turkey) are pleased to share an update on their donations to stray animals. Their kind contributions are now covering the whole of Turkey, not just Istanbul.



"COVID-19 has affected both people and animals alike around the world. As lockdown and physical distancing measures were enacted, more people are staying home while restaurants and most markets are closed - both are vital food sources for stray animals! The effect on stray animals is devastating as most are finding it increasingly difficult to find food.

The intake of animals abandoned at shelters is also increasing day by day, either with the mistaken belief that animals can pass on COVID-19, or that the virus has left owners unable to care for them.

### These challenging times call for urgent measures.

Just in Istanbul alone, a megacity of 15 million people, there are thought to be 130,000 dogs and 125,000 cats roaming free. These animals in all of Turkey's urban centers now get services from local governments including shelter, feeding, sterilization and medical checks by trained veterinarians.

We are now reaching through Turkey to help those stray animals, who are in need of feeding and care. Especially during the pandemic, where there have been many days of curfew and our small friends have had no help from people that regularly feed them. Lots of stray dogs are dependent on donations to survive."

"For many years now, Solibra donates an amount from each shipment to feed stray dogs and cats. Right now, each shipment raises USD \$2.50 to cover feeding expenses of those stray animals in need."

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