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ALE TRANSPORTS HEAVIEST CARGO IN CASPIAN REGION



ALE have successfully transported the heaviest load ever moved in the Caspian region, from Kazakhstan to Uzbekistan.

As their first project in the region, the global heavylifting specialist conducted the land transportation of a 280t gas turbine from Ersai yard in Kazakhstan to Tashkent Thermal Power Plant in Uzbekistan.

ALE, who recently opened a second branch in Atyrau, Kazakhstan, as part of their recent expansion in the Caspian region, were contracted to perform the transportation as part of the Tashkent Thermal Power Plant Upgrade project in Uzbekistan.

To comply with the ground load restrictions advised by the Kazakh and Uzbek Governments, ALE used a configuration of three files of 22 conventional trailers to transport the 280t gas turbine.

ALE travelled a distance of 2,200km through the Mangystau desert and onwards, along the length of Uzbekistan. Due to the critical nature of the transportation, ALE's on-site engineering and management support provided continued assistance to the client, including bridge crossings, route modifications, transportation approvals and liaising with the local authorities, to ensure the project schedule was met.

The dedicated transportation team utilised on-site accommodation arrangements in order to offer an around the clock transportation service to ensure the fastest possible delivery time.

Ali Yoldashov, Regional Operations Manager for the Caspian Region, said: "ALE's strong, steady growth and expanding global footprint are real consequences of our fast expansion in the Caspian area. We are delighted to see a new branch open in Atyrau and we will be strategically placed within the region to support the operational needs of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan.

"This is the first transportation job that ALE has performed in the region from Kazakhstan to Uzbekistan. We are proud of the hard work involved to complete this milestone transportation project safety and on schedule."

The transportation lasted from September – October 2014 and was completed in the most efficient manner, minimising any potential disruption to the local community and environment.

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Image 1: ALE transporting the 280t gas turbine through the deserts of Uzbekistan, between Zarafshan and Navoi.

NOTES TO EDITORS

Founded in 1983 by Roger Harries, ALE delivers a highly tailored, end-to-end service covering every aspect of the handling, transportation and installation of heavy, indivisible loads, including lifting, transporting, installing, ballasting, jacking and weighing.

ALE delivers strategic heavy-lift services to a wide range of sectors, including civil, oil and gas, energy, nuclear, offshore, renewables, petrochemical, ports, marine, minerals and metals and mining.

In 2008 it launched the AL.SK190, the world's largest land-based crane, which it developed specifically for the lifting and installation of ultra-heavy loads and which is capable of lifting a record-breaking 4,300te and can be relocated on site fully rigged.

In 2011 ALE launched its ground breaking innovation - the Mega Jack system- capable of lifting 60,000te to a height of 25m the Mega Jack was developed to meet increasing demand in the offshore industry.

In 2012 ALE announced the building of the next generation AL.SK350 - the latest world's largest capacity land based crane with a lifting capacity of 5000te.

In 2013 the Mega Jack performed the record breaking lift of the Arkutun Dagi topside in Korea, at 42,780t it is the heaviest load ever jacked.

In 2013 ALE announced its latest innovation to be offered to the heavylift market in the form of the Hydro Deck. With the ability to mitigate the challenges faced when loading-in or out in extreme tidal variations the Hydro Deck changes the way construction is done in these parts of the world.

In 2014 ALE announced its new 'innovation' series brand with the launch of the Mega Jack 800.

ALE is headquartered in the UK and has more than 30 offices across Europe, the Far East, Africa, America, South America, the Middle East and Australia. It is fully compliant with international standards of safety and excellence, including Quality standard ISO 9001:2008, Environmental standard ISO 14001:2004, and Health and Safety Standard OHSAS 18001:2007. ALE is also registered and qualified in the Achilles Norway and Link-up systems, and is a member of both the British Safety Council and the British Standards Institution.

Further information can be found on the ALE website at www.ale-heavylift.com