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ALE TRANSPORT LARGEST-EVER CARGO 600KM ACROSS IRAQ



ALE has transported two LPG storage tanks 600km from Umm Qasr Port to Badra Oil Field in Iraq - the largest cargo that has ever been transported this distance in Iraq.

The global heavylifting specialists were contracted by Samsung Engineering and Construction Limited (SECL) to transport two LPG storage tanks measuring 50m long and weighing 250t.

Preparation started in June 2012, where ALE conducted a route survey of the 660km itinerary which highlighted some challenging crossings, such as passing through 11 bridges and negotiating obstacles.

The transportation started in May, and upon receiving the tanks at Umm Qasr port, ALE transported these using three prime movers and 2 x 24 axle lines of conventional trailers. ALE used this long trailer configuration to enable the load to be spread whilst crossing the 11 bridges on route to Badra Oil Field.

ALE's Country Manager for Iraq, Alberto Pittaluga, said: "The successful execution of these deliveries over such a long distance is the consequence of the early engagement with the final destination. ALE matured a complete mastery of the routing and its constraints allowing the team to pre-plan and propose a technically driven solution which enabled the awarding of this project and the successful consignments. The team worked hard to navigate this challenging route, removing obstacles, constructing bypasses and engineering a trailer configuration to negotiate the multiple bridges."

"The client was pleased with the execution and an additional eight units have to be transported within October 2015."

The tanks arrived in June and the total transit time from port to site was 12 days.

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Image 1: ALE transporting the two tanks to Badra Oil Field.

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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.

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