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ALE COMPLETES ONE OF THE REGION'S BIGGEST PROJECTS IN ATYRAU



ALE has completed the cargo delivery in Atyrau, Kazakhstan, for one of the biggest projects in the Caspian and Central Asian region, the Atyrau Refinery Third Phase Expansion Project.

The first phase of the Refinery Expansion Project, the construction project for the Atyrau Refinery, was completed in 2006, the second in 2011 and ALE's Kazakhstan branch was contracted for the transportation scope of out of gauge and super out of gauge cargo for the third and final phase of the project in 2015.

The cargo arrived into Atyrau River Port in August 2015 on eight shallow draft barges within a three month period. ALE were responsible for transporting over 50 units of heavy and oversized cargo, ranging in dimensions of up to 35m long and 8.8m wide with weights of up to 315t.

To comply with road restriction ALE has used over 70 axles of conventional trailers and number of heavy tractor units. Once cargo was loaded onto the conventional trailers in the port, it was transported through the city suburbs to the refinery. Because of Atyrau's city traffic limits, ALE had to travel during the early hours of Sunday mornings with the support of road Police who arranged the closure of central city roads.

The final cargo was successfully delivered to the refinery in November. ALE also won the contract to supply a 750t capacity crawler crane to install nine heavy vessels over the five month period during the third phase expansion at the Atyrau Refinery.

Ali Yoldashov, ALE's General Manager of Kazakhstan, "This project is the biggest we have secured for the region, providing a comprehensive range of services and equipment. ALE's locally based engineering and management support provided continued assistance to the client during the FEED stage. By providing the road surveys, transport arrangements, route alterations, transportation approvals and liaising with the local authorities, we could provide the turnkey solution to ensure the project schedule was met.

"The successful completion of this milestone project marks a crucial and massive move forward for ALE after opening our first branch in Kazakhstan only last year. We look forward to what is in store for the region in 2016."

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