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## ALE CONCLUDE BADRA TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT IN IRAQ



ALE has completed the year-long operations for the Badra heavy transportation contract in Iraq.

The global heavy lifting specialists were contracted as part of the Badra Oil Field Development Project to receive and transport 44 heavy and Out of Gauge (OOG) items 600km to site. With weights up to 230t and dimensions up to 48m long, this is the largest cargo ever transported this distance in Iraq.

Preparation started in June 2013, where ALE conducted a route survey of the 660km itinerary which highlighted some challenging crossings, such as passing through 11 bridges, negotiating obstacles and minimising any disturbance to local communities.

The transportation started in February 2015, and upon receiving the tanks at Umm Qasr port, ALE transported the items in a phased convoy over the course of 11 months. ALE utilised a number of heavy duty prime movers and 78 axle lines of conventional trailers with a long trailer configuration for load spreading over the 11 bridges to Badra Oil Field. In addition, ALE wanted to minimise disturbance to several communities whilst travelling

through. In order to achieve this, ALE pre-arranged the appropriate route modifications and removed any obstacles in conjunction with the local community and authorities.

ALE's General Manager for Iraq, Alberto Pittaluga, said: "We have been working hard since the very early preparation stages in 2013 and it is fantastic to conclude this milestone project in 2016. I'm extremely proud of the team work and professional shown during the execution of the project, as well as overcoming many challenges throughout.

"The client's have praised our performance, particularly noting our succinct arrangements with the Iraqi authorities and were impressed with the teams' professional performance onsite. The successful completion and client feedback highlights our strengthening presence in Iraq as a reliable heavy transportation and lifting contractor applying our local expertise and global experience."

The project will be developed in two phases and ALE's installation scope is still on-going as part of the development of Badra oil field. Situated in Wasit governorate, 160km southeast of Baghdad city, the Badra oil field extends across the border with Iran. The field, holds some 150 million barrels of oil reserves and has a projected output of 170,000 barrels per day.

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**Image 1: ALE transporting a convoy of heavy and OOG items to Badra Oil Field.**

## **ABOUT ALE**

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.

ALE 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](http://www.ale-heavylift.com)