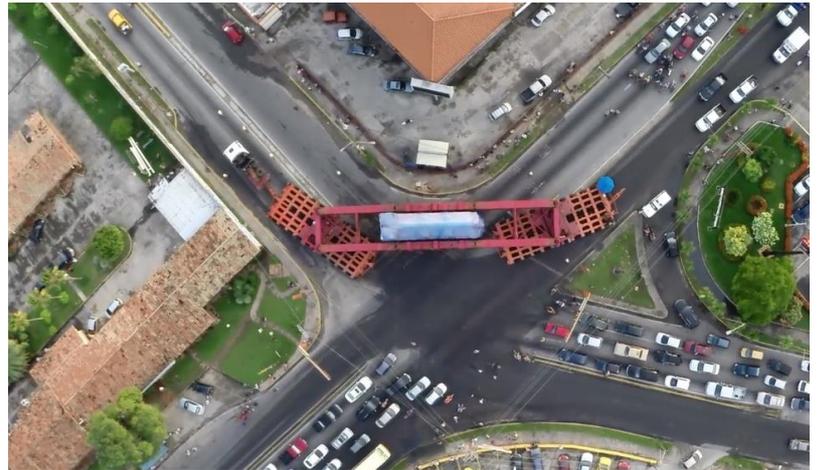


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**PRESS RELEASE**

**ALE WINS SC&RA HAULAGE AWARD FOR COMPLEX VENEZUELAN PROJECT**



ALE's landmark transportation project in Venezuela has won the Haulage Job of The Year Award, for loads over 500,000 lbs at the Specialized Carriers and Rigging Association (SC&RA) Awards 2018.

ALE secured the prize in the trucking greater than 500,000 lbs. net category for their transportation of six 22MW power plant engines, weighing a combined total of 1,891 US tonnes, from Italy to the Santa Ines Refinery Development in Barinas State, Venezuela. As the distance was so vast, covering almost 1,000 combined land and nautical river miles, the project was split into three phases over three years. ALE faced routing and logistics challenges that required complex engineering studies, co-ordination with different authorities, and significant preparations with an experienced team.

The SC&RA, an international trade association of more than 1,300 members from 46 nations, hosted their annual conference and awards in Boca Raton, Florida, in the USA.

The SC&RA Annual Conference was attended by members involved in specialized transportation, machinery moving and erecting, industrial maintenance, millwrighting and crane and rigging operations, manufacturing and rental. The Awards program recognizes worldwide excellence in the crane, rigging and specialized transportation industry.

ALE was shortlisted with several others for the Transportation Group Hauling Job of the Year, a category which recognises and honours member companies that have performed outstanding achievements in moving and trucking jobs. The judging process involved an

award submission, followed by a presentation in front of other category entrants to explain the technical challenges surrounding the project and what services ALE showcased.

The award was defended and collected by Javier Martinez Gutierrez, Executive Director for ALE. He said: "We are really proud of the hard work by everyone involved across the ALE Group worldwide. This project was a huge achievement which demonstrated our capabilities to handle many challenges and deliver the engines safely and successfully across a route that was incredibly varied, involving different terrains and environments."

## **ENDS**

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**Image 1: Javier Martinez Gutierrez, Executive Director for ALE with the award.**

**Image 2: ALE transporting six 22MW power plant engines to the Santa Ines Refinery in Barinas State, Venezuela.**

### **Notes to editors:**

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 provides 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 a presence in 40 countries worldwide. It is fully compliant with international standards of safety and excellence, including Quality standard ISO 9001:2015, Environmental standard ISO 14001:2015, and Health and Safety Standard OHSAS 18001:2007. Further information can be found on the ALE website at [www.ale-heavylift.com](http://www.ale-heavylift.com).