

Equipment owners get a lift

Oil and gas industrial projects involve the complex management and transportation of heavy and outsize goods and equipment, often in hard-to-reach locations. A new network has been launched that provides advice and services to cargo transport and handling equipment owners.

Launched in spring 2009, Cargo Equipment Experts (CEE) was created as a network for members who own and operate machinery used in the movement of heavy and outsize shipments in and between sites such as factories, ports, airports, job sites and beyond.

CEE was established following a decision by the directors of the forwarder franchise network Worldwide Project Consortium (WWPC) to provide heavy haulage and abnormal load equipment owners with similar advantages that WWPC brings to freight forwarders, explained Wolfgang Karau, CEE director of operations.

“This news so excited the sector that within moments of announcing the network, CEE recruited its first member – a company in Germany,” says Karau.

Owners and operators of heavy haulage and multi-axle trailers, and specialist engineering equipment, cranes, air freight handling equipment, port and airport operators, barges and pontoons, export packers and stevedores are invited to join the CEE. The CEE will accept one member in each category in each major city and/or state and/or region.

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Industry benefits

Membership brings a great number of benefits to companies when they sign up. CEE works to enhance the awareness of its members' services through advertisements in specialist trade magazines, marketing material produced by CEE, periodicals, newsletters and the CEE website, as well as taking part in trade fairs and exhibitions.

Karau is keen that the CEE does not miss out on vital member-to-member social and networking opportunities. It held its first biennial conference in Singapore on 22 January 2010 and was represented at the Asia Break Bulk Exhibition, also in Singapore, a week later. The CEE will also attend the European Breakbulk Exhibition, to be held in Antwerp, Belgium, 18-20 May 2010.

“Our conferences provide members and selected sponsors with the opportunity to conduct business, meet colleagues and network with clients and partners,” says Karau.

The CEE is administered by qualified directors, each with years of experience in the transportation of heavy and outsize cargoes, who aim to deliver useful solutions to members of the project cargo transport industry, as well as providing support and understanding of CEE members' expectations.



Heavy haulage specialist Magdenli can offer advice to other CEE members about moving outsize equipment to awkward locations.

Member spotlight

CEE members, comprising heavy haulage and abnormal loads operators for many industries including the oil and gas sector, now have a global platform to publicise their presence, which is not limited to their respective locations. In conjunction with other CEE members, they provide a global tool for project owners and forwarders as an expert reference for required services.

Based in Turkey, CEE member Magdenli Transport and Trade Co specialises in heavy haulage and crane operators, and recently completed heavy cargo movements for three industrial projects.

- Two Mitsubishi gas turbines, each measuring 1,300 x 460 x 510cm and weighing 300t, for the 930MW Enerjisa Natural Gas Combined Cycle Power Plant were transported from Bandirma Port to the factory site.
- Vestas-manufactured windmill turbines and nacelle equipment, weighing up to 77t, were transported from Iskenderun port to Belen, Hatay, for the 30MW Belen Güriş Project.
- A gas engine, measuring 1,370 x 415 x 615cm and weighing 277t, was transported from Aqabe in Jordan to Sammara in Iraq.

With years of experience of such projects, Magdenli is in the prime position of being able to offer support to other CEE members who are, or want to be, involved in similar projects. ■

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