Wow! For many reasons, I was wowed at this year's IELA General Assembly in London. In this day and age of our economic slow down, to be wowed by our traditions, the achievements, the possibilities, the focus, and the new changes.

When I joined the IELA Management, I was wowed by the time and energy of our leaders. Paying homage to our traditions, I would first like to recognize and thank all the legal board members that have just recently finished their terms. Since 2004, we were required to arrange the transition of the Secretariat which at the time Ruth Meister and Hans Brauchli ran. This was due to their pending retirements. It has been a long road, nearly five years of planning and overcoming obstacles. With the help of our Legal Board, their leadership and advice, we are in our final stages of our secretariat transition from Switzerland. I would like to thank Thierry Demeure, Markus Sprecher and especially Hans Brauchli for all their hard work and sacrifice. I especially would like to thank Phil Powell for his chairmanship of IELA these past two years. He leaves me a challenge to follow in his leadership. He has created a very positive environment for all of us on the Board, and has focused us on delivering member benefits.

I am wowed by the achievements we have today. If you noticed at our meeting, we had great things to celebrate such as the quality of attendees, the high quality speakers, the networking sessions, business to discuss, future opportunities to explore, IELA excitement, solid association financial results, a new board of management and a new legal board, and a spirit of “can do”. Much of this is attributable to member that have contributed greatly and especially to our UK secretariat and to our fantastic sponsors. I was so wowed by the level and quality of sponsors, that I even purchased a sponsorship level myself! Great momentum we have.

I was wowed because I have seen your input and your feelings and your gusto or “joie de vivre” as an IELA member. Let’s face it, our first day at the assembly was a heated one and very difficult. Due to the passion and the emotions of the legal part of our assembly, many of you, the members, were very disturbed. Many of you taught me a new definition to the word “good luck” on our first day, when you would give me a pat on my shoulder and say good luck ??? Good luck felt like Good Bye. But, as they say, 85% of communication is from our own body language and tone. In the days following, you all have communicated to me an intense feeling of support, belief and commitment to IELA. When at the end of our legal part, I asked all of you to confirm if you supported our assembly, agreed to the results and were in agreement with my agenda going forward. I really appreciate your overwhelming support and confirmation. Due to the difficulties of the legal part, it could have been an
A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE

P.S. Next Year’s Congress will be even better!

We have been overwhelmed by the feedback received since the London Congress closed. Words such as ‘excellent’, ‘fantastic’, ‘brilliant’ and ‘best ever’ have been used freely by delegates.

So, what were the ingredients of the success?

Using the analogy of a cake, the base was provided by the financial generosity and the expert guidance of the UK hosts. The next vital ingredient was the support of the many sponsors who are listed again page 7.

In the middle of the cake was the sweet bit – the variety of locations, attractions and entertainments made possible by the financial support.

The mixture that made the top layer was the dynamic and the spirit provided by 200+ attendees from 46 countries!

The icing was provided by the attention to detail shown by your Executive Director Declan Gane, the creativity of Event Manager Sally Jones and the superb support of Anna Guichard.

In truth the cake was nearly ruined by the contents of the General Assembly. For my part and that of your outgoing Chairman Phil Powell, I wish to state that we hated having to make the presentations that we made. The rest, as they say, is history. The best description I have heard of the situation is that IELA was in need of a re-birth and, unfortunately, it was a painful one!

So, here’s the conclusion. The Board of Management and the Executive (ESN) were distracted by the transition and the election issues for long periods of time during the Congress. Next year, with full attention being on the 25th Congress, there is every reason to believe that Paris 2010 can be even better!

Finally, it is not just about the Congress. A new Board dynamic and, thanks to all members who voted at the GA, IELA is now on the final straight for the transition. This means that your Board and Executive can now spend much more time helping, there is so much more that IELA can achieve to help you and your business in the coming months as we move out of the economic downturn.

Next stop Las Vegas – we hope to see you there!

Trevor Foley

CALL TO ACTION

1. CHECK YOUR MEMBER DETAILS
   Either pull-out the Members’ List inside this issue and email updates to anna@iela.org or go to your IELA page using your log-in and password. Email Anna for any queries

2. SPEAK TO US
   tell us what you are doing
For many it has already proved to be the best yet - the record number of attendees and record temperatures too ensured that delegates and their companions enjoyed the traditional mix of business with pleasure. For those that missed it, the new-look, four day event opened with a Cocktail Reception on Thursday 25th June at the Radisson SAS Portman Square when delegates were introduced, many global business partners meeting face to face for the first time.

BUSINESS
The conference opened on Friday morning with keynote addresses from Simon Burton, managing director of Exposure whose own show had closed just the night before. Simon spoke on 10 topics about development and future strategies and tactics in an interactive presentation that has already led to the launch of the IELA Facebook group. He was followed by Brand Events’ Chris Hughes, whose gripping personal story of how logistic strategy has now become an integral part of his event creation process went down very well – after years of ignoring our sector, we are now his ‘best friends.’

Focus moved to internal matters in the afternoon when after lively debate, IELA members voted in favour of a Board of Management Resolution to move from the current co-operative structure to a new legal structure. The vote to dissolve the current entity was not carried out. Based on this, a new team has been formed to clarify and to present to all members the new legal structure, which is a UK Limited By Guarantee Company, new articles and by laws and the focus is to give all members plenty of time to review these details for voting at the 2010 congress in Paris. In the evening the UK Member Hosts, Agility Fairs & Events, CEVA Showfreight, Exhibition Freighting, EF-GSM, GBH Exhibition Forwarding and Schenker UK took everyone for a spin on the London Eye before dinner and dancing while enjoying a cruise along the Thames.

With members coming from all 46 countries where IELA has a presence and all but a handful of our 119 members represented at the 24th IELA Congress, the scene was set for a record breaking event in London in June. Back in the northern hemisphere for the first time in three years this 2009 turned out to be the biggest ever gathering of exhibition and event logistics specialists.

A SIZZLING SUCCESS

“EXCELLENT job - well done!”
RAVINDER SETHI, RE ROGERS, INDIA
“Thanks for everything concerning the congress I thought it was the best ever by miles.”
NEIL GOATCHER, EXHIBITION FREIGHTING LTD, UK

“I have been thinking about the Congress in the past few days – it has been an outstanding event! Allow me to congratulate you.”
RON BERRY, THE AMIT GROUP, ISRAEL

“It was a wonderful congress but a bit hot...”
IRSHAD KHAN, FREIGHTWORKS, DUBAI

“Big thanks to you and your team for all your good arrangements at IELA Congress 2009, which we highly appreciated and enjoyed. Personally, I think it is one of the most successful congresses that I have ever attended. Good management, packed programs, and a record number of attendees.”
ELAINE WONG, BALTRANS EXHIBITION & REMOVAL LTD., HONG KONG

“Sincere congratulations and thanks for the first class global organisation of our 24th IELA Congress in London. Everything was perfect & timely well organised: the hotel, meetings, breakfast, lunches, day out, evenings ... we just enjoyed it. The 24th London Congress will remain in our memory as a milestone in the emancipation process of IELA.”
THIERRY DEMEURE, ZIEGLER EXPO LOGISTIC, BELGIUM

87% Overall Congress quality was very good/excellent
90% Usefulness Congress was very good/excellent
I’d like to congratulate you, guys, for such nice work on the organization of the event in London.”

MARIANE EWBANK, FULSTANDIG SHOWS E EVENTOS, BRAZIL

PLEASURE
The IELA Congress is renowned for its successful blend of business with pleasure and the second day always consists of a ‘Day Out’. This year was no different and on one of the hottest days ever recorded in London, delegates made their way on old Routemaster double-deckers to the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich to sample the delights of a typical ‘English Country Garden’. With Morris Dancers, England Cricketers and a Tug of War competition, there was plenty of activity for those who wanted to join in, and for those looking to lay back and enjoy the entertainment the Falconry Display went down a hoot as did the Marching Band. With coconut shies, candyfloss and ice cream this international audience received a ‘full on’ English Fayre experience.

Sunday saw delegates back in conference debating topical issues in breakout sessions including ‘IELA - The Mission is Recognition”, “Sustainability - Not Worth the Paper its Written On?” and “Business Plans to Meet the Challenges of an Economic Crisis”. As a truly democratic organisation, members were next presented with bids from three cities vying to host the 2011 IELA Congress and after a secret vote Seoul, Korea came out top and will be a wonderful new city-host to add to impressive past list. A final address by IELA’s new Chairman Greg Keh of TWI Group Inc closed the formal part of congress with a call to all parties to demonstrate resolve, unity and to move forward together for a successful future.

EXCELLENCE
The congress was brought to a close at the Gala Dinner fittingly held in this year celebrating the 250th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin, at London’s Natural History Museum. Dining in the spectacular surroundings beneath the famous dinosaur, IELA bestowed Honorary Membership on Ravinder Sethi, of RE Rogers India, past chairman and global face of the organisation who now joins an exclusive band of industry leaders.

Before the partying began in earnest however, the excellence awards were presented with trophies going to Schenker Deutschland, Hannover, Germany as best Export Agent 2008 and to R.E. Rogers (Malaysia) as 2008 Site Agent winner. Many congratulations.
“Thank you very much for accepting me as a guest at this year’s IELA Congress in London! I learned a lot and had a great time during the Congress sessions and at the evening events (especially at the London Eye!), and met very nice and interesting people. It feels great to be part of the IELA family!”
VERA KIMMESKAMP, UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE, GERMANY

“..thanks for a first rate meeting. The speakers were the best we have ever had, the structure of the business days was well paced and relevant. Great job.”
MARGARET CHURCHILL, AGILITY - FAIRS & EVENTS USA

“Well done!”
LEANN HARRISON, UNIGROUP WORLDWIDE UTS, USA

99% thought the venue for the Host’s Evening was very good/excellent

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Many thanks again to Feyzan Erel of GRUPTRANS Co. Inc. Turkey and Bill Langworthy of ROCK-IT CARGO Fairs & Exhibitions USA for supplying us with most of these great images
REGIONAL CHAPTER - THE AMERICAS

Following the launch of The Regional Chapter meetings in Asia in January, the next gathering of IELA members, as well as specially invited guests, will be in the Americas on Thursday 3rd December in Las Vegas, alongside the 2009 IELA Winter Seminar.

This new networking event is a great opportunity for local professionals to engage with other specialists to learn, network, do business and enjoy a unique IELA social occasion. In addition, non-IELA members that meet the demanding standards for IELA membership, will also be invited to this exclusive event, delivering even greater value to the event for all parties.

The Regional Chapter will begin at 1300 hrs with a light buffet lunch, followed by three presentations and conclude with a cocktail reception ending at 1900 hrs – time then to continue the networking at your leisure!

GREAT EXPOSURE

The quarterly IELA Report is an ideal medium to get your message across to partners, competitors, organisers and more.

EXTRA COPIES

Every member gets 10 complimentary copies of this IELA Report, but an unlimited amount are available at CHF 3.00 each. Contact Anna anna@iela.org for details on bulk discounts and to place your order.

40 NOT OUT

Have you seen this man?

ITS AN HONOUR

RE Rogers India were quick off the mark to capitalise on Ravinder’s Honorary IELA Membership. Another great example of ‘win-win’ exposure for both IELA and this long standing member. Send us your examples and you too will get a mention in the IELA Report. Well done, congratulations and keep it up!

100TH OPS CLUB MEMBER!

Many congratulations to Tugrul Sarman (left) who on his return from a recent event in Damascus was presented with a Euro 100 surprise prize by his boss and new IELA Board Member Gruptrans’ General Manager Feyzan Erel (right), as the 100th person to join the Ops Club online.

GREAT RECOGNITION

Watch out for the imminent launch of the all new IELA website and give us your feedback and comments. The new site brings together the new IELA branding and includes a host of new features including a daily updated news feed from leading global media players. The enhanced Member Zone means that IELA members take control of their own page, so no excuse now for incorrect address and contact details! Keep your eyes open for the launch which will be announced in an eNews Update.

<<STOP PRESS>> <<STOP PRESS>>

Check out the new IELA FACEBOOK group

facebook
The International Exhibition Logistics Associates is a worldwide trade association dedicated to enhancing the professionalism of the transportation logistics and freight handling segments of the event industry.
IELA has 119 members in 46 countries...

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To assist the pro-active approach of the IELA Executive Management, you the IELA members are asked to recommend specialist event logistics providers that you know deliver a quality service.

Email Anna or Declan with contact details of any companies that you would be prepared to sponsor for IELA membership.

Email your recommendations to anna@iela.org or Declan@iela.org
Dear IELA members,

As you all have heard at our congress in London, we have had a record year in terms of membership. We have great quality new members, we have had the largest assembly, and we have a new focus. During congress, we spent time focused on identifying what members want and it is clear that we as an association will be focused on:

- **White Spot Areas** - A focus on recruiting members from areas where IELA currently does not have a member.
- **Trial, Developmental, or Provisional Membership** - A focus on members who should qualify for IELA and how IELA can enhance their ability and quality and experience.
- **Affiliate Membership category** - Currently we focus affiliate membership on same country offices. What about international offices.

During our congress, the Membership Working Group met separately and also discussed our own focus which is very clear - it is only quality. In addition, we focused on making sure that we push all members to our session so that we could hear from all members, and not just the loudest members. We had a lot of input for sure. During my period as Membership Chairperson, I would like to thank the hard work of all my group members, the intense and positive truths / conflict which they openly gave, and the strong results that came from these. I would like to thank the Secretariat and Anna Guichard for their steadfast hard work.

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I would like to welcome Manuel Mazzini and Feras Bensaoud as our new members to our group. Just prior to the congress, Manuel had sent me some very interesting questions on his thoughts about the goals and commitment of this working group. They were very challenging to me, because the questions were similar to what some of the existing members of my group were telling to me. Coming from Manuel, it reinforced that now was the time to re-evaluate our goal and to get in alignment. I am happy that Manuel will be on the team because with conflict based on truth, we get great results! Thank you Manuel. Getting Feras on our team is a great achievement also. Feras is a new member that speaks at least 10 more languages than I do. He has a great perspective on what members want from other members. He also is knowledgeable in many of the white spot areas and has some great ideas already. Perhaps, it is time for a board meeting to be held in the middle east to explore some of the white spot areas! Welcomed to our team is Vicki Bedi. Vicki is passionate about all things IELA and is also a new member. His unique drive, passion, and experience in law and accounting brings a unique perspective to our committee. When we talk about quality members, selling to new members, recruiting new members, these are the things that he is great at and will help immensely.

I would like to also now introduce and congratulate Alan Hunter of GBH Forwarding as our new chairperson of the Membership Working Group. He is perfectly suited to lead our group to its new focus. As a company owner who has created a transition from his entrepreneurial ownership to the new and future management of his company, he is well suited to bridge IELA from our tradition, foundation and strength to the change and new paradigms challenge our future.

Welcome Alan, good luck and thank you to all.
The Training Working Group met in London during the recent IELA Congress to push on in its mission to research and develop educational avenues for the association and its members. If you would like to join this group, please contact me or the IELA Secretariat. All ideas or suggestions that would benefit our training activities are always welcome.

Our discussions in London centred on plans and programmes for the 2009 IELA Winter Seminar re-scheduled for November 30-December 4, in Las Vegas, USA. It was decided that this Winter Seminar will again follow the same successful format of past events. More than 25 hours of educational and networking content – both in lecture and hands-on workshop sessions – will be provided. Attendance will be limited to just 30 students to ensure quality interaction among the students as well as personal attention from the presenters during the course. These instructors will be selected from the IELA membership and guest speakers will be recognized industry professionals. Full details will be released by the IELA Secretariat in the immediate future, but below is a brief preview of the schedule and presentations.

IELA is also holding its Americas Regional Chapter meeting in Las Vegas at the end of the Winter Seminar on Thursday, December 3. This added event will afford the students an excellent opportunity to be a part of the association’s typical activities and network with members and industry professionals alike.

Other Training Group business involved a review of its sponsorship and support of the University of Cologne’s International Summer University program. Working Group member, Achim Lotzwick, presents “The Importance of Logistics to International Show Organizers and Exhibitors” to the event’s attendees. The University postponed this year’s event until 2010 and IELA will continue its support for this exciting programme again next year.

Our Working Group also continues its discussions with UFI about potential programs and/or cooperation in each other’s educational plans. As these develop further, details will be announced in future IELA Reports.

IELA Winter Seminar 2009

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ORGANISERS WORKING GROUP

Our Group’s compliments to Greg Keh, TWI, USA as the new Chairman of IELA.

Coincidentally, in London, for the first time in IELA’s 24 year history, it can be said that the major international Trade Fair Associations and Organisers of North America are linked to IELA; either by active membership or certainly by reciprocal web links.

We must thank Sandi Trotter of TWI Canada for her work with the Canadian Association of Exposition Management. Thanks to Rene Carvajal Garcia, New Age of International Business in Mexico, for his contact and IELA link with AMPROFEC, the Major Trade Fair Association for Organizers and Service Providers in Mexico— this completing the southern tier of this connection.

And praise, to the many USA IELA members who established, promoted and maintain relationships with the likes of the International Association of Events & Exhibitions, the Major American Trade Show Organizers, the Society of Independent Show Organizers, the Exhibition & Convention Executive’s Forum, to name a few.

(By the way Rob Moore of Agility and Sabine Schlosser of Schenker & Company have also established full IELA coverage in Australia!)

While, I believe this is a comprehensive achievement for the IELA Organiser Working group, better still is the infusion of new members to our group in London.

I would like to formally acknowledge and welcome to our Working group:

• Vicki Bedi from PS Bedi India— His ambition for IELA is promising; my compliments to him and his company for their IELA membership and generous support of IELA. I’m sure he will embody our notion of the “Challenge is Change”. I welcome his enthusiasm, company’s vision, and look forward to his contributions.
• Feras Bensaoud, Bentraco Logistics & Shipping of Libya who brings much promise, potential, sense, and an articulate voice, to the promotion of IELA in North Africa and beyond.
• Rene Carvajal, New Age of International Business-Mexico who provides us with additional capability in Mexico; his effectiveness already demonstrated with the AMPROFEC Association link.
• Agustin David from BTG Argentina who looks to expand the presence of IELA with the government of Argentina beyond a logistical capability; as an active partner to increase the trade fair volume in his country and region—a “new” way to look at IELA; IELA as an ‘associate’ partner, utilizing our knowledge and resources, to promote the development of a country’s international trade fair base.

We acknowledge Erkki Koski, Suomen Messelogistikka Oy, Finland. He asks; ‘How many appointments as ‘Official Freight Forwarder and On Site Agent’ do IELA members have worldwide?’ The answer to that supports our ‘Brand’ with Organizers; helps to establish an important ‘Selling Point’, reinforces who we are and why. We will document that. Thanks Erkki!

Our new members bring expertise, ideas and added energy to IELA; they compliment our formidable current Working Group.

Ravinder Sethi’s executive position with UFI is singular; his IELA representation there prominent. The complexity and issues of UFI significantly bear on all of us. UFI’s member Organisers, Associations and Service providers are legion; they represent a life-line to our interest to include IELA as part of our normal sales approach and message.

In this day of web activity, our competition is no longer a secret.

Phil Powell our recent past Chairman said: “the Challenge is Change”. He’s right. And, this Group believes that. With no abiding belief in what this association stands for, the continual promotion of business and upgrading of our Brand and Product, to change for the better, the purpose of our IELA membership is devalued; it makes it null. Our Group believes we have nothing to lose by promoting our ‘grand association’ to one and all. That’s really the purpose of what we do. Thanks to all for your efforts!
STANDARDS WORKING GROUP

Moving fast towards the ultimate IELA quality……! A great and interesting congress has come to an end in London – with more and more valuable input from members when it comes to standards, improving performance and true quality ambitions.

As mentioned throughout the congress, the Standards Working Group is about a lot of things – we are about surveys, analysis & action, performance improvement, highest quality, reputation in the market, and much more. Yet most of all we want to provide members with useful tools to make sure that being an IELA agent means being a highly qualified events logistics provider, a trusted source around the world.

On the subject of surveys, we can clearly say that the numbers of surveys completed has increased significantly from 2008 to 2009 (more than 20% increase in participation). Unfortunately, not all of the surveys could be used for the final analysis, for reasons explained during the congress. Let’s be very clear on this - the surveys are not supposed to be a marketing tool and to get a sister company on stage at the awards nights…. The surveys are tools to be used by you, the single member, to be able to view your own ratings and think about those results.

The average ratings for 2009 were 5.265 for site agents and 5.423 for export agents – check out your rating on the web and see how you are placed. Are you close to the average, above or below? This will give you a good feeling of what the others think of your services. And in turns this can help you to see where you are pretty good at already and where there may be opportunities for improvement.

It’s only meant to help you – try to check it out and see if it can be of use for you!

Yet…….measuring performance is one thing – and improving performance another.

To help members to improve performance, we want to set up a library of tools which everyone can use (not a must, just something to help you if you want). In the last few months, we have already established the IELA quality protocol for site agents as well as the IELA quality protocol for export agents, which are kind of “checklists” on quality services performed. We are currently working on a few more forms such as the commercial invoice/packing list, return instructions and pre-advices.

The commercial invoice/packing list will be up and running on the web in the next few weeks, and you will receive a notification via IELA news. This form in particular could be very useful to you, as you can download it in both excel and pdf versions. The excel version is set up in the way, that figures automatically add up (and you can change formulas if you want).

As many agents – for years – still have been using word formats for this form in particular, this will make their lives a lot easier. So stay tuned and watch out when the announcement comes out through the IELA news.

Last but not least, the enthusiasm and support for the Standards Working Group has been overwhelming at the London congress. I am very pleased to announce that we now have 10 new members in our group, which is a fantastic result – he more input from people all around the world, the better!

A warm welcome to (in alphabetical order, by first name):

• Col. Chopra,
• P S Bedi & Co Pvt Ltd India
• Elaine Wong, Baltrans International & Removal Ltd P.R. China
• Hagit Tombak, Hermes Exhibition & Projects Israel
• Jihad Khoury, Airlink International UAE Dubai U.A.E.
• Klaus Pauluschke, BTG Messe-Spedition GmbH Germany
• Marcelo Paradela, Waiver Logistics Brazil
• Mariane Ewbank, Fulstangid Shows e Eventos MC Ltda Brazil
• Michael Beckers, Airways Freight Corp USA
• Ravinder Sethi, R E Rogers India Pvt Ltd, India
• Sue Montilha, Nazha & Darwish Syria

Welcome team and keep the ideas coming!
CUSTOMS WORKING GROUP

Well, another IELA Congress is over with a lot of crucial moments and nice memories. I believe it has been a very efficient congress due to its high number of participants and the delicately planned organization. Thanks to the IELA Secretariat and all UK hosts for their great efforts to make the congress a remarkable one for us.

We also had a very nice meeting during the congress where our Working Group members have found the opportunity to discuss the efficiency of the Customs Forms on the IELA web site and other upcoming projects.

We all agreed on that Customs Forms are very important marketing tools for IELA and useful guidelines for our members. However, the forms should be more compact, consisting of general information about the countries, rather than having specific information which may be different for each member company. Therefore, the forms will be reviewed and updated in shape by 1st October 2009 and I must thank Sameh Guirguis for volunteering to lead this important task.

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Another very important task we are keen on finalising within this year is that, we would like to have a complete customs classification of goods for the use of IELA members. Considering that finding out the right classification for the items we export and import, consumes a lot of time and energy, we are looking for possibilities of purchasing the information and putting on the IELA website. Those who have suggestions on how we can reach this information, are kindly requested to contact myself.

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All you know that we have been discussing implementing an on-line system to fill-in & update the Customs Forms for a while. We are now one step further and looking for the most efficient way to avoid any conflicts and discrepancies among the multiple members of the same country. We hope to finalise this system before the end of the year so that it will be easier for everybody.

Thanks to all members who supported us with their suggestions and who filled in our questionnaire during the congress and gave back to us. We had some very interesting comments and suggestions on what and how we are expected to do for the membership. Those who could not find the opportunity to give us the filled-in questionnaires, can send them by e-mail to Tijen@idaexpo.com. Every single comment is very valuable for us.

And finally I would like to thank members who joined Customs Working Group during congress. Now we are a large group from different regions of the world which gives us the confidence that we can serve you in a wide range:

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## NEW MEMBERS

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- Exhibition freight forwarding specialized service around the world (leader in the Libyan Market since 2003).
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- Air & Ocean Logistics.
- Over dimensional Cargo.
- Project Cargo.
- Dangerous Goods transport and certification (only company in Libya offering this service).
- Packing, crating, and palletizing of goods.
- Door-To-Door Service from / to any Libya.
- Oil & Gas Logistics.
- In-house customs brokerage.

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