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High, Wide & Heavy: UTC Moves Challenging Load in Record Time

In most cases, preparing the logistics for a significant project move takes weeks, months, or sometimes years of planning. However, UTC's Houston and Mexico City offices were recently asked to handle an entire move from Texas to Mexico in record time – less than two weeks from the client's initial request for a bid, to the delivery of two heavy and oversized skid-mounted compressor units to their customer's fabrication yard near Tampico, Mexico.

"Our Houston-based client contacted us at the beginning of July with a major problem," explains UTC Project Manager Juan Garcia. "They had constructed the two offshore oil platform compressors for delivery to

their Mexican customer. However, the weight of the units was nearly 112 tons. That, combined with the weight of the truck/trailer unit to transport them, meant the move would require a special "super-load" transit permit from Texas authorities. Normal processing time for such permits was 6-8 weeks, and the ocean carrier was scheduled to sail from Houston in just over a week." Just four days after receiving the initial call, Garcia and Roberto Lange, Branch Manager of UTC's Mexico City office, had crafted a cost-effective solution.

Garcia located and contracted for a tractor-trailer unit strong enough and light enough to bring the combined weight of the Texas road ...[Read more](#)



UTC Video: Antonov Airlift of Massive Transformer

UTC Overseas recently coordinated the rush transport of a 136-ton transformer and frame from Croatia to the Philippines, using an Antonov 225-ton heavy-lift aircraft. The original story of the move appears in the December 2013 issue of Point2Point

Read the original story

Watch video: utc/AntonovTransform



Elnur Mammadov, Manager for UTC Overseas

UTC OVERSEAS UPGRADES AZERBAIJAN OFFICE

UTC Overseas has upgraded its Azerbaijan office to better serve the needs of its customers in the region. Originally opened in 2012, it is now structured as UTC Caspian, Ltd. LLC with fully operational and commercial responsibilities. The announcement was made by Mr. Elnur Mammadov, who has managed the Baku-based office since its opening.

“The Azerbaijani economy is strong,” Mammadov notes, “with major investments underway in oil and gas, power generation, construction, and agriculture. Our location between Europe and Asia makes us an important transit route for cargoes moving to and through neighboring countries.”

UTC Moves Challenging Load in Record Time *(continued)*

shipment under the super-load threshold. That allowed normal permitting in just a couple of days. Garcia also arranged with the ocean carrier to extend their cargo receiving cut-off time.

In Mexico, Lange coordinated advance clearances with the customer’s customs broker to avoid port delays upon cargo arrival. He engaged heavy-haul trucking resources to move the shipment the final 28 miles from the Port of Tampico to the fabrication yard. And he conducted a detailed route survey to identify potential obstacles along the way.

The survey revealed that the cargo’s oversized dimensions (almost 23 feet wide and a trailered height of 17 feet) would require a mobile crane to temporarily remove up to a half-dozen overhead signs en route. Lange also discovered that the final approach to the fabrication yard traversed a deeply rutted road. To remedy that problem, he arranged for delivery of truckloads of gravel and a grader to fill in the ruts and assure a stable surface for the heavily loaded truck.

“Our Texas permit required that we limit our moves to low-traffic nighttime hours,” Garcia explained. “We had two days of transit time built into our plan, but we were able to make it in one night and complete vessel loading the next day.”

Two days later, the ship arrived in Tampico and the compressors were

transferred directly to the heavy-haul truck. “Again, our permits in Mexico limited us to non-rush hour movement,” said Lange. “Our police escorts were able, in several instances, to help us avoid sign removals by briefly transferring to the opposing lane. It held up oncoming traffic a bit, but took far less time than sign removal.”

Final delivery was also impacted by a sudden public demonstration at a tollbooth along the highway, Lange added. “We had to temporarily park the truck and its load overnight in a lot owned by our trucker until the blockage ended. We successfully completed delivery on a Friday, less than two weeks after we were first contacted.”

“The success of this move is a testament to the skills, resources and experience UTC brings to its customers,” notes Matt Loll, UTC’s Vice President for Project Development, North America. “From initial request for bid, to cross-border delivery in less than two weeks, including two heavy-haul overland moves, permitting, ocean transit, route surveys, resolving a host of specialized over-dimension and heavy-haul challenges, and unexpected route blockages along the way, we really delivered.” 🌐

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UTC uses a mobile crane to temporarily remove overhead signs along the final delivery route, enabling its over-dimensional cargo to safely transit all potential obstacles.