

## Did you know?

BALtrans offers complete logistics solutions for the fine arts and relocation sectors, including services from custom clearance and quarantine inspections, to international transportation and on-site installations.



# The art of moving sculptures for landmark in China

**W**hen Wheelock Properties (Hong Kong) Limited needed to move fine art pieces to its newly constructed commercial property in Chengdu, in Southwest China, they called on BALtrans International Moving to take care of business

BALtrans International Moving is the household removals and art exhibitions logistics business of Toll Global Forwarding.

Named the 'Chengdu Project', the operation involved the full spectrum of logistics – from shipping to packing and installation of 11 sculptures in the Wheelock Properties' Chengdu International Financial Square (CDIFS).



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The 11 sculptures, with the heaviest weighing in at 1,000kg, are the works of world renowned artists. Some of the sculptures have just completed touring exhibitions in Hong Kong in which the logistics was also managed by BALtrans.



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Getting the sculptures in and out of the service elevators required precision manoeuvring. The team worked around the clock, using gantry cranes to carefully lift the sculptures from the ground to be inserted into their individual bases.



Wheelock Properties knew exactly who they could count on to successfully complete this project without issuing any tender as BALtrans had proven they were right for the job. With experience in fine arts logistics for earlier projects such as Korean Contemporary Art Exhibition (2010 and 2011 editions) at Hong Kong Times Square.

potential challenges they might encounter on site. The information gathered proved crucial in designing the best solution for the customer.

With their years of experience and BALtrans track record, the customer was assured that the project would be completed without a hitch.

A team of six professional art handlers was assigned to Chengdu Project, overseeing the entire unloading process and the pick up at the port and airport.

Expected to be the landmark of Chengdu, the official opening of CDIFS on 14 January 2014 saw the attendance of many renowned Hong Kong celebrities. ■

To start the project, two supervisors visited the site to make sure they knew customer's needs and expectations, and to identify the

The team was challenged with the dimensions of the sculptures – they were all oversized and hardly fit into the service elevators to be taken up to the sculpture garden on the seventh floor of CDIFS.

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Each sculpture was then welded in place according to individual artist instructions and the layers of protection was removed.

# Two travelling cranes

**T**oll Global Forwarding (TGF) in Turkey recently completed a project shipment of two cranes from Williamshawen, Germany to Baghdad, Iraq.

The project was awarded by the construction arm of a global Asian-based holding corporation, which recognised that the experience, capability, and know-how of TGF in Iraq and the Middle East region were key to the smooth completion of the project shipment.

Working with various trusted vendors, the TGF team in Turkey overcame various challenges in getting the load to its destination on time and arranging appropriate equipment and modes of transport for a seamless delivery.

Road permissions and escorts had to be arranged during the first week of December before moving the two cranes from factory plant to port.

With all approvals in place, the cranes, each weighing 48 tonnes and measuring 1,500m x 380m x 400m, were ready to start their journey. ■



**1**  
Cranes picked up by lowbed trucks from the manufacturer's plant in Williamshawen, Germany and delivered to Hamburg port.

**2**  
Cranes arrived at Mersin, Turkey port via a roll-on, roll-off vessel, where the customs formalities were completed by our local TGF team.

# New facility in South Africa supports growth

“The benefits of having all the Johannesburg employees working together under one roof in such a world class facility is immeasurable.”

Geoff Partridge, Managing Director, TGF in South Africa.

In December last year, Toll Global Forwarding (TGF) in South Africa moved into a new facility at Pomona, Kempton Park, north-east of Johannesburg.

hosted a cocktail party for around 120 guests – both key customers and suppliers, in celebration of the building’s opening. ■

Purpose built to support our growth in the region, the facility consists 2,500m<sup>2</sup> of office space, and 7,500m<sup>2</sup> of warehouse space.

The new facility has considered operational efficiencies and workplace health and safety in its design. It even houses a gym to encourage employees to maintain healthy lifestyles. To conserve energy consumption, the building is fitted with sensor activated lights to reduce unnecessary lighting.

From a security and safety perspective, the warehouse is equipped with security features such as CCTV cameras with digital recording, access control, 24 hour security control and emergency back-up. Specially designed to aid escape in event of any emergency, the building has a variety of features that stop the spread of fire, detect it or suppress it.

The building was officially opened on 30 January 2014 by Geoff Partridge, Managing Director, TGF in South Africa. To mark the occasion they

## Some essential safety measures include:

- Emergency power supply
- Non-slip floor finishes
- Sprinkler systems
- Fire isolated stairs, passages ramps
- Fire rated materials
- Fire detectors and alarm systems
- Fire hydrants
- Exit doors and exit signs.

## New address:

129 Elgin Road,  
Pomona Kempton Park,  
Gauteng, South Africa.

Taking a total of just 32 days door-to-door, the cranes arrived at their intended destination, intact and on time.

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Once the project shipment was custom cleared, the cranes were loaded onto lowbed trailers for final delivery into Baghdad, Iraq.

BAGHDAD

IRAQ



South Africa



United Kingdom



**A**s a global organisation consisting of team members around the world, Toll Global Forwarding (TGF) used Australia Day as an opportunity to celebrate our heritage as an Australian company, the team's cultural diversity, and engage with employees.

Throughout the week leading up to Australia Day on 26 January, offices around the world organised various activities to celebrate Australia day. From morning teas complete with typical Australian snacks, pot luck lunches, BBQs, team games and trivia quizzes to test their knowledge on Australia, everyone got into the Aussie spirit. ■

Tullamarine, Australia



Singapore



Chicago, USA



Vietnam



Melbourne



# TGF celebrates Australia Day worldwide