



STAR'S

PROJECTING SUCCESS

Star Shipping is this year **celebrating 15** years as an **incorporated company**. The incorporation may have taken place in **Karachi in 2004** but its team had already built up **half a century of history** in the **forwarding and shipping sector**. Over the course of its life, the company has carried out **“countless challenging projects”** across **Africa and Asia**. Director **Muhammad Kamran** says that his firm takes takes pride in moving **conventional, break bulk, over dimensional and overweight project cargoes** and is the right place for **perfect logistics management & supply chain solutions**.



During a sit down with Project Cargo Global (PCG) Kamran talks to us about the company's latest developments, its most recent projects, and how he sees these benefitting the region he works in. And its most challenging project of late? The movement of Wartsila Engine from Port Qasim to Korangi Industrial Area.

"The over-dimensions of the cargo and heavy weight put us through a skill test operation, because Karachi City is the most urban city in Pakistan having very heavy traffic and low-height bridges inside city premises," Kamran tells PCG. "The road clearance permissions & non-scheduled electric shutdowns were taken to deliver the heavy-weight, over-dimension engine at Yunus Brother Site."

The client played a part in the transportation, and request that Star utilise a jacking-skidding method to unload the engines. This, the client said, would avoid the involvement of heavy-duty cranes and therefore cut down any additional costs from an already expensive project.

"The skidding/jacking unloading was successfully done without any hazard/mis-hap and our team of professionals was well appreciated by the client," continues Kamran. "There are some additional pictures are being shared in this report for the explanation of manual rigging/unloading of heavy cargoes."

Wartsila's engine was just one project undertaken in recent months by the team at Star. Another involved movement of a heavy transformer to Head Balloki. The transformer arrived at Port Qasim, destined for a site in Punjab. Weighing in at 90 tonnes, it was no mean feat but Star took on the task, with Kamran going so far as to describe it as "simple". →



“It was simple, yet very challenging due to the newly implemented axle load regime in Pakistan by the country’s National Highway Authority,” Kamran continues. “The permissible load regime made the selection of an appropriate trailer difficult because of the limited weight allowed per axle line.”

Unphased by this, Star pushed ahead. It provided a scope of services including direct delivery, via the hook-to-hook method, from the ocean vessel to the low-bed trailer and from their transportation onwards to its final site over in the Punjab region.

“There were some challenges in transit, including those posed by weather as well as gaining road permissions, and the onslaught of Pakistan’s regular traffic,” adds Kamran. “Nonetheless, the job was completed and the transformer successfully delivered in a safe and sound condition.”

Future business expansion seems likely for Star. Alongside a rash of successful projects, it recently announced the launch of a new business division offering land route surveys in Pakistan. Kamran describes Pakistan as a gateway to booming markets across the subcontinent, Middle East and Central Asia.

“Active not only in Pakistan, but also in Africa and all over Asia, we have successfully carried out a countless number of project cargo shipments,” he says. “With our own equipment, managed by RS Transportation, we have at our disposal a fleet including multi-axle hydraulic trailers, heavy low-bed trailers, flatbed trailers and hydraulic cranes.”

Kamran says the launch of this division alongside the new equipment leaves the company well positioned to provide any required geometric surveys of key areas along delivery routes in all urban, rural, hilly and remote areas of Pakistan.

“As a member of the Various Projects Networks, Star Shipping is well used to collaborating with customers and business partners around the world,” he continues. “Our vast experience has seen us plan and execute an offshore project to ship a hull and superstructure crane, handle delicate wind power components and coordinate the relocation of a 24-megawatt power plant from Colombo, Sri Lanka to



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Last time Kamran spoke with PCG he said Star Shipping the launch of the Land Route Surveys service underlined the company’s ongoing ability to go from strength to strength. It seems undeniable that Kamran and the team have struck the perfect balance of growing the business without destabilising it.

“Star Shipping Pakistan has been operating in Pakistan’s logistics market for more than a decade and knows every possible route in Pakistan to deliver the project cargo in time and in sound condition,” he says. “Star Shipping Pakistan is internationally recognized, ISO 9001:2015 Certified and has qualified staff who are well trained and experienced in the logistics industry of Pakistan.” ■

