

Medden moves longest blades



Medden Shipping & Trading S.A is pleased to announce the movement of the longest wind turbine blades ever produced in Turkey (with a length of 58 meters).

They were transported from factory to port and loaded onto a vessel by Medden's operations team which has been handling windmill equipment ever since turbine producers started to invest in the country.

Medden is proud to be Turkey's leading shipping agency and stevedores, having handled the most wind turbine equipment in the country with about 1500 exported blades and 2250 imported blades together with other parts that belong to a wind turbine.

Medden's team has been surveyed many times by authorities sent by turbine producers and has now become listed as "exclusive agents" due to more than satisf

ying performances. Medden is agents to many turbine producers such as Nordex, Enercon, General Electric, Vestas, Suzlon and Gamesa.

Apart from windmills, Medden moves oil and gas equipment as well as diplomatic cargo from Istanbul, Izmir, Mersin and Iskenderun ports to Iraq and CIS countries on a weekly basis.

Some of the cargo it has carried so far belong to prestigious companies such as Halliburton, Schlumberger, Weatherford, Shell, Siemens and Petrofac.

Medden's operations team attends all operations throughout Turkey and provides its clients with a detailed report including pictures, lashing report and tracking sheet which gets updated on a daily basis.

Medden looks forward to cooperating with fellow GPLN members in the near future. www.gpln.net

L.Branco a good fit for turbine job

L.Branco has recently moved an Alstom Hydro turbine wheel from a vessel's hold in the port of Leixoes, to under a gantry located inside a cavern.

This is an on-going project that will last about one year, where L.Branco performs all on-shore operations — customs clearance, stevedoring, on-carriage, crane hire, some storage, etc.

This operation with the turbine wheel had the particularity of needing the piece to be inserted in a purpose-built chassis and placed vertically before driving down the narrow mountain road towards the power plant and, finally, into the cavern where there was only a few centimeters of clearance between the cargo and the ceiling.

The wheel and chassis weighed 105 tons and had an overall height of 7.30 meters.

The road does not allow items over 5.10m wide so L.Branco has been providing the means for alternative solutions for various large pieces. www.gpln.net



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Universal takes heavy load inland



Universal Transport GmbH, a GPLN member from Germany, handled heavy equipment from an inland vessel to a vehicle combination in the Brunsbuettel Elbe harbor in Germany.

The shipment consisted of a 261-ton transformer and two 32-ton radiator batteries, which were moved to a transporter with a floating crane.

The sheer measurements of the parts were unusual: the transformer had a length of 11.35 meters, a width of 3.83 meters and a height of 4.36 meters, while the batteries each measured 7.11 meters long, 3.90 meters wide and 4.36 meters in high,

In Nuremberg, the transformer was loaded at the customer's quay onto the vessel and the two radiators were added at another trans-shipment point on the Main-Danube canal.

Once the vessel arrived at Brunsbuettel Elbe harbor the transformer was lifted over the quay wall using a floating crane onto a specific vehicle-combination which had a length of 52.4 meters and was composed of a pull-push-convoy with two 8x4-axle-tractors, plus additional 18 modular axles.

When the transformer was loaded, the total weight of the combination amounted to about 400 tons. The radiator batteries were loaded onto a three-axle towing vehicle coupled to a four-axle semi-trailer and a three-axle towing vehicle coupled to a five-axle semi-trailer.

The final destination of the transport was a voltage transformation substation.

Due to the weight and length of the vehicle combination and its cargo GPLN member Universal Transport had to reinforce a bridge on the route using foundation slabs. www.gpln.net