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THE WORLD'S LONGEST CASE

Quality Freight UK's Project Team enjoy a challenge with the latest one coming in the form of quite possibly the world's longest case!

Measuring 20 metres in length – the size of a Blue Whale! – the heavy engineering component, known as a Thermocouple, was destined for India.

However, how to get the case to its final destination was the dilemma as containerisation on a scheduled service out of the UK was out of the question.

Ultimately, the team loaded it to a special extending chassis at the manufacturer's site in Manchester, from where it travelled by road to Middlesbrough. From there it was loaded on to a suitably equipped feeder vessel which carried it across the North Sea to Antwerp before being shipped to Mumbai.

The final leg of the journey to a major inland industrial complex was achieved using another special extending chassis and arranged by QF's local specialist project partner MFC Logistics India.

Special thanks should also go to Northern Case Supplies (NCS) which introduced QF to the client and had the equally mammoth responsibility of designing and manufacturing the case used to transport the Thermocouple.



QF unveils new websites

Quality Freight Group has unveiled a new group website to reflect its ongoing growth and diversification into new markets.

The website – www.qualityfreight.com – aims to reinforce the message that the group can provide the complete logistics package for its customers.

In addition to the launch of a new look group website, its daughter company BLS International has also unveiled a new online presence – www.bls-bulk.com

QF ships to Olympic host country

While the memories of London 2012 will live long in the memory, QF UK's project team is already forging links with the venue for the 2016 Olympics.

The team at Ellesmere Port was called upon to arrange for the transportation to Rio de Janeiro in Brazil of industrial presses used in the manufacture of motor vehicles.

MEDICINES ON THE MOVE

A growing area of work for Quality Freight is the transportation of vital medicines and medical supplies.

Working closely with a leading healthcare client, the QF team ensures that the right supplies are delivered at the right time to patients.

Shaun Ryan, QF Group's business development manager, said: "The summer is the busy time with people abroad on holiday and often the shipments we organise are extremely delicate."

"We fully appreciate the responsibility bestowed upon us as the successful delivery of the medicines can help ensure people remain fit and healthy on their holidays."



VIOREL ON BOARD

Quality Freight UK has appointed Viorel Raducanescu as marine business development manager.

Viorel is the current Liverpool chairman of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers.



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Quality Freight ploughs ahead with machine exports



Quality Freight Group will be exhibiting at the National Ploughing Championships in Ireland later this month.

Attendance at the event, one of Europe's largest outdoor exhibitions and agricultural trade shows, coincides with a strong surge in machinery shipments being handled by QF.

The championships, which are being held in New Ross, County Wexford, between September 25-27, attract more than 1,000 exhibitors and almost 200,000 visitors.

The prestigious event showcases the best in Irish food, farming and culture incorporating all sectors of agriculture and rural living with the latest developments in agricultural machinery forming a key part of the show. The show will also profile the latest developments in renewable energy systems, an area of increasing interest to the Irish farming community and a sector in which QF is active.

Trevor Dumbleton, Quality Freight Group MD, said: "The National Ploughing Championships is one of the biggest of its kind in Europe and we are looking forward to exhibiting at the event."

"Irish companies are seeing continued growth and diversification and the country is becoming one of the fastest growing exporters of machinery from Ireland to Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Far East, Australasia and South America.

"This global spread of Irish exports is producing many economic and employment benefits in a number of related sectors and Quality Freight Group is excited to be at the heart of this growth looking after our customers and building customized logistic programmes."

Quality Freight Group provides full logistics for a comprehensive range of machinery including excavators, wheel loaders, backhoe loaders, diggers and cranes. Our work includes complete factory relocations and recent projects have seen us export machinery to countries as far away as Australia, Peru and Brazil.

One recent project saw the QF Dublin team co-ordinate operations and arrange for suitable permits and escorts to move a 57 ton recycling machine through two jurisdictions and meet the departure of vessel from Dublin.

QUALITY FREIGHT OPENS GRANGEMOUTH BASE

Quality Freight Group has launched a new base at the Scottish port of Grangemouth.

The opening of the facility is the latest part of the Group's continuing expansion and follows the opening of another operation in the port of Rotterdam last Autumn.

QF UK Managing Director Sebastian Gardiner said: "The launch of the base in Grangemouth was a natural next step for Quality Freight giving us a terrific east coast link to the Continent.

"It will also significantly benefit one of our most valued clients, Newport Industries."

Newport Industries, which has offices in London, Shanghai and Miami, has established itself as a niche distributor of chemicals and boasts over 250 customers ranging from multinationals to local manufacturers.

The organisation supplies in excess of 180,000MTs of chemicals a year with more than 200 products spread over 10 application industries.



BLS MARKS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY WITH FURTHER EXPANSION



Bulk Logistic Solutions International, QF's daughter company, is continuing its rapid growth.

The company, which last month celebrated its fifth anniversary, has purchased four additional chassis with two being converted to 20ft food only and a further two 30ft chassis being fully refurbished.

The extra chassis will be deployed in the UK, where BLS International is expanding its coverage, the Benelux region and Ireland.

BLS International includes BLS Food and BLS Chemical divisions as well as Netherlands subsidiary BLS BV.

Last year, BLS BV took over the business of Global Liners BV and, in the process, enabled Quality Freight Group to launch a major operation at the Port of Rotterdam – the largest hub in Europe and one of the biggest anywhere in the world.

Led by QF Group's Dublin office, the decision was taken to relocate Global Liners from its small local facility to the Port of Rotterdam base at Hoogvliet of its existing Dutch partner, Neele Logistics.

QF Group Operations Director Colin Dumbleton said: "We have seen significant growth in the BLS business during the past five years but we believe there is still massive untapped potential.

"We are committed to investing in the best equipment to ensure that we can continue to exceed the high standards expected from our customers in the UK, Ireland and Europe.

"BLS is the ideal solution for customers needing bulk food transportation for products such as sugar, cereals, rice and maize where zero contamination is critical. The same rigorous procedures follow through the Chemical and Global divisions."

Volvo Ocean Race calls in QF Team

The Quality Freight Dublin team played a small part in the success of the 2011/12 Volvo Ocean Race.

The prestigious sailing race reached its epic conclusion in Galway in July – eight months after setting sail from the Spanish port of Alicante.

QF was asked to deliver a bridge to the race finishing line. The race, the world's premier offshore competition formerly known as the Whitbread Round the World Race, took in ports including Auckland, Cape Town, Miami and Lisbon before arriving in Galway.

The race was won by French boat Groupama skippered by Franck Cammas amid jubilant scenes in the Irish port.

