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ABOUT UFO

UFO is an ISO 9001 (Quality Management) and ISO 14001 (Environmental Management) certified association built on a foundation of mutual trust, shared knowledge, experience and resources to help each Member company grow their business by either referring one another or doing business directly with one another. With 100+ independent freight forwarders located in 95+ countries, we are proud to have maintained our 'One Member per Country' policy (with the exception of USA and China), making us one of the only remaining exclusive freight forwarder networks in the world.

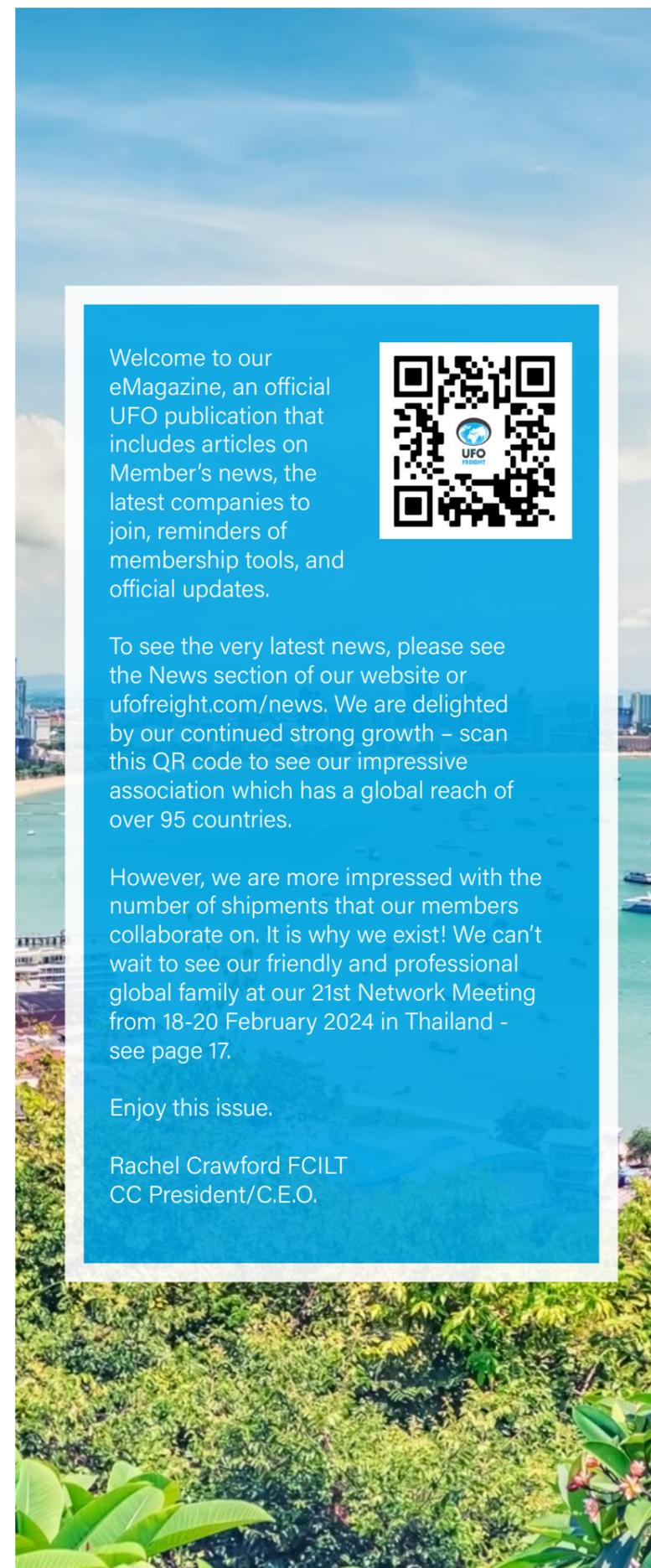
MEETING HUB

Good communication is extremely important which is why UFO has invested in a bespoke Meeting Hub where our Members can connect virtually using the platforms that have now become an essential part of daily life including Zoom, Google Meet, Skype, and WhatsApp. Watch this video to see how the system works:

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Cover: Industry Expertise & Local Knowledge from STC Freight

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Welcome to our eMagazine, an official UFO publication that includes articles on Member's news, the latest companies to join, reminders of membership tools, and official updates.



To see the very latest news, please see the News section of our website or ufofreight.com/news. We are delighted by our continued strong growth – scan this QR code to see our impressive association which has a global reach of over 95 countries.

However, we are more impressed with the number of shipments that our members collaborate on. It is why we exist! We can't wait to see our friendly and professional global family at our 21st Network Meeting from 18-20 February 2024 in Thailand - see page 17.

Enjoy this issue.

Rachel Crawford FCILT
CC President/C.E.O.

THE UFO TEAM

Rachel is supported at the UFO Head Office by a strong group of talented individuals drawn from a variety of transport and media backgrounds, all of whom want to contribute to the future success of our organisation.



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RAISING FUNDS FOR SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES THAILAND



Since 1971, SOS Children's Villages Thailand have been helping children who have lost their parents in the form of long-term, family-like care.

Concept

The organisation believes that every child should grow up in a suitable environment and the 'family' is the best place. To help provide a happy childhood, they advocate for affording children who have missed out on the opportunity to be raised in their biological family a renewed chance to become part of a nurturing family unit once more.

How is SOS different from other similar organisations?

SOS Children's Villages Thailand cultivate a family-oriented environment for raising children, placing immense importance on each child's development and ensuring they grow into well-adjusted individuals. Their commitment spans the long term, guiding children from infancy to adulthood while providing them with the best possible education, enabling them to advance, pursue careers, and achieve self-sufficiency, ultimately leading fulfilling lives within society. Each child is nurtured by a devoted 'Mother' who shows them love and affection. SOS Mothers wholeheartedly embrace every child as an integral part of the SOS family, forging enduring bonds. Within the SOS family, boys and girls of diverse ages and backgrounds coexist harmoniously, fostering strong connections. The SOS family resides in the SOS Children's Village, an environment that fosters mutual support and care. Moreover, SOS Children's Villages form an integral part of their local communities, creating interdependence and reliance among one another.

How to help

During the booking process for our **21st Network Meeting**, you will be asked which amount you would like to donate and this will be added to your Registration Fee invoice. To register your place, **click here** (UFO Members only).

For more details on SOS Children's Villages Thailand, please **click here**.

Note: SOS Children's Villages Thailand is a member of SOS Children's Villages International which has members in more than 130 countries around the world.



CROWN LOGISTICS CELEBRATE THEIR DIVISIONS' PERFORMANCES



Crown Logistics, our members representing **Kuwait**, celebrated the performance of **Crown International** - their **FMCG & CWG** division. This friendly program has been going strong for the past 15 years, and is part of Crown's vision and mission to motivate their employees with the satisfaction of excellent performance.

"At Crown Logistics, we are looking forward to handling more & more shipments in the future with our fellow UFO members."

Please visit the website below for the services offered by Crown Logistics and contact **Managing Director, George Madtha** (george@crowlogisticsco.com) with any enquiries or opportunities.

A PROFESSIONAL & EXPERIENCED TEAM AT BOXER SHIPPING IN LEBANON

We are pleased to announce UFO membership in **Lebanon** with **Boxer Shipping**. Located in **Beirut**, the dynamic company was established in **2006** and holds ISO certification as well as accreditation with several industry associations including LFS, LSAS, LSA, FONSABA and BIMCO.

Sami Khoury (Director & Operations Manager) says; "Boxer Shipping has a professional and highly experienced team which knows and understands the local market, working in modern offices close to the port.

With **first class freight forwarding and shipping services**, we are able to handle all types of cargo. We also offer many subsidiary services including customs clearance, chartering, RORO solutions, ship agency, port services and stevedoring.

We are keen to develop great freight forwarding business with the members of UFO and have identified it as a well-established and wide-reaching network."

The UFO Head Office wishes a very warm welcome to Boxer Shipping in Lebanon!





UFO UGANDA AND CANADA ENJOY MEETING IN TORONTO

Frank & Loy Muramura of **New Africa Cargo Freighters** are pleased to share news of a meeting they recently had with **Margaret Janczak** of **Global Cargo Canada**.

New Africa Cargo Freighters was founded in 2006. They were established with the vision of becoming a first-choice international freight forwarding company.

The three enjoyed a great meeting in **Toronto**, whilst having the opportunity to see such sights as the **Niagara Falls!** The visit took place over two days, on the **26th** and **27th of July**.

Frank Muramura said that he looks forward to meeting with Margaret and Global Cargo Canada again soon!

Global Cargo Canada Inc. is a corporation certified to handle international freight-forwarding. They are an experienced team of professionals committed to their client's full satisfaction.

GREEN CHANNEL INDIA TRANSPORT SEVENTY-METER SKY LIFT

Green Channel Forwarders, our members representing **India**, are pleased to share a shipment they recently handled involving a **WUMAG Palfinger WT 700** crane.

The crane, a **seventy-meter** mounted sky lift, has dimensions of 12.2 (L) x 4.0 (W) x 2.5 (H) meters. The gross weight of the crane is 32,000 kilograms.

Green Channel handled customs clearance and provided their consignee with a complete transportation service.

"This shipment was swiftly delivered to our client."





GREEN CHANNEL INDIA COORDINATE SHIPMENT FOR WMI

Green Channel Forwarders are glad to report yet another service they completed for their client, **Worldwide Machines Impex**.

The company covered the customs clearance and transportation of a **JLG 860 SJ Boomlift**, which was dismantled for the shipment.

This heavy piece of cargo weighed in at **17,200 kilograms**, featuring dimensions of **40' (L) x 8.2' (W) x 10' (H)**.

"The shipment was swiftly delivered to our client."

GREEN CHANNEL INDIA COMPLETE TRANSPORT FOR MADHURA INVESTMENTS

Green Channel Forwarders, our members from **India**, recently handled the transportation of machinery for **Madhura Investments**. The cargo in question involved **two sets of machinery**. The first set contained two packages with a gross weight of **24,350 kilograms**.

The second set contained three packages with a gross weight of **6,170 kilograms**. Green Channel covered transportation and customs clearance for this delivery, which was taken to Delhi for an exhibition before being brought back to Pune to their client's factory.



EUROGATE ANNOUNCE OPENING OF NEW WAREHOUSE IN WROCLAW

Eurogate Logistics are happy to share the details on their opening of a new warehouse, covering **7,600 sq/m**, located at Prologis Park in **Wrocław, Poland**.

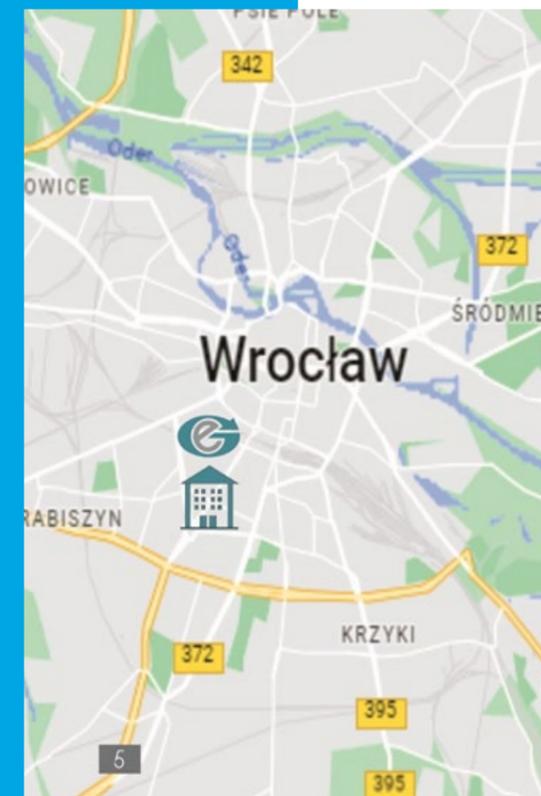
The warehouse is strategically located near the western city ring road of Wrocław - the A8 motorway, the main transport hubs towards Western Europe and the airport which operates direct flights to Warsaw, Frankfurt, Vienna, Copenhagen and Munich. It features 12 reloading docks and two gates on level '0'. The facility can store and handle over 8,000 pallets; 4,000 of them on pallet racks and another 4,000 pallets or oversized shipments using block storage. In addition, the warehouse has a zone dedicated to cross-docking.



The Eurogate warehouse has a clear height of 12 meters, reinforced floor load-bearing capacity and increased insulation of the walls and roof. The building is equipped with intelligent lighting systems. Motion sensors that have been programmed in accordance with the needs and guidelines will reduce electricity costs. Security is guaranteed by constant monitoring and numerous alarm systems, including a fire alarm system with an automatic extinguishing system. The whole area is ventilated and heated with the possibility of temperature regulation.

Opening the Wrocław warehouse is another crucial step for the company, thanks to which they will be able to offer their customers and UFO partners a wide range of services related to contract logistics, including:

- Cross-docking
- Reloading
- Logistic Service
- Rack Storage
- Oversized Goods Storage
- Unloading & Palletising
- Labelling
- Repackaging
- International Distribution



CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL CARGO CELEBRATE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Caribbean International Cargo are delighted to report they recently celebrated their **20th Anniversary!** The company enjoyed a wonderful dinner party with all of their employees present. The UFO Head Office would like to congratulate Caribbean International Cargo on this extraordinary milestone, and wish them good fortune for the coming years.



Claudia M. Benitez Caro, Vice President of Operations, had this to say on the occasion:

"We are very happy for having experienced such a satisfactory journey, and we are very proud of our achievements. This remarkable path makes us look forward to many more years to come."

Caribbean International Cargo is a full-service transportation company located in the Dominican Republic who pride themselves on providing prompt, efficient, reliable service to all their clients.

INDUSTRY EXPERTISE & LOCAL KNOWLEDGE FROM STC FREIGHT



We are pleased to report new membership in **Zimbabwe** with **STC Freight**. The reliable and communicative company, based in Harare, offer a wide array of **bespoke logistics solutions**.

Business Development Director, Nevison Macherenga comments; "STC Freight is a global logistics company providing freight forwarding, transportation, warehousing, customs brokerage and other additional services, applying our industry expertise and local knowledge to deliver tailor-made solutions. Our **comprehensive and fine-tuned range** of air, ocean and road freight services will show our efficiency and cost-effectiveness."

STC Freight have recently handled equipment for a new gas cylinder manufacturing plant in Zimbabwe. Because of their efficient and safe operations, the customer also contracted STC Freight to handle their next shipment. See photos here.



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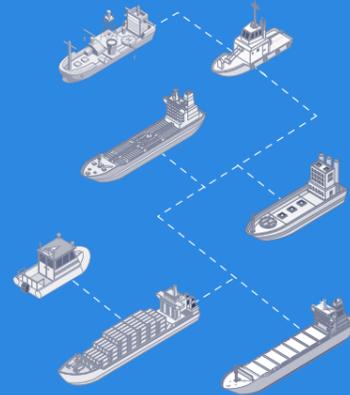
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NEW MEMBERSHIP IN TOGO WITH UNITED WONDER MARINE

We are pleased to introduce new UFO membership in **Togo** with **United Wonder Marine**. With headquarters in **Lomé**, the reliable and trustworthy company are specialised in maritime logistics, shipping agency and freight forwarding.

Simon-Pierre Azomedon (Commercial & Operations Manager) says; "United Wonder Marine provides a range of **efficient shipping and logistics services** in Togo with extensive experience and innovative knowledge. We offer integrated solutions for cargo shipments & projects, consolidation & deconsolidation and door-to-door services.

We are excited to join such a pro-active organisation as the Universal Freight Organisation and are keen to connect with the worldwide members."

The UFO Head Office wishes a warm welcome to United Wonder Marine!





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MY VISIT TO APEX INTERNATIONAL IN JAPAN

Dear UFO Members & Friends,

Last week, my cousin Jo and I embarked on our **long-anticipated journey to Japan**. Japan had been a dream destination on my bucket list for years, and from the instant we touched down until our departure, I was enchanted by this remarkable country. Our adventure led us to **Tokyo, Kawaguchi**, the awe-inspiring Mt. Fuji, and the cultural wonders of Kyoto, with the thrilling experience of riding the Shinkansen bullet train, of course!

A highlight of the trip was visiting our representative in Japan, **Steve Ko** and his wonderful Tokyo team including **Miyama, Takao, Ishihara, and Grace** at **Apex International**. Stepping into their well-appointed Headquarters (**see photo**) was a testament to their commitment to excellence, where the precision and attention to detail synonymous with Japanese craftsmanship were evident in every aspect of their workspace. Meeting their dedicated team was wonderful and their warmth and hospitality made us feel like more than just business partners. We exchanged memories of the many UFO network

meetings Apex has attended over a fantastic sushi lunch at a local restaurant. The visit not only deepened our understanding of Apex's operations but also enriched our appreciation for the beauty of Japanese culture. It was a truly great experience that left us inspired and eager to hold a network meeting in Japan one day!

Apex International became a part of UFO in January 2004 and has consistently been an active participant in our network meetings. Their consistently high rankings in our Quality Control Surveys reflect their commitment to excellence, and we take immense pride in having them as founding members of our organisation.

"Thank you again to Steve and his fabulous and friendly team at Apex!"

Best wishes,

*Rachel Crawford FCILT
President/C.E.O.*

CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL CARGO AWARDED PERFORMANCE ACCOLADE

Caribbean International Cargo are excited to share they were recently recognised by their clients, Argos Dominicana, with the award **"Excellence in Performance"** - one of the highest accolades from the 1st edition of the **Creciendo Juntos Awards**. The event was celebrated on Wednesday the 1st of November, and shows the company's dedication to exceeding expectations as well as fostering collaborative partnerships.

"This recognition is a testament to our hard work, driven by our dedication, quality and exceptional service. At this prestigious event, our valued client recognised our outstanding contributions to their success and continuous commitment to delivering top-notch service."

Caribbean International Cargo express deep gratitude for the trust and collaboration that made this recognition possible.

"It inspires us to continue to grow and deliver the best results for our clients and partners."



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