Special Projects: Breakbulk and Project Cargo Handling in Sri Lanka

CMA CGM in Sri Lanka has been at the forefront of shipping lines who are able to offer a customized and tailor made solution for special projects. Using CMA CGM Group’s network and expertise in handling specialized transport, combined with the contacts, supply capability and expertise established in the Sri Lankan market, CMA CGM Lanka has handled multiple specialized cargo operations and is able to offer a solution for cargo operations which are outside of the scope of normal containerized cargo carriage.

During the recent past CMA CGM Lanka successfully undertook the completion of below projects:

- Discharging of fertilizer in bulk form using compression pumps to unload the cargo onto trucks.
- Carriage of one 67MT turbine rotor and canister from Colombo port to Genoa port for repairs and from Genoa port to Colombo port once repairs were completed – the biggest obstacle in this project was the weight of the cargo exceeding the general safety limit for the terminal crane. However by channelling the proper expertise and using proper precautionary methodology the teams involved were able to obtain the necessary approvals and make the loading and unloading possible. Incidentally it was a project which many others including specialized breakbulk operators had abandoned citing lack of feasibility for handling.
- Carriage of a 60MT oversized consignment – a cutterhead for to engage in tunnel boring for one of the largest hydropower projects in the country – the heavy weight and off shape of the cargo combined presented difficulties but was overcome by proper technical detailing and planning.
- Carriage of 2 no.s of dump trucks each weighing 50MT from Colombo port to Port Victoria Mahe and back from Mahe to Colombo for a resort project.
- Carriage of a 120M long carbon fiber cable for one of the largest yatches in the world, the cable was placed inside a 66 foot long container which required a special framework to be constructed to allow lifting on board to the vessel.
- Discharging of a large yatch loaded from Australia, discharged from the ship directly onto water – this involved obtaining several approvals from Navy and Defence authorities as well as usage of proper materials and a well-planned lift for this sensitive cargo, which was completed successfully.
- Arranged transhipment in Colombo and smooth connections and handling enabling smooth assembly of the world’s largest crane with a capacity of 2000MT in Mangalore, India.
- End to end logistics handling capability for project cargo – these include carriage of extremely high value sensitive cargo for a complex medical project with very tight deadlines, carriage of cargo for a bridge project spanning several provinces, road transportation of machinery for a factory assembly project under a tight deadline, ocean carriage of machinery for assembly of an entire food processing plant from Europe –
including high value sensitive machinery as well as over-sized consignments, road transportation of pre-fabricated bridges for a large scale bridge project.

- Being a part of several mega infrastructure development projects – pre-fabricated housing for a large scale community development project in the North of the country, carriage of cargo for 3 large bridge projects in the Eastern province, machinery for the Colombo South Harbour breakwater project, taking part in 2 harbour construction projects and carriage of machinery and over-sized consignments for several power plants, road, highways and water works projects including end to end logistics for a major pipe laying project in the East of the country.

- Carriage of many oversized consignments such as trailers, machinery re-export for the South Harbour breakwater project, relocation of machinery for a harbour project, import and export of machinery, oil and gas platforms and cargo baskets for an oil exploration project in the North of the country.

- Export of machinery such as turbines, penstock pipes, GI and DI pipes from Sri Lanka and other offshore locations including China and Singapore for several power plants constructed in Africa.
Loading of a 66 foot long container carrying a 120M long carbon fiber cable

Carriage of out of guage cargo: trailers, excavators, machinery items to destinations around the world

Handling of 67MT turbine rotor and canister
Discharging of a boat from the vessel directly on water
Carriage of oil field drilling equipment for an Oil and Gas exploration project

Arranging total logistics end-to-end, for the construction of a large scale resort project in the Seychelles

Transport of 80 cntr loads of steel pipes for a water project in the East, clearing and inland haulage
Providing total logistics solutions for the ocean carriage, warehousing, clearance and distribution of a large scale bridge project involving materials for 46 bridges

Handled lashing, clearing and transportation of a boat to Seychelles