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FEATURE STORY – Country Focus

Egypt



Globelink Egypt

Recognizing the huge potential of the Egyptian market, Globelink Egypt was established in 2006 to extend shipping & forwarding services through its offices in Alexandria, Cairo, Port Said and a presence at Sokhna Port to handle shipments.

Egypt is one of the most populous countries in Africa and the Middle East. The majority of its people live near the banks of the Nile River while the large areas of the Sahara Desert are sparsely inhabited.

Overlooking the Mediterranean and Red Sea, with the Suez Canal linking them, Egypt's geographic location adds a vital aspect to the maritime transport sector. Following the completion of the Suez Canal in 1869, Egypt became an important world transportation hub. The Egyptian government has over the years boost the infrastructure of the industry by building ports with high tech equipments for cargo handling.



Cairo is the largest city as well as the Egyptian capital and Alexandria comes in as the second largest city of the country. Among the most important ports of Egypt are Alexandria, Dekheila (an extension to Alexandria port), Damietta, Port Said and Sokhna.



The Port of Alexandria, considered the main port in Egypt is located at the West end of the Nile Delta between the Mediterranean Sea and Mariut Lake. Three quarters of Egypt's foreign trade passes through it. Alexandria port consists of two harbors (East and West) separated by a T-shaped peninsula. The East harbor, Port of Dekheila, was constructed as a natural extension of the port of Alexandria.

Port Said port lies on the Northern entrance of the Suez Canal. It is considered one of the most important Egyptian ports due to its distinctive location at the crossroad of the most important world sea trade route between the East and Europe via the Suez Canal, and the most extensive transshipment port in the world. Port Said port is the busiest container port in Egypt. It is divided into:

- Port Said Port
- East Port Said Port

Damietta Port is located at the intersection of the Mediterranean Sea and the Nile, about 200 km north of Cairo and 70 km west of Port Said. There is a canal connecting Damietta to the Nile, making it an important port. Damietta has one of the largest and most sophisticated terminals in the Middle East.

The Sokhna Port strategically located just below the Southern entrance to the Suez Canal, on the Red Sea, makes it ideal to handle cargo transiting through one of the world's busiest commercial waterways. A mere 120 km away from Cairo, Sokhna is a transit port for other Egyptian ports as well as into African subcontinent. It is the first automated port in Egypt across all departments, including marine operations, customs, security and information systems.

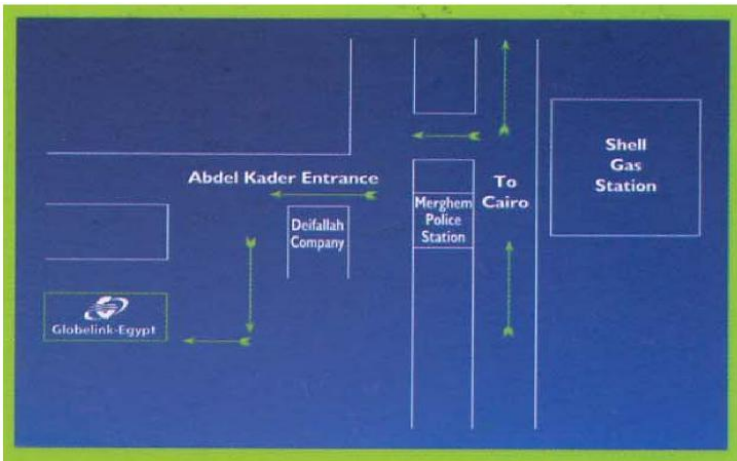


Services Offered by Globelink Egypt

- ❑ Export & Import LCL Consolidation
- ❑ Export & Import Airfreight
- ❑ Multimodal Sea-Air-Land Transportation
- ❑ Fully Secured and Bonded Warehouse (CFS) Facility
- ❑ Customs Clearance
- ❑ Hazardous Cargo Handling
- ❑ Door to Door Pick-Up/ Delivery
- ❑ Road Transportation

Bonded Warehouse (CFS) Facility

Globelink Egypt is the first in Egypt to operate its own CFS operations outside of Alexandria port at Merghem Bonded Warehouse providing more efficient and flexible services to meet various needs of customers.



Merghem CFS Facility

Features of Merghem CFS Facility

- ❖ Operating hours: 10 a.m. till midnight
- ❖ Egyptian customs centre in the CFS
- ❖ Equipped to handle hazardous cargoes
- ❖ Equipments include:
 - 6 units of 3-ton capacity forklifts
 - 2 units of 2-ton capacity forklifts
 - 1 unit of 25-ton capacity top lifter
- ❖ Own fleet of light & heavy trucks
- ❖ Capacity to handle 250 TEUs monthly



Inland Transportation

Globelink Egypt owns and operates an extensive fleet of trucks, trailers and small covered vehicles for light LCL cargoes. Reliable inland transportation services are offered using our own trucks and covering all Egyptian cities. Inland transport operations are also offered for full/empty containers.



Globelink Egypt Direct LCL Consolidation Services

Egypt – Export

POL	POD Country	POD	POL	POD Country	POD
Alexandria	Belgium	Antwerp	Alexandria	Germany	Hamburg
	Netherlands	Rotterdam		Singapore	Singapore
	Spain	Barcelona		U.A.E.	Dubai

Dubai – Import

POD	POL Country	POL	POD	POL Country	POL
Alexandria	Belgium	Antwerp	Alexandria	Korea	Busan
	China	Ningbo		Netherlands	Rotterdam
		Qingdao		Singapore	Singapore
		Shanghai		Spain	Barcelona
		Shenzhen		Taiwan	Keelung
		Xingang		Turkey	Istanbul
	Germany	Hamburg		U.A.E.	Dubai
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CWT Globelink Group has a presence of more than 100 offices in 26 countries. Globelink operates in Australia, Bulgaria, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Egypt, Guatemala, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and Vietnam.

SERVICE INTRODUCTION – New Export Service to Turkey



Singapore to Mersin

CWT Globelink is launching a new direct consolidation service from Singapore into the Port of Mersin, Turkey in the month of May 2012. Established in February 2012 in the country's third largest container port, Globelink Mersin has been exploring possibilities of a direct service.

Globelink will be the only NVOCC with a direct service from Singapore as all other service providers are routing their cargo via Istanbul. Common commodities imported into Mersin are auto spare parts, building materials, engines, machinery and furniture.

Cargoes to Iraq and North Cyprus can also be transshipped via Mersin by bonded truck.

From Singapore

- ❖ Mersin, Turkey – Weekly– 27 days Transit
- ❖ Transshipment destinations offered via Mersin:
 - Iraq – Erbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Suleymaniye
 - North Cyprus – Famagusta

All freight and local charges for transshipment cargoes are strictly on prepaid basis and valid only for general cargoes. DG cargo, foodstuff, raw leather, scrap cargoes are not acceptable.

To find out more about the new services offered by Globelink Mersin, kindly email:

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Headquartered in Istanbul, Globelink Unimar Turkey has branch offices located at Izmir, Bursa, Mersin and an office at Ataturk airport to handle airfreight.

NOTICES – Globelink Offices

Globelink Romania Obtains ISO 9001:2008 Certification

Globelink International (Romania) SRL has been audited by the relevant authorities and has obtained the ISO 9001:2008 certification.

With this new certification and its worldwide recognition, Globelink Romania will be able to enhance customers' satisfaction and experience.

Headquartered in Bucharest, with branch offices in Constanta and Otopeni, Globelink Romania offers a wide range of services to complement the Globelink network.

Globelink Romania operates regular direct LCL consolidation services from various Far East origins into Constanta.

To find out more about the services offered, please contact Globelink Romania or email general@globelink-romania.com



Congestion at Riyadh Dry Port

Globelink West Star have received notification that due to a change of port handling contractors at Riyadh Dry Port (RCT Riyadh) and the new contractor facing teething problems, there is temporarily congestion problems.

Containers handling have slowed considerably, as with cargo clearance procedures. There are delays in movement of containers from Dammam port by rail to RCT Riyadh, customs clearance and delivery of shipments from the Dry Port.

Information is that many containers have piled up at Dammam sea port for movement to RCT Riyadh.

It appears that the problem will continue for some time although the new contractor and authorities are working on plans to improve the situation on rapid basis and remove the backlog.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Intra-Asia catch-up GRIs to raise rates \$200 in two months

An interesting thing happened on the way to the latest rates rise in the box industry. Very quietly, the 30 lines that represent the Intra-Asia Discussion Agreement are pushing for rates rises of \$200 per teu by the end of May in two rounds, starting this month.

The increases may seem modest — most of the big box lines have achieved rates restoration of \$1,000 per teu from March 1 and other rises are scheduled for May. The relatively small rise reflects the comparative health of the intra-Asia trades, which have remained far more stable during the shipping downturn than the Asia-Europe or the transpacific trades.

The rates spread across the intra-Asia trades is much wider than in the deepwater trades, because of differences in length of routes, levels of service that companies typically apply and economic imbalances that have boosted some routes.

IADA has explained that the GRIs, voluntary and non-binding, aim to raise the floor under intra-Asia rates following the success of the GRIs on the long-haul routes.

The organization gave another reason. Many companies in IADA operate both deepwater and intra-Asia and the intra-Asia components are having a hard time competing for scarce slot time and equipment against their colleagues in the same company plying the routes from, say, Asia to north Europe. Since the rates rises, the deepwater business has become more lucrative and the intra-Asia trades need to catch up.

Of course, none of this internal company competition for scarce resources is the customer's problem. But the rates rises suggested by IADA are welcome, all the same. If they are sustained, it will present a welcome signal that Asian manufacturing is alive and well, and growing.

- *Source: Lloyd's List*

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World Holidays in May 2012

**China**

01 - 03 May Labour Day

Costa Rica

01 May Labour Day

Croatia

01 May Labour Day

Egypt

01 May Labour Day

Guatemala

01 May Labour Day

Hong Kong

01 May Labour Day

India

06 May Buddha Purnima

Indonesia05 May Waisak Day
(Buddha's Birthday)

17 May Ascension Day

Korea01 May Labour Day
05 May Children's Day**Malaysia**01 May Labour Day
05 May Wesak Day
(Birth of Buddha)**Morocco**

01 May Labour Day

Pakistan

01 May Labour Day

Portugal

01 May Labour Day

Romania

01 May Labour Day

Singapore01 May Labour Day
05 May Vesak Day**Slovenia**01 - 02 May Labour Day
27 May Whit Sunday**Spain**01 May Labour Day
28 May Pentecost Monday**Sri Lanka**05 May Vesak Full Moon Poya Day
06 May Day following Vesak Full
Moon Poya Day**Thailand**01 May Labour Day
05 May Coronation Day**Turkey**01 May Labour and Solidarity Day
19 May Commemoration of Ataturk,
Youth and Sports Day**Vietnam**

01 May Labour Day

INSPIRING QUOTE

“ A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new ”

Albert Einstein

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Together with key members of its agency network, Globelink formed the Global Consolidator Alliance (GCA) to provide comprehensive and seamless global coverage to its valued customers.

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