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# Design to Delivery of a Heavy-Lift Shipment Case Study

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Case Study: Design to delivery

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Introduction: Design to delivery



The two-session event will follow the design-todelivery movement of an out-of-gauge/heavy-lift pressure vessel from India to New Orleans over an estimated 2-year time period.



The sessions will engage attendees in learning about the D-to-D process (at a high level) by describing the critical/major steps involved following along a master process flow map.



Attendees will be presented with disruptions and challenges inserted along the path at two points, one in each session.



Attendees will discuss these disruptions and challenges and their implications for previously made plans for delivery and for the project schedule. They will then develop a solution to be presented by their group spokesperson.

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### Assignment

Learn the critical steps involved in moving an OOG pressure vessel from India to New Orleans over an approximately two-year period.



Typical design to delivery process steps



### **Critical Step 1**





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### What does EPC stand for?

#### Engineering



#### Procurement



#### Construction



EPC firms deliver a full package of resources to complete projects.

EPC services typically provide a single responsible source for executing a project (turnkey)

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## Engagement is key

The engagement between design engineering and logistics is crucial for the success of any project

#### Initial Collaboration:

- Specification Development
- Supplier Selection
- Value Engineering
- Risk Management
- Continuous Communication

Effective collaboration between design engineering and Logistics is essential for optimizing product design, minimizing costs, and ensuring timely delivery of high-quality products.





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### **Engineering and Logistics**

Logistics Requirement Assessment and Cost Estimation are scalable to specific project requirement.



#### **Physical Analysis Assessment**

- 1. Utilize local expertise of countries involved in project, whether origin, transit or destination, as well as the international carriers, to determine infrastructure capacities, capabilities and potential bottlenecks throughout the potential routes
- 2. Conduct transport engineering planning, including preliminary route surveys, in order to establish a "transport envelope," identifying maximum dimensions and weight that can be accommodated throughout the route
- 3. Conduct QHSE and security evaluations and gap analysis as part of the infrastructure capabilities assessment.

#### **Regulatory Assessment**

- 1. The customs regulations and requirements of all countries to be involved.
- 2. The requirement/use of duty exemption process.
- 3. Any carrier flag requirements for international transport.
- 4. The permitting processes of the exporting and importing countries.

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### **Engineering and Logistics**

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#### Supply Chain Visibility Assessment

- 1. Logistics Timeline & Visibility Assessment
- 2. Establish general timelines for various types of shipments: ocean container, ocean break-bulk and air, from supplier pick-up to site delivery.
- 3. Assess engineered transport envelope sizes as compatibles to meeting origin restrictions in relation to the location of vendor to the place of export. Investigate air and ocean services to establish if there are direct port calls in order to evaluate cost effective transportation to destination.

#### **Logistics Cost Estimation**

- Review cost estimate requirements for level of accuracy and assess the level of information available to provide estimate. Work with engineering and procurement to obtain materials information, i.e. estimated values, weights, dimensions and quantities required to complete estimate. If information is not available, agree on methodology to utilize whatever information is available to make the estimate.
- 2. Utilize information obtained through logistics requirement assessment to prepare the cost estimate, identify what information is not available and create plan/timeline for obtaining next level of effort/response.

### **Engineering and Logistics**

#### **Project Management Costing**

EPC would be working directly for the project owner or operator, normally under one of two scenarios:

#### 1. Lump Sum-Turnkey (LSTK) EPC

Logistics team will be responsible for compiling the list of 3PL bidders and framing them. Within the RFQ, the logistics team would likely provide all 3PL bidders with data to develop their own logistics plans. Under this agreement, the information for the plan would be provided by logistics and engineering, or a combination of both, for the "logistics assessment."

#### 2. Cost Plus EPC

The logistics team will be responsible for compiling the list of 3PLs and framing the RFQ. Within a cost-plus EPC RFQ, the logistics team will have final say on awarded contractors and methodology, and owner and EPC could potentially guide all bidders to specific logistics service providers and could define the logistics strategy. Owners could also contract directly for key equipment and key services such as logistics.

Under this scenario, EPC could make use of both the "logistic assessment" as described and the "logistics planning" as defined.

In either scenario we recommend that a cost model based on assigned/dedicated personnel being compensated on an agreed remuneration schedule be utilized as basis for compensation, whether through a permanent team based within the EPC's office or operating out of service providers offices, plus costs (travel, external services, etc.).

### **Engineering and Logistics**

#### EPCM

At this point, the best combination of project logistics management and project logistics execution activities should be considered. The final deliverables for the logistics scope will include:

- Project Logistics Management Planning
- Logistics Plan
- Determination/Recommendation of P.O. Purchasing Terms
- Logistics Management Organization
- Standard Operation Procedures
- Transport Engineering
- Project Visibility IT Solutions & Reporting
- Regulatory Compliance
- EPC Logistics Pricing Model

### **Critical Step 2**





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### Logistics Process Flow Diagram



### **Critical Step 3**





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### **Logistics Service Provider Contracts**

The contracting process serves three critical functions in a project



Set expectations and define responsibilities as between the parties.

Define the terms and conditions that will govern provided services.







### Four Key Types of Contract Terms

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#### Compliance

What laws, regulations and protocols govern the work to be performed?

#### Liability

How do we determine who is responsible when things go wrong, and what they owe?

#### Insurance

What insurance needs to be in place to protect the parties from the worst case scenario?

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### **Critical Step 4**

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### Planning to Execution – An Overview of the Process

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### **Project Shipment Planning** Implementing the Plan

- Engage resources
- Establish a communication plan and schedule calls
- Inspect cargo and confirm accuracy of transport drawings
- Finalize surveys of fabrication area, routes and ports
- Finalize risk assessment / HSSE Plans
- Finalize documentation and customs instructions
- Secure abnormal load permits
- Finalize and distribute method statement

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### **Project Shipment Planning**

- Confirm Vessel, Dates and Intended Rotation
  - Suitability of Vessel Options
  - Plan stowage
  - Plan Load and Discharge Operations
- Finalize Lift/Stow/Lash-Secure Plans, Including Load/Discharge Sequence
- Analyze Geopolitical Situations and Other Part Cargoes That Could Impact Routing and Port Availability
- Ensure Communication Disruptions and Vessel Clearance
  Documentation are Aligned and Planned

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### **DISRUPTION #1**

- Shortly after the EPC buyer issues a P.O. amendment accommodating an engineering change altering the internal design of the pressure vessel, the Indian supplier has a fire at its Mumbai fabrication yard closing the yard indefinitely.
- The internal design change has resulted in an increase in the gross weight of the unit from 130MT to 150MT.
- Closing of the supplier's Mumbai yard has forced it to relocate fabrication to its Chennai, India facility which will also now be the new port of loading.
- The combination of the P.O. change and relocation to Chennai has caused the ship date to slip by 30-45 days!

### THE CHALLENGE:

Key factors and perspectives needed for managing Disruption #1

- What are the cost and schedule implications of the disruption for the supplier, freight forwarder, carriers, and ultimately for the EPC and project owner.
- What changes in plans and accommodations must be completed to avoid further delivery delays and cost overruns?

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## Coffee Break 30 minutes

## Session resumes at 3:30 pm

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Typical design to delivery process steps

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### **Critical Step 5**

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### Planning to Execution – An Overview of the Process

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### Shipment Execution

#### Managing the Process

- **Toolbox Meetings** ٠
- Following Method Statement / HSSE –QAQC ٠
- Management of Change
- Daily Recaps Reports
- Finalize Documents / Export-Import Compliance •
- Pre-Alert •
- Begin Daily Reports and Plan Delivery at Destination

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PROJECT EXECUTION TIMETABLE		
PRIOR TO OPERATION	>10 DAYS Friday, 21 JUNE Friday, 21 JUNE	Book Barge jetty. Confirm Barge date. Test SPMT & PP at equipment shop.
OPERATION TIMELINE SUN/MON 24-25JUNE	1100 HRS 1400 HRS 1500 HRS 1700 HRS 2200 HRS 2300 HRS 0000 HRS	Mobilize SPMT to Fab Yard Hold toolbox meeting. SPMT setting / commence loading and securing of pressure vessel onto SPMT at Fab Yard Barge arrival at jetty. Transport tower to jetty. Load SPMT and tower onto barge. Secure. Sail to Mumbai. Stand by at Indira Terminal Tug and Barge to standby until called forward by BBC - estimated load date 28-30 JUNE., to be narrowed.
NOTE:		The loading of the vessel depends on the ATA and the final loading sequence. Per our contract, we will be ensuring cargo is available for loading when NOR is issued. It may not be possible to load the same day as vessel arrival, so the below timeline will be subject to final confirmation. Our rates include 24 hours for the barge operation. The day rate will be applied thereafter to the tug and barge as standby for vessel readiness.
VESSEL ARRIVAL TIME IN PORT SAIL TO NOLA ETA NOLA	24-26 JUNE 28-30 JUNE 24-28 DAYS 26-28 JULY	Other cargo to be loaded underdeck prior to vessel operation. Anticipated 4 days in port for load operations.

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### **Shipment Execution**

#### Loading/discharging operations

- Shipper and forwarder ensure cargo has been delivered/ready to receive at port and cleared
- Port and stevedores have received, staged and vetted cargo. Labor is planned and ordered according to terms agreed.
- Port Captain, surveyors, stevedores and crew are present for loading/discharging operation
- Vessel agents have cleared vessel, sufficient stores and bunkers are onboard and documentation is prepared/completed.

#### **Vessel in Transit to Mumbai**

- Cargo checks
- Weather routing
- Vessel position reports communicated to client

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#### To: Shipper/EPC/Forwarder

<u>Re: BBC TBN – voyage number 1050086 - BN 24-123/ Mumbai</u> to New Orleans

Good day,

Please note that as per today's view, we expect the following schedule for subject vessel:

ETA Mumbai Apr 25/26 agw wog wp fme uce

Latitude: 22 30' 45" N Longitude: 61 15' 35" E Sea State: 03 SLIGHT Swell: 02 LOW SWELL, LONG Wind Force: 04 MODERATE BREEZE

Kindly consider above as notice as per our governing contract.

We will keep you duly informed.

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### **Critical Step 6**

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### **Critical Steps**

On carriage and delivery to final destination – NOLA to project site in southern LA

#### Activities following receipt of RFQ

- Initial engineering ٠
- Estimating •
- Proposal development •
- Contract negotiation ٠

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### Post Award Activities

- Transport engineering
- Permit application
- Route survey
- Bridge engineering

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On carriage and delivery to final destination NOLA to project site in southern LA

#### **Post Award Activities**

- Transport engineering
- Permit application
- Route survey
- Bridge engineering
- Overhead obstruction mitigation
- Civil works
- Police and escort scheduling
- Equipment scheduling and reservation
- Securement engineering
- Port coordination

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### **DISRUPTION #2**

- Just three days before the shipment is scheduled to arrive in NOLA, labor at the marine terminal where the ship was set to discharge has unexpectedly gone out on strike due to a dispute over safety concerns.
- Labor across all NOLA's marine terminals have hit the picket line in solidarity. With labor and management ostensibly far from a resolution to the dispute, an extended shut down is possible.
- As delivery has already been delayed due to prior disruptions, and with jobsite equipment, labor, unloading, and setting plans having been scheduled, contingency arrangements for discharge at another port location outside of NOLA must be made.

### THE CHALLENGE:

### Key factors and perspectives needed for managing Disruption #2

- What are the cost and schedule implications of the disruption for the freight forwarder, carriers, and ultimately for the EPC and project owner.
- What changes in plans and accommodations must be completed to avoid further delivery delays and cost overruns?

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## Thank you!

Please send your comments, evaluations and suggestions to:

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