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## Largest ever vessels arrive at Rumaila



A new electrostatic desalter vessel has arrived at Rumaila, in an operation which has been described as one of the largest shipments ever to be moved on Iraqi roads.

Weighing over 200 tonnes and measuring 44 metres in length, the electrostatic desalter is the largest single piece of equipment ever to be transported into Rumaila. The vessel formed part of a convoy which included a dehydrator and a degasser vessel that left the port of Umm Qasr for Rumaila Supply Base (RSB) on 12 May.

The delivery required a rigorous journey management plan that took months to put in place. The sheer size of the shipment and complexity of the route meant that Rumaila had to contract two separate shipping companies who specialize in transporting irregular loads. The journey from the port to the RSB took a total of 92 hours and required the use of a multi-axel truck and a wheeled 'flat-bed' to carry the load, a task undertaken by Misnak, a sub-contractor to ROO Logistics Contractor DHL.

Because of its enormity, the vessel could not travel at speed and navigating around roundabouts, junctions and bends in the road proved challenging. In order to provide a larger turn radii, the level of the land had to be raised by 'backfilling' next to and between roads in certain places. Along the route, several obstacles needed to be temporarily removed, including overhead electrical powerlines that had to be de-energized first. This required significant liaison and co-ordination with local government directorates to ensure there were minimal disruptions to residents and businesses.

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The second part of the journey entailed moving the vessel from the RSB to DS4, which required few days to complete. Sarens, a Belgian shipping company, was contracted and handled the shipment using a specialized remote-control vehicle. Teams from ROO Projects, Driving Authority and Security were heavily involved to make sure that everything was done according to the plan and to ensure safety always came first. Taking up the entire width of the road, the Oilfield Police Force also escorted the shipment to manage the traffic and allow for queuing cars to safely overtake at designated passing places. After huge efforts by all the teams involved all challenges were overcome and the huge vessel reached DS4 safely on 30 May.

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