

# Growth and sustainability

*Our interview with Roman Kämena, Chartering Manager at BOCS*



**Could you tell us and to all The African Post readers about BOCS in few words?**

BOCS is a family-owned shipping company based in Bremen, Germany. Since 1990 we operate a regular liner service between Europe and

West Africa with our own MPP fleet as well as chartered tonnage. We are offering individual transport solutions for general- and project cargo, bulk cargo, timber products as well as container including IMO. Our main regular liner ports are Pointe Noire, Libre-

ville, Douala, Abidjan, Viana do Castelo, La Pallice, Rouen, Antwerp whereas other ports are also called enroute on inducement basis.

**What are the future developments of the company?**

Overall, we intend to continue our sustainable growth. As a family-owned company, BOCS is quick in decision making and always looking for new opportunities, such as, growth of our operational fleet and an extension of our trade lanes, which automatically requires an expansion of the BOCS Team.

Last year we founded our own agency in Antwerp, and additionally our joint venture called UAL BOCS SHIPPING LINE (UBSL) offering regular sailings from the Mediterranean Sea to West Africa was launched.

Furthermore, we opened our BOCS Abidjan office this year to strengthen our network. Further BOCS representations will be established in West Africa in the near future.

**What role does BOCS play in African countries?**

As we are active in the Europe – West African trade for more than 30 years and focused on long term partnerships we are well known and settled as an expert within our special branch of trade.

Openness, flexibility and customer proximity have always built the core of our business activities and we believe to be noted as a reliable partner that will aim to find solutions which work for all parties involved.

**You are a sponsor the ALN&ALNA annual meeting which will be held in Nairobi in October, what do you expect from this meeting?**

Networking is essential to be successful in logistics.

We are proud to be a sponsor of the annual event and expect to meet some familiar and some new faces which will lead in future business.





WOMEN IN LOGISTICS

# “My passion is Empowering Women”

*An interview to Juliana Sofia Damu, CMILT-WiLAT Vice Chairperson Southeast Asia*

**Can you introduce yourself?**

My name is Juliana Sofia Damu, my friend use to call me Anna. I am studios and a goal determined person, my aspiration to be a better person from time to time has consistently generate my energy enthusiastically everyday. I run my Freight Forwarding and Customs Service company, ASCO Shipping & Logistics established in July 2004. My company is a member of Africa Logistics Network (ALN). I joined a women forum in the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport and incharge as the WiLAT Global Vice Chairperson Southeast Asia.

**Anna, first of all, can you explain what is WiLAT?**

WiLAT is the abriviation of Women in Logistics and Transport, it aims to create a supportive community where women can thrive and excel in their careers. It provides opportunities for women to enhance their skills, expand their knowledge, and

access resources that help them overcome challenges commonly faced in the logistics and transport field.

**What is the vision and focus of WiLAT?**

WiLAT vision is to be the most sought-after advocacy and women empowerment, it focuses on empowering and promoting women professionals in the logistics and transport industry. WiLAT provides a platform for networking, mentorship, and professional development, with the goal of breaking barriers and achieving gender equality within the sector.

**Can you tell us about how WiLAT Global started?**

It is Aisha Ali Ibrahim, FCILT, the Founder of WiLAT. The Women in Logistics and Transport group she initiated in 2010 has spread very fast to 38 countries and is still spreading. Being the Founder, she held the position of Global leader of the group for six years. She is a permanent member of

the WiLAT Global Steering Committee.

**Can you tell us your journey in WiLAT?**

We launched WiLAT Indonesia in March 8th, 2021 and I was appointed by the CILT Indonesia board to be the Chairperson. I embarked on a transformative journey that propelled WiLAT Indonesia fly high. Through my leadership, the organization witnessed numerous accomplishments, strategic partnerships, and impactful events, leaving an indelible mark on the logistics and transport industry in Indonesia.

**What have you done for WiLAT Indonesia?**

Driven by my passion for empowering women and promoting gender diversity, I orchestrated a multitude of impactful events during my tenure as Chairperson of WiLAT Indonesia. These events not only highlighted the organization’s objectives but also served as catalysts for



change and inspiration. From empowering workshops and seminars to engaging conferences and networking sessions, I curated a diverse range of events that captured the essence of WiLAT’s mission. By bringing together industry experts, professionals, and aspiring women in logistics and transportation, these events created a nurturing environment for knowledge exchange, skill development, and mentorship.







**WHAT A SUCCESSFUL COLLABORATION WITHIN LYSEO SPECIAL & PROJECT AND ALTUN LOGISTICS!**

Lyseo Special & Project, recently arranged the transport of relief cargo to Turkey after the devastating earthquake in February.

For this relief cargo, our teams chartered a B747 airplane from Karachi to Adana Airport to ship 1000 tents for a total weight of 65 tons.

Thanks to the cooperation received from fellow Africa Logistics Network member for Turkey Altun Logistics,

the cargo was delivered with record time.

**FREIGHT AGENCY AND FREIGHT IN TIME FLAT-RACK COLLABORATION**

Freight Agency UK quoted on and co-ordinated the shipment of machinery to Mombasa, Kenya. As cargo was out of gauge this involved arranging the trucking, stowing and lashing to a 40' Flat rack as well as arranging the shipment from London Gateway.

The cargo is due to arrived in Mombasa in early August .

The machinery is required by a major food producer that is head-quartered in the UK but ships to many countries from Kenya.



**MinPac MOVES 38T USED DRILL RIG EXW TO SE ASIA SITE**

MinPac Logistics (Australia) Pty Ltd, member of Africa Logistics Network representing Australia, completed a successful movement of 38T Used Drill Rig EXW to South Asia.

Loaded at the shipper yard and arrived at the terminal for offload. Safely offloaded at the terminal awaiting the vessel for BBK loading.

**HILOG PROJECT UPDATE IN KENYA/TANZANIA**

Heavy Industry Logistics, our member for East Africa – Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda – recently completed a small rig move from a

remote location just south of Nairobi destined for Kamsamba in southern Tanzania.

Heavy Industry Logistics was responsible for loading the trailers, arranging lashing materials and lashing as well as arranging the transport from site-to-site.

At the border 2 cranes were positioned to assist with the disassembly of the 2 heavier pieces to ensure that the road regulations in Tanzania were complied with. All permits and escorts were obtained smoothly and the rig departed for its next project site.



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