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SRT Delivers to the Oil Sands

Everyone knows that the cost of oil has skyrocketed over the last few years. The Oil Sands in Northwestern Canada has become a booming location for oil companies to set up and begin extracting the very usable oil from the sand.

Specialized Rail Transport has been helping out by getting the necessary equipment into Northwestern Canada by rail. SRT recently moved TEN, large, one million pound reactor vessels up to the Oil Sands. It was necessary to bolster the 100 foot long pieces over two, 12-axle heavy duty cars, just to handle the weight of each unit. Special train service was of course, required. Once they were secured, they were shipped over a 1,500 mile journey across Canada to the destination. SRT had riders who rode the train with these pieces, as well as a chase vehicle to watch every mile of the trip to make sure nothing went wrong along the way.



Another Successful Transformer Shipment

This 350-ton monster moved from Houston to Louisiana in Special Train Service. To make matters worse, the load required routing around a washed out bridge, which meant it had to move against the flow of westbound traffic on an alternate route. Despite those obstacles, this unit was still delivered in 3 days. This unit was barely able to fit within the well of the 16-axle railcar and required precision loading because of the extreme dimensions. Others said that it couldn't be moved because of the extreme height but SRT was able to put the move together to make it work!

RICA 40th Anniversary in San Francisco, CA July 2008!!

RICA Awards the Port of Houston



RICA President Bob Felix (center) presented the annual award of “Outstanding Port Award for Customer Satisfaction” to the Port of Houston in August. On hand to receive the award from left to right were Tom Kornegay, Executive Director of the Port of Houston Authority, Rainer Lilienthal, Director of Business Development, Walt Kleczkowski, Operations Manager for Turning Basin Terminals, and the Chairman of the PHA Port Commission, Jim Edmonds.

In 2006, RICA members were surveyed and the overwhelming response was in favor of the Port of Houston. SRT congratulates the Port of Houston on a job well done!

EMERGENCY SHIPMENT!

This 300,000 pound boiler failed to make the vessel on which it was supposed to sail. In a last ditch effort, a local freight forwarder contacted SRT for help. The problem was that the loaded railcar was at a port served by the UP and the customer needed it delivered to another port only served by the PTRA. This meant that under normal circumstances the move would have taken a minimum of 5-7 days to accomplish. The shipment would have to be handled at three different Houston UP yards before being taken to the Houston North Yard for interchange to the PTRA. The PTRA would then have to deliver the Boiler to the East side of Houston to the port of their choice.

SRT began making arrangements immediately and within a few hours was able to coordinate a much quicker transition between the UP and the PTRA. Needless to say, the customer was very happy when the boiler arrived at it's destination 3 days later. Not only did SRT have this shipment delivered as requested but was also able to save the customer thousands of dollars due to the great relationship with the railroads involved. SRT would like to extend a special thanks for those involved, in particular the local UP and PTRA people and to SRT's Randy Gill for making move this happen. It is nice for a customer to have the confidence that SRT could handle the task at hand.



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