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Client Advisory

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Suez Canal blocked by “Ever Given”

Dear Valued Customer,

An ultra large container ship Ever Given operated by Evergreen ran aground on the Suez Canal on Tuesday, 24th of March blocking traffic on one of the world's most important waterways.

The Ever Given, which is sailing under the flag of Panama, is lodged at the 151-kilometer (94-mile) mark of the canal after entering the crucial East-West trade route on Tuesday morning. The container ship ran aground when it was approximately 6 nautical miles from the southern end of the estuary, Evergreen Marine, the vessel's operating company, said in a statement.

Eight tug boats are working to float and unblock the 59-meter-wide (193.5 feet) vessel, which was en route to the port of Rotterdam, after 40-knot winds and a sandstorm caused low visibility and poor navigation, the Suez Canal Authority said in a statement Wednesday.

"The vessel is 400 meters in length and 59 meters in width, with a total tonnage of 224,000 tons," the authority added.

Evergreen Marine said: "The company has urged the shipowner to report the cause of the accident and to work out a plan with related units such as the canal administration to assist the ship in getting out of trouble as soon as possible."

A large backlog of ships is now massing on either side of the waterway, waiting to go through. **This incident will cause delays for all Container Vessels passing the Suez Canal.**

We are monitoring the situation and will revert with more information once available.

Thank you for being our Valued Customer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your C.H. Robinson commercial representative for further information.

Sincerely,
C.H. Robinson