



# ANCIENT STEAMSHIP

COMPANY LIMITED

OVER A  
CENTURY OF  
SHIPPING  
EXPERIENCE



ISO CERTIFIED

SERVING THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY SINCE 1868





## A SHIPPING AGENT

With over a century of knowledge and expertise in the field of shipping, our company is recognised by others within the shipping industry as a leader in South Asia.

Whatever your commodity, you can rely on us to provide you with efficient, reliable, cost effective services to meet all your cargo handling requirements.

## TIMELY, EFFICIENT SERVICES

Our expertise in handling the road, rail, air and river transportation have allowed us to provide for our clients, quick and efficient clearance and distribution to and from our own warehousing facilities.

Apart from our own trucks and warehouses in Chittagong, we are able to rely on our national network of contacts with whom we have conducted business for many years, proving themselves to be reliable associates in various regions of Bangladesh, providing efficient transportation and appropriate storage facilities.



# YOU CAN **TRUST**

We are one of the few companies in Bangladesh who are ISO certified.

As per ISO requirements, thorough audits are carried out twice a year followed by evaluations of the company's activities. Our senior management team are committed to monitoring, controlling and improving areas uncovered in the audits to deliver the highest standards of services to our clients.



# **ADVANCED** TECHNOLOGY

To maintain a competitive edge in the industry, we believe in embracing modern technology and practicing leading-edge ways of working.

We are the first company in Bangladesh to use the Automated Bagging Plant system and remain the only company in Bangladesh who offer this service.

In keeping abreast with technological developments, Ancient Steamship are using the "track and trace" computerised cargo tracking programme.

# BUSINESS SERVICES

- SHIPPING AGENCY
- LOGISTICS
- CLEARING & FORWARDING
- FREIGHT FORWARDING
- WAREHOUSING
- DOOR TO DOOR DISTRIBUTION
- CHARTERING BROKER
- CREW MANNING
- BARGES & LIGHTERAGE
- OIL & GAS EXPLORATION SECTOR
- ROAD, RAIL, AIR & RIVER TRANSPORTATION
- FOOD AID TRANSPORT SPECIALISTS

# SHIPPING AGENCY SERVICES

Ancient Steamship handles container and break-bulk liner vessels; VLCC'S tankers; product carriers; bulk cargo vessels and supply to offshore rigs by supply vessels.

As shipping agents we commit ourselves to being your local port representative. Our services here include:

- Arranging pilotage
- Handling cargo
- Handling Port and Customs documentations
- Providing customers with status updates
- Crew manning at ports



## BARGES & LIGHTERAGE

The company has the capacity to arrange the discharge of bulk and bag cargo from larger vessels that are unable to berth due to draft restrictions, and subsequently deliver cargo to the consignee's nominated warehouses, if any.



# BUSINESS SERVICES

## CLEARING & FORWARDING

Operating from the port city of Chittagong, we are in very close proximity of the port and customs office. This allows us to process documents and collect declarations within the shortest possible time frame. Ancient Steamship is well represented both at Port and at Customs by staff of professional integrity. Our services extend to:

- Handling local customs documentations and export formalities – clearing and delivering to your doorstep.
- Handling all shipping documentations
- Collecting goods from the supplier; packing goods into containers; providing warehouses for storage; and arranging shipment.
- Providing efficient transportation of cleared cargo to its final destination using our own vehicles and where required, we have a network of trusted third party vehicle owners to complete the transportation. Our varying modes of transportation include vans, trucks, rail, air and barges.
- Arranging transportation of goods via ocean to your destination port with cargo tracking.
- Taking delivery of cargo on behalf of the exporter and storing it in our warehouses in Chittagong.
- Full cargo tracking with status updates to both supplier and buyer.

### GOODS

We handle a wide range of goods including:

- GRAINS
- OILS
- GASES
- MINERALS
- HEAVY GOODS & EQUIPMENT
- EMERGENCY SUPPLIES
- DISASTER RELIEF

# FREIGHT FORWARDING

Ancient Steamship also handle freight on behalf of importers and exporters. We provide specialised services in:

- Moving and packing cargo
- Organising customs clearance of goods
- Arranging relevant documentations including insurance
- Delivery to remote locations in Bangladesh within shortest delivery times



## DOOR TO DOOR DISTRIBUTION

This is achieved through the Group's supply chain management service, which enables Ancient Steamship to provide a "one stop" logistical service to its customers. This exceptional service effectively removes the inconvenience of dealing with the numerous parties involved in the movement of cargo, for exporters and importers alike, with the company acting as an agent for the controlling party.



## WAREHOUSING

We have secure warehouses in key business areas of the country including:

- K.S. Abdul Hakim Meah Road, Monsurabad, Chittagong
- Khatungonj Road, Chittagong
- Mohara, Kalurghat, Chittagong

We therefore own 20,000 Sq. feet of covered storage area and 15,000 Sq. feet of open secure storage area.

We also have arrangements with reputable and reliable warehousing establishments where we can securely store your goods if required at very competitive rates.

Our warehousing division is handled by experienced personnel who have the ability to handle fragile goods. This division also offers stock control.



# CHARTERING BROKER

The Company is a recognised Chartering Broker on behalf of the Bangladeshi Government and other import agencies and can provide experience in the chartering of all types of vessels.



## OIL & GAS EXPLORATION SECTOR

We have an experienced team to serve the emerging Oil and Gas industry in its exploration and exploitation sector. The team provides logistics support services such as identifying and securing new business agencies, rig handling and ancillary services to MUD logging companies. Ancient Steamship also deal with recruiting local crew and the provision of transportation for base operations.



## SPECIALISTS IN FOOD AID TRANSPORTATION

The company specializes in handling the unique requirements for food aid and has been a pioneer in this sphere in Bangladesh.





# COMPANY HISTORY

With over a century of experience, the Ancient Steamship Company Limited, based in the port city of Chittagong, Bangladesh, began operations in the field of shipping in 1868. The founder of the Company, the late Khan Saheb Abdul Hakim Meah was the paternal grandfather of Meah Mohammed Abdur Rahim, the current Managing Director - the Company having been passed from father to son to grandson.

The Company initially began working as stevedores under the auspices of the British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd and the Peninsular & Orient Company of the UK.

During the 1970s, the Company grew in size and reputation as the then Managing Director took the Company from strength to strength. Mohammed Islam Meah steered the Company into new areas as Shipping Agents and Clearing and Forwarding Agents.

In 1981, the current Managing Director Meah Mohammed Abdur Rahim joined the Company. He continued expanding the Company and created working relationships with many prestigious clients such as the United Nations World Food Programme (Rome), EuronAid (Netherlands), TITA (USA), SP Logistics Pte Ltd. (Singapore), Marine Management Services MC (Greece), Copenship SA (Denmark), US Aid, CARE Bangladesh, the Social Marketing Company and many more.



# MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

Dear Valued Customer,

At Ancient Steamship, we place emphasis on providing our customers with the highest level of service. We believe it is important to competently manage our clients' expectations and meet their varied needs. Therefore we are committed to ensuring our clients receive a competitively priced service with a high level of reliability and professionalism. Our commitments and professional practice standards are assured according to the ISO 9001 quality management system.

The close partnerships we have developed with our many clients around the world bear witness to our dedication to providing excellence in our services. We pride ourselves on being able to offer a tailored service with close attention to detail.

Our Quality Promise is based on a firm appreciation of the challenges of working in an often unpredictable climate. We believe in working very closely with our clients to ensure that we are sensitive to their business needs, enabling us to adapt accordingly so that each client can expect a bespoke service.

We strive for excellence here at Ancient Steamship and aim to exceed client expectations.

*Meah M A Rahim*  
Managing Director

## MISSION STATEMENT:

We aim to provide our customers with the highest level of quality service on every occasion.



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