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Dear Garvan,

Welcome to the **February** edition of Irish Freight & Logistics Monthly. You have been included within our mailing list because we consider you to be a valuable contributor to the industry.

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Winners of the Irish Logistics & Transport Awards Announced



We are delighted to announce the winners in the inaugural Irish Logistics and Transport Awards in association with the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (www.cilt.ie) supported Irish Independent, Nightline, Wincanton, Heavey RF, The Pallet Network Ireland and Health and Safety Authority.

Overall Logistics and Transport Excellence Award	Irish Ferries
Life Achievement Award	Ulick and Desmond McEvaddy
Supply Chain Integration Award	Expeditors Ireland Limited
Environmental Award	GreenAer Mobility
Technology Award	UPS LTD
HR Development Award	The Logiskills Group
Safety Award	Sky Handling Partner
Logistics Best Practice Award	The Pallet Network Ireland
Passenger Transport Award	Irish Ferries
Education Award	UCD

Congratulations to all the winners and the CILT for running the successful event which was attended by almost 400 industry representatives.

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According to International Air Transport Association (IATA) statistics on international scheduled air traffic, the industry ended 2009 with the biggest ever post-war decline. Passenger demand for the full year was down 3.5%, while freight showed a full-year decline of 10.1%.

According to IATA's director general & CEO Giovanni Bisignani, in terms of demand, 2009 goes into the history books as the worst year the industry has ever seen, having permanently lost 3.5 years of growth in the freight business.

However, the industry did reflect some encouraging year-end improvements.

In December 2009, freight capacity grew 0.6% above December 2008 levels. Yields have started to improve with tighter supply-demand conditions in recent months, but they remained 5-10% down on 2008 levels. According to seasonally adjusted demand figures for December compared to November 2009, freight remained basically flat with a 0.2% decline.

December 2009 freight demand showed a 24.4% improvement on December 2008 with a load factor of 54.1%. This improvement is exaggerated by the exceptionally weak performance in December 2008, which was the low point on the cycle. Freight demand is still 9% lower than the peak in early 2008.

Optimism is returning to the industry as purchasing managers survey indicators reached a 44-month high in December pointing towards increased freight volumes in the coming months.

Stobart Ireland Reports E729k Profit on E5.15m Turnover



The haulage firm Stobart Ireland has reported an after-tax profit of €729k for the 11 months to end-February 2009.

Accounts just filed for Stobart Ireland, the Irish division of the UK haulier Eddie Stobart, show a turnover of €5.15 million for the period ending February 28, 2009. The firm posted a gross profit of €1.36 million, with after-tax profits of €729k.

Stobart Ireland was incorporated in February 2008, however, it only began trading in April after completing the acquisition of the Irish Trailer division of logistics provider TDG.

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Sincerely,

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