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AMBA FORWARDING (LONDON) LTD **Friend and ally of the ANC**

During the years in exile, the Treasurer General (T.T.Nkobi) of the African National Congress (of South Africa), ANC, established a Logistics office in London, UK. This office was tasked with obtaining and shipping goods required by ANC settlements and offices in Africa and elsewhere.

This Logistics office was fortunate to have been able to develop a close working relation with AMBA Forwarding (London) Ltd then situated in the East End of London. The expertise of mr Kishor Shah, MD of AMBA, played a major role in the successful operations of the ANC Logistics Office resulting in numerous sea containers plus airfreight being forwarded to the ANC destinations in Africa.

A few examples of the support given by AMBA during this period can be seen below.

When ANC supporters in Western Europe collected solidarity goods for the ANC settlements in e.g. Angola, Tanzania, Uganda or Zambia, AMBA Forwarding assisted in the collection, packing and dispatch of the goods from specific locations and/or ports all the way to their ANC destinations in Africa.

When major consignments of provisions and food were purchased in various parts of the UK, AMBA Forwarding collected these for onward shipping to Africa.

On occasions when there was an urgent need at destination for basic food essentials, Kishor would use his network of contacts to get highly discounted supplies on our behalf before arranging shipment to destination. An example of this was, when there was an urgent need for a consignment of rice, Kishor contacted an Indian supplier he knew and negotiated a very favourable rate on our behalf before arranging a speedy dispatch of a container full of rice to it's ANC destination in Africa.



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The Republic of China had shipped 120 containers comprising a mixture of food, blankets, clothing & shoes to Mombasa in Kenya. It was, however, through the co-operation and expertise of AMBA, that we were able to organize trucks to transport the bulk of this through to Uganda with the balance to Tanzania. AMBA's local knowledge and network of contacts helped us to dispatch these containers to their destinations, overcoming serious problems arising from a shortage of long-haul trucks due to UN humanitarian operations (to take food to areas suffering from serious drought and famine).

Following the changes that took place in what had previously been apartheid South Africa, many exiles started to return home to South Africa. Again, AMBA Forwarding was called upon to assist us in shipping personal belongings, office goods and vehicles from the UK back to South Africa.

The cooperation, support and friendship afforded by AMBA Forwarding (London) Ltd to the London-based Logistics Office of the African National Congress, during what were often difficult and stressful times, ensured we were able to carry out and complete operations benefiting the ANC and its members.



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ANC LOGISTICS, LONDON 1982-1993

ANC FINANCE DEPARTMENT, JOHANNESBURG 1994 – to date.