

## M.V. “EVER GIVEN” Grounding in Suez Canal March 2021



**Below is the contents of an email received from Freight forwarder.**

**The consignment in question was 19 Containers of Silicon Chip Manufacturing equipment belonging to one of the leading Chip manufacturers in the world**

*Hi Fintan*

*I am just finalising my file on this vessel and just wanted to update you following on from our various conversations regarding the technical abilities of the absorb poles. As you know, since 2003, we have used 6 to 8 poles per container to absorb any moisture that might be created by the wooden crates and day and night changes in temperatures and they have always worked perfectly.*

*We had serious concerns as to whether they could perform under the severe prolonged conditions that the above shipment was subject to. The entire transit was just short of 6 months with 4 of these months spent in 40 degree temperatures in the Suez Canal. We had feared that the containers and their contents would be damp and that mold would have occurred. Our biggest fear was that the poles would not cope with the extreme condition and would overflow leaving a wet salty brine on the crates and container enabling the mold to grow.*

*I was present at the warehouse when the first 3 containers arrived and was amazed to see that everything was perfect, no sign of any dampness and the absorb poles remained intact and in perfect condition. You could still smell the newness of the timber crates as if they had only been loaded the day before. We had a new 18 year old employee in the warehouse and he asked what the poles were and I explained their function to him to which he commented “ well they certainly did their job. All 19 containers were in the exact same condition.*

*I doubt if you have ever experienced a report on the absorb poles operating at 100% efficiency under such extreme conditions so well done. Absorb poles 1 catastrophe 0 ( after a lot of extra time)*