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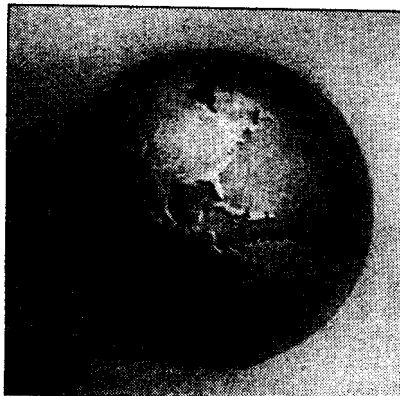
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Cargo company braves rain, hail and fire

BY MAUREEN SHELLEY

Alexandria-based Managing Director of International Freight Services, Peter Wrigley, is thanking his lucky stars, for an excellent insurance broker, in the wake of the recent Sydney hailstorm.

International Freight Services (IFS) had one of the largest warehouse facilities in Alexandria at 11,000 square metres. Extensive hail damage to the roof caused an estimated \$4 million damage to the building, the business of IFS and customers' goods stored in the warehouse.

"We reviewed and updated our insurance in December 1998 and took out extra coverage for instances such as this. It wasn't so much the amount of cover, but the type — we covered every contingency."

Acting on the advice of Insurance Broker James Cotis of Insurance Logic, IFS ensured the business' financial future by taking blanket coverage.

"We have our whole staff working out of an undercover carpark," Wrigley said. He estimates it will be another week to ten days before the business can move to premises in Canal Road in the Synergy Centre at Mascot.

"We were pleased with the advice James gave. I have his card with me all the time at the moment," Wrigley said.

IFS staff have been working around the clock, particularly through the storm itself.

"During the storm, we had a fire. The main electrical switchboard blew up and we had to get the fire brigade out in the rain and hail," he said. "It (the storm) threw everything at us. I am so pleased we took James' advice."

The hail penetrated the warehouse roof causing some goods to be water damaged. Staff protected the majority of the products, although some computer workstations were damaged. Fortunately, IFS's computer servers were protected allowing the company to continue as usual.

"Our customers have been very supportive. Many of them could have thrown their hands in the air and walked away, and none have. They've been terrific," Wrigley said.

Through email and phone numbers operating normally, the business is staying on track and should be able to resume normal operations within two months.

Misleading job ads face scrutiny

BY JOANNA PELC

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, with the Australian Publisher's Bureau, has released a booklet to protect job seekers from misleading

classifieds which may mislead and deceive, and while principal responsibility rests with the advertiser, publishers need to exercise commercial prudence.

"It's not in their interests to run ads which are false and misleading