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Abstracts

Haulage involves the transportation of goods by road and railway. It is very key to the socio-economic development of any nation and if the vision 2020 of the present government is to be achieved, the government would have to develop the transportation system which would automatically lead to the development of the economy, since an efficient transport system is an essential component in the production and distribution of goods.

Since the collapse of the rail system in Nigeria, road haulage business has assumed a wider dimension and has become the most utilized way of intercity movement of goods and services. Goods usually conveyed include petroleum products, building materials, containers, solid minerals, agricultural products and finished products.

Generally, haulage business can be viewed from four categories namely,

1. Tanker-Trailer
2. Tipper
3. Crane
4. Forklift

Tanker- Trailer: They vary in size, shape and capacity and these also affects the use to which they are put to. Tankers are usually used in the transportation of petroleum products. The size also determines the use to which the truck might be put to as kerosene and diesel delivery trucks especially home delivery are smaller than those used in the delivering to filling stations. Trailers are used to convene agricultural products and solid minerals from the north to the south. If the entrepreneur intends to use the truck in the transportation of petroleum product, the truck would have to be

registered with the National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers {NUPENG}

Tippers: Tippers are used in the transportation of granites and sands from the quarry site and lakes respectively for use in the construction industry mostly in the southern part of the country. To be involved in the business, you have to be registered with the quarry site you intend to lift the products from or through any of their agents.

Crane: Although, transportation and haulage business is as old as mankind, the crane trucks aspect of haulage business seems not to be pronounced among the other annexes of general haulage. The reasons for this are not farfetched. The unique nature of the kind of services that are executed by the cranes is mostly responsible for the unpopular nature of this mode of transportation of goods.

Cranes are used the lifting and transportation of goods over a long distance. They are used in the transportation of PHCN transformers and poles, telecommunications equipment, heavy duty generators and containers. They can classified into 20 tons cranes, self loader and the low beds.

Forklift: Forklift just like cranes are used in the lifting and transportation of heavy goods but the distance covered in the major difference. Forklifts are used in the loading and offloading of goods in industries and the provision of this service in the nation's haulage system is usually over looked.

This report focuses on the haulage of manufactured goods, from say Lagos to the eastern part of the country.

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