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Jeevan Bharati, Tower II,  
Indira Gandhi Chauwk  
New Delhi.

The Director- Offshore,  
ONGC,  
Jeevan Bharati, Tower II,  
Indira Gandhi Chauwk,  
New Delhi.

**Subject: Step children treatment mated to our floaters Sagar  
Vijay & Sagar Bhushan.**

Respected Sir,

We are in receipt of two letters from Sagar Bhushan and Sagar Vijay please find copy enclosed for your perusal.

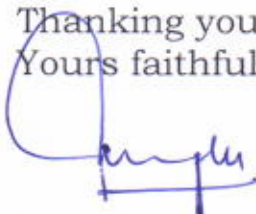
It is pertinent to mention that their travel since 1985 & 1987 scaling entire west coast and presently in East Coast is been encountering innumerable hurdles in their drilling activities, yet looking into its success story can be termed nothing less than commendable.

The resultant of the wear and tear it has gone through is aptly reflected in both the letters. Looking into the East Coast achievements both the Rigs will have to go on for another 20 years, to maintain its efficiency justice can only be extended, not by overhauling but by replacements, hence with the logic of economisation, the restriction imposed, yet expecting it to perform will be highly unaffordable risk taken.

We understand our present balance sheet curtails your liberties, but it will not be out place to mention, are we not compromising safety of both human resource and the rig itself, falling back on the extremely rough east coast.

We cannot find a better judge of the circumstance than your authority yet we cannot stop ourself from expressing our apprehensions. It is once again emphasised let us not cut short concluding it is manageable today and be a helpless spectator in repentance tomorrow.

Thanking you,  
Yours faithfully,



**(Pradeep Mayekar)**  
**General Secretary**

O/c

**Copy to:**

- 13/7/15
- 5/10/15
1. GGM-HRO, ONGC, NBP Green Heights, BKC, Bandra (E), Mum:51.
  2. GGM - EDW Drilling, ONGC, 11 High, Sion, Mumbai 17.
  3. LM - DW Drilling, ONGC, 11 High, Sion, Mumbai 17.
  4. Rig Managar,S/Bhushan, ONGC, 11 High, Sion, Mumbai 17.
  5. Rig Managar,S/Vijay, ONGC, 11 High, Sion, Mumbai 17.
  6. CM (HR)IR, ONGC,NBP Green Heights, BKC,Bandra(E),Mum :51.

**The Director, Offshore/T&FS,  
8<sup>th</sup> Floor, 11 high,  
O.N.G.C., Mumbai**

**Sub: Condition of Equipment at Sagar Bhushan Drill Ship.**

Respected Sir,

This is to draw your kind attention to the condition of equipment at Sagar Bhushan Drill Ship.

**Accommodation Air Condition Plant & Electrical Control room AC:** All the three air handling unit (AHU) are in bad shape with heavy leakage of refrigerant, thereby requiring frequent charging of the same. The AHUs are badly corroded and brazing job can also not be done. Piecemeal repair of the AHUs have been done on many occasions but there has not been much improvement. We have frequent shut down of AC plant thereby causing inconvenience to the crew. It is therefore suggested that AHUs be replaced with a new ones. Condition of the compressor discharge lines is also not good. Complete pipeline renewal is imperative for effectiveness of the AC plant. In electrical SCR room one AC unit is permanently down and its running on the backup AC unit which is very critical for smooth function of ageing electronic cards and SCRs during drilling operations.

**Drilling equipment's:** The draw works is in very bad shape. As per ABS surveyor, bearing clearance is more than the permissible limit and immediate repair was recommended but the trend is to swap the equipment parts installed in Sagar Vijay drill ship to Sagar Bhushan drill ship resulting to very poor or critical operation on board the ship. We have frequent shutdown of the said equipment. Repair/overhaul of the complete draw works is required at the earliest with new spares. The Rotary table, Iron roughneck are also in the same condition of obsolescence and non availability of critical spares.

**Pipe Lines:** Sea water pipe line are also in very bad condition. Flooding of the vessel due to leakages from pipe line has become a common feature. Complete renewal of the pipe line and floor plates in STP section. Propulsion room, Pipe holding (no2) of the ship (in a recent flooding incident the entire bottom section of the ship under accommodation part got submerged with lot of damages to the STP plant and entire electrical and navigation equipment systems) is urgently required and also the ships balancing tanks (ballast tanks) and its internal valves are also in very bad condition, hence proper measures are to be taken for its revival for the safety of crew on board.

**Anchor winch (Eight anchors):** The system which is very critical to hold the 11000 ton ship in its position is in very bad condition. The entire electrical control system including the most critical breaking system of the drum is on the verge of failure with frequent shutdowns due to ageing and lack of critical spares.

**SCR system:** The system is the back bone of the entire drilling operation related DC motor which is in very pathetic condition due to non availability of critical spares (control cards) and obsolescence of the system.

**Laundry systems:** The washing machines and dryers on board the ship which maintain hygiene of the entire 110 crew on Sagar Bhushan is completely out of order due to non availability of very basic spares required for its normal operation.

**Power Generation:** The obsolete Diesel generator has a very less efficiency hence consuming a large amount of diesel (approx. 6000 lit/day) and also the spares required for the control of the generator part are not available even with the OEM. Hence the proper maintaining of the generator controls is very difficult.

**Master Control:** The obsolete system which came up with the ship is not having any spares since the standards and technology used in the system is not used/available, hence very difficult to maintain the system which is very much needed for smooth functioning of the Drill Ship.

As you re aware Sir, our marine equipment's are being taken care of by M/s Seabon. We are sorry to inform that of late the quality of manpower deputed by M/s Seabon has gone down drastically and also steps are to be taken for making marine manpower more responsible as per contract items.

Hence the Association of employees requests a direct meeting with esteemed authority to take advice and discuss the critical problems on board drill ship Sagar Bhushan for its smooth and efficient operation.

The association would also like to intimate you that if stern action towards restoration of ships safety and its crews are not taken with immediate effect then the Association of employment will have to protest strongly for the unsafe, below standard and dangerous working condition our organization is nurturing.

This is for your perusal please.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely,

Sagar Bhushan Crew

Copy to:

1. GGM-DW
2. GM-Ops
3. Rig Manager Sagar Bhushan
- ✓ 4. GS-Karmachari Sanghatna

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