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To,

The GGM - HDS,  
ONGC - WOU,  
11 High, Bandra-Sion Link Road,  
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Mumbai 400017.

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## Subject : Unsafe working condition on Rig floor of Rig Sagar Ratna

Respected Sir,

We are in receipt of serious complaint from crew members of Rig Sagar Ratna regarding unsafe working conditions. In totality among all offshore operations drilling operations are the most risky, hence maintenance of equipments is of utmost importance for safe operations. Going through their letter it reveals that planned scheduling or even procedures are not followed for maintenance of equipment. Such practice will sooner or later lead to serious accident if precaution are not taken at the earliest.

Following are the points needs to be addressed on priority.

There is continuous oil leakage from TDS for last one year on rig floor, this spillage makes rig floor very oily. When TDS position is at monkey board oil spills on monkey board also. Monkey board operations are very critical and risky, such Oil spillage on the monkey board may lead to fatal accident. Arresting the leakage is most urgent but it is constantly being overlooked by MM as well as the OIM, are we waiting for an accident to happen to take corrective measures.

The installed Topman Emergency Escape Device (TEED) is never used since its installation, holding lines of Topman Emergency Escape Device are badly rusted and may fall any time. We must take decision to remove the TEED as there are chances of accident on Rig.

The tongs on the rig are too old to operate, the holes of tongs have become elliptical in shape, because of which for more than one occasion the pin came out and flew like bullet, could have easily caused serious accident. The Tongs either to be replaced or must be sent for repair in Central Workshop, Baroda, ONGC. We are of the view they should be replaced.

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Iron roughneck is used for safe working condition and speedy work on rig floor, the same is sent for maintenance in NOV workshop, Mumbai, its already one year and has not come back on rig. Roughneck must be made available on rig for rigmen for speedy work and safe operations without further delay.

Every offshore installation a separate safety officer is deployed and every week we are conducting safety meeting on Rig and prepare report which are dumping in dustbin. Above issues shows that we are not serious about safety of our crew, the meetings are nothing but eyewash, just showing that procedures are being followed.

Your authority is requested to kindly look into the matter and committee must be constituted along with two members of recognised union i.e one from operations and one from maintenance to find the facts. At the same time direction may please be given for remedial action on the above mention points to boost up the moral of crew who are working day & night to achieve the targets of drilling.


Thanking you,  
Yours faithfully,

  
(Pradeep Mayekar)  
General Secretary

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