



# OIL & NATURAL GAS CORPORATION (WOU) KARMACHARI SANGHTANA

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REF. : ONGC/KS/ 614/2019

DATE : 17/06/2019

To,

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

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**Subject : Bad condition of working equipment & safety measure on rig  
Sagar Jyoti.**

Respected Sir,

We are in receipt of serous complaint regarding non availability of TDS and Iron Roughneck on Rig Sagar-Jyoti. It need not to be elaborated how these two instruments are important in the drilling operation on Rig. Please find attached copy of the complaint for your perusal.

The TDS on Rig is parked in front of V-door which obstructs movement on the rig. This results collision between large tubular (20 inches, 30 inches Casing etc.) with TDS causing serious hazards. This has resulted in several near miss incidents. It is more surprising that installed TDS has not completed single well on Rig till date after repairing.

Presently Rig Sagar-Jyoti is drilling a well having depth more than 3000 meters, for drilling operation on Rig floor the crew members are using Kelly spinner and pipe spinner for making/breaking and for connections. Very unfortunate to note that Kelly spinner and pipe spinner both are not in a good condition and not working after few connections. This is hampering the work on the rig floor which increases the time, reduces the efficiency and productivity and also becomes very strenuous to work with hence the employees engaged get exhausted very fast.

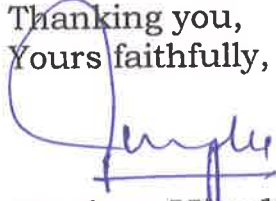
The iron roughneck which was operational earlier is out for repair, was sent for repair before dry dock, it's more than 18 month the iron roughneck is not repaired. Crew members on the rig are repeatedly following these issue but it has fallen on deaf ears.

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Your esteemed authority is requested to look into the matter for early repairing of iron roughneck and TDS so that productivity and efficiency can be increased. At the same time we are increasingly of the feeling that such delays are mainly due to causal approach of the concern authorities. **This attitude has to be improved in the interest of organisation as the days ahead are very difficult for the organisation.**

Thanking you,  
Yours faithfully,

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

**Copy to :**

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2. CGM - I/c HR-ER, Services, ONGC-WOU, 11 High, Sion, Mumbai 17.
3. Rig Manager - Sagar Jyoti, ONGC-WOU, 11 High, Sion, Mum. 400017.
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To,

Pradeep Mayekar

Karamachari Saghatana,

ONGC (Mumbai)

SUB :- Bad condition of working equipment's & safety measures on rig SAGAR JYOTI.

Respected sir,

We all Rigman of Sagar Jyoti are working with worst condition equipment's, it may cause major accident in future so please do pay attention on the following point and help us out by taking needful actions on the below mentioned points.

1. From past 20-25 years there is no availability of a new tong as we are working with the old tong which may cause serious accident due to improper alignment and lack of strength of the same.
2. Since the day TDS is been installed on the rig it is not functioning as per requirement. As it is seen that TDS is not working since past 4 years, also not even single well is completed with help of the same from the date of installation.
3. Draw works overhauling is not done since installation as it may cause serious accident in future
4. Rough neck is available on the rig but it is refused by OIM to use during pull out operation.
5. Camera is not installed on monkey board as TDS was banged on monkey board once in past during operation because of the same. (before two months)
6. There is access man power (contract) on rig & because of which all the ONGC personnel are facing lot of difficulties in washrooms & mess.
7. Also it is not advisable to over access manpower on rig looking at safety measures.
8. Pneumatic slip is not available on rig.
9. Pipe spinner & Mud bucket is available on rig but they are not in working condition.
10. Men ridding belt ceiling from rig floor to monkey board is not available on rig even requirement is given for the same six month prior.



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REF. : ONGC/KS/137/2017

DATE : 22/09/2017

To,

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The ED - HDS,  
ONGC - WOU,

11 High, Bandra Sion Link Road,  
Sion, Mumbai : 400 017.

**Subject : Drawing your attention towards Dry Docking of Rig Sagar Jyoti, immediate all-round maintenance of the issues mentioned below :**

Respected Sir,

We are in a receipt of serious grievance letter on multiple issues from the crew members of Rig Sagar Jyoti. At the outset it is very surprising to know that Rig Sagar Jyoti has almost completed 30 years and no dry docking has been done in all these years. The dry docking of the Rig is long overdue and almost all equipment are in de<sup>l</sup>capitated condition.

This may lead to an fatal accident or are we waiting for an accident to happen and claim insurance, feeling relaxed that in any case the families of the effected employees will get compensation through CSSS, I understand my language is too offensive neither I wish to, but dry docking stretched to 30 years speaks for itself, either way it will not be in the interest of the organisation neither for the employees.

We would like to bring to your notice narrating the issues point wise as mentioned in the letters.

### Problems of Top Drive :

- Both the motors are replaced by new one, still not working properly.
- Optical fibre cable changed which was procured after a year of persuasion.
- Electronic cards which are German made are also replaced.

- Top Drive was transferred from Rig Sagar Samrat before four years.

**And other problems :**

- Shri. Rakib Ahmad, DGM (Drilling)-OIM is refusing for the use of rough neck at the time of pull-out.
- Still the pipes are opened by rotary table. Spinner on the rig is not in working condition from last 2 years.
- Life boat capacity of two available boats are 84 only, but POB is always above 105 from since 2 to 3 years.
- Top drive had hit the monkey board three months back and same incident had occurred 4 years back also. As there was reaming operation going on, no Topman was on the monkey board so they could save fatal accident, but these may not happen every time.
- Draw works was installed before 30 years. Till date overhauling of the same is yet to be done. Cooling system is also out of order.
- As high clutch is not operative, draw works is operated at low clutch only. As cooling systems is out of order burning smoke from brake bands are observed due to overheating. Pneumatic slips are not available on Rig for the last 8 years.
- Tongs are totally worn out having over lived their age do not grip properly, this necessitates three Rigmens to latch the tong. During last 20-25 years no new tongs are made available on Rig.
- Available pipe spinner & mud bucket of Rig is not in working condition for almost a decade.
- Main ridding belt from Rig floor to Monkey board is not available. Requirement is placed over one year.

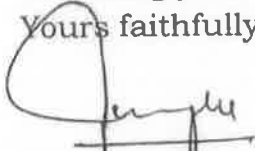
Moreover we have spent sizable amount to repair the Top Drive, reasons best known to OIM is not allowing to operate the same, is also a matter of serious concern.

All these issues are pertaining to safety and serious in nature we are only promoting accident prone circumstances on Rig. Allowing more persons on board than the life boat capacity is deliberate violation of Safety Guide lines. Kindly give directives to concerned authorities to initiate the action for procurement of above mention items without any further delay.

Your esteemed authority is requested to look in to the matter and time bound action programme must be planned to repair / replace the equipment to avoid fatal accidents. We hope your esteemed authority will not compel us for direct action, for overlooking implementation of safety aspects, even after repeatedly bringing to the notice.

Thanking you,  
Yours faithfully,

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

**Copy to :**

1. Director (Offshore), ONGC, Urja Bhavan, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi.
2. Director (T&FS), ONGC, Urja Bhavan, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi.
3. ED-CDS, ONGC-WOU, 11 High, Bandra-Sion Lk Road, Mum : 17.
4. ED-HRO, ONGC-WOU, Gr. Height, BKC, Bandra (E), Mumbai : 51.
5. GM (Operation), ONGC-WOU, 11 High, Sion, Mumbai : 17.
6. GM I/c HR-ER, Services, 11 High, Bandra-Sion Link Road, Mum : 17.
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8. Rig Manager, Sagar Jyoti, 11 High, Sion, Mumbai : 17

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Date.18/05/2019

To,  
The Rig manager,  
Rig Sagar Jyoti,  
Mumbai region – (Drilling services)  
ONGC, Mumbai.

**Subject :- Operational difficulties being faced due to non availability of TDS and Iron Roughneck on Rig Sagar Jyoti.**

Respected Sir,

With due respect, we submit that as Rigman working on Sagar Jyoti, we would like to your kind attention certain operational issue.

TDS and Iron Roughneck are a norm in all offshore rigs, and no rig except Sagar Jyoti is working in Mumbai Offshore region without these critical equipment.

TDS with its many operational advantages, Reducing total drilling time and strain on manpower, increases our performance efficiency at present the TDS On Sagar Jyoti is non-operational and is parked in front of the V DOOR, obstructing it . This results in collision between large tubular (20 inch, 30 inch Casing, etc....) with TDS, causing serious hazards. This has resulted in several near misses. And it has not completed single well since installed.TDS had not worked more than 15 days after being repaired.

Currently Sagar Jyoti Rig has been drilling a well having depth more than 3000m and we are using Kelly spinner and pipe spinner for making/breaking and pipe connection during drilling. But Kelly spinner and pipe spinner both are not in good condition and not working after few connection and work got hampered during that period.so we will not be responsible for any delay of work in any critical situation.

The iron roughneck which has operational earlier is out of repair and not available for use. It was sent for repair before rig went to dry dock, but even after a year it has not been replaced for use.

In spite of these constraints, we have been performing to the best of our abilities, and made Sagar Jyoti a Top performing rig.

These problems have been conveyed to the OIM several times in the past. In the present current well it was assured by the OIM that TDS will be repaired after 20 inch casing but the same is not happening. The present conditions are causing immense physical strain on us, and is making it difficult for us to continue in same fashion for long.

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These things are facing us to think that we are being treated unfairly by the management as all others offshore rigs are having these equipment in working condition.

After discussions with OIM and Tool pusher we have been assured from there side that TDS repair will be taken up after 13" 3/8 casing. We therefore request your kindly arrange for TDS and iron roughneck after 13"3/8 casing failing which we will be unable to continue work in present condition.

Thanking you expecting your favourable response.

Copy to


1)OIM Sagar Jyoti.

2)Rig Manager Sagar Jyoti.


3)HDS 11High.

4)GS Karmachari Sanghata Mumbai.


5)GS Petroleum Employees Union Mumbai.


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