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To, The ED- HDS, ONGC, WOU, 11 High, Bandra Sion Link Rd., Sion,

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Subject: Critical Crane issue on Rig Sagar Uday

Respected Sir,

Mumbai- 400017.

We are in a receipt of complaint letter from Rig Sagar Uday regarding critical crane issues of both the cranes (starboard and port side). Please find enclosed the copy of the same for your perusal. It seems crane operators are operating cranes in very unsafe condition which may lead to fatal accidents any time. The crane condition narrated in their letter is very serious and against safety norms. Any time crane operators can met with a fatal accident is a matter of serious concern. Almost total repairing and overhauling with replacement of parts is required for both the cranes. The letter addressed to Rig In-charge is self-explanatory.

Following are serious complaints of the both cranes:

- Auxiliary and main block is not working properly
- The boom rope guide pulley bush of the port side crane is totally washed out
- During rain water enters in the port side crane cabin from the left window. Water flowing on electrical panel is very serious as may cause short circuit resulting serious injury to the crane operator working in the cabin.
- Both cranes are giving abnormal jerks during swing and boom operation from last two years.
- Auxiliary and main block limit switches of both cranes are not working from last two years. More shocking is switches are bypassed may cause unwanted incident/ accidents as in the night/ rainy times. It is difficult for crane operator to confirm block position.
- Digital load indicator of both cranes are not working. By assuming boom degree, cargo lifting weight they are operating the cranes which is against the SOP.
- Oil is leaking continuously from switchgear and other oil hoses. Oil spillage on the main deck affected the smooth operation of cranes.
- Glass wipers of both the cranes are not working. On complaint repairs the wipers temporarily which stops working after some times.

Your esteemed authority is requested to kindly look into the matter as all these issues of the crane raised in the letter are related to safety. We would like to emphasise that no safety can be compromised at the cost of our employees. These issues are regularly take up in the safety meeting by our employees but are fallen on deaf ears. Kindly give direction to the concerned authorities to rectify the issues of the crane immediately and appropriate action must be initiated for repairing and maintenance of both the cranes on Rig Sagar Uday. We hope your authority not compel us to resort to any direct action in the matter.

Thanking you, Yours faithfully,

(Pradeep Mayekar) General Secretary

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Copy to:

- 1. LMDS, ONGC, WOU, 11 High, Bandra Sion Link Rd, Sion, Mumbai-17.
- 2. GM-I/c HR/ER, Services, ONGC, WOU, 11 High, Bandra Sion Link Road, Sion, Mumbai-17.
- 3. GM-I/c IR, ONGC, WOU, NBP Green Heights, BKC, Bandra (E), Mumbai-51.
- 4. Rig Incharge- Sagar Uday, ONGC, WOU, 11 High, Bandra Sion Link Rd, Sion, Mumbai-17.

To Date: 02.07.2023

The Rig in-Charge/OIM Rig Sagar Uday

Subject: Critical Crane Issues at Rig Sagar Uday

Respected Sir,

We would like to bring to your kind notice regarding Critical Crane Issues at Rig Sagar Uday of both cranes (Starboard and Port side). The following are the most critical issues at this moment.

- Auxiliary and Main block is not working properly. The up and down operations
 are encountered with irregular/uncontrolled speed. The uncontrolled speed
 may pose problem while working with supply vessels, especially when there is
 high sea swell.
- The boom rope guide pulley bush of the Port side crane is totally washed out. It may result unwanted jerk in boom operation damaging pulley. It is a potential accident-in-waiting to the persons working under the crane.
- During rain, water enters in the Port-side crane cabin from the left window. The water flow on electrical panel may cause short circuit resulting serious electrical injury to the person working in the cabin.
- In both cranes, there are abnormal jerks during swing and boom operations for the past two years.
- The Auxiliary and Main block limit switches of the both cranes are not working and they are by-passed for the past two years. During night/rainy times it is difficult to confirm the block positions which can lead to unwanted incidents/accident.
- Digital Load Indicator of the both cranes are not working. Critical parameters like Boom degree and Cargo Lifting Weight are not showing properly. We have to assume the values and act on it which is against the SOP.
- In the both crane, there is continuous oil leakage from swing gear and other oil hoses. This causes oil spillage on the main deck around the crane affecting smooth operation of the crane.
- In the both cranes the glass wipers are not working properly. On complaint, the issue is resolved temporarily. But most of the times one of the wiper remain non-functional.
- Safety hook and four way slings are not proper. The earlier used four way slings are getting modified with metal rings according to SOP. Instead of using the modified rings they are adjusted with D-shackles and still being used to lifting load.
- The insulation layers of hydraulic hoses inside the crane cabin are in much damaged condition- it is almost peeled off. It may burst at any time during crane operations causing serious injury to the person attending the crane.

Sir, it is a humble request to look into the matter and get the above mentioned issues resolved as early as possible.

Thanking you, Yours faithfully

COPY TO: GENERAL SECRETARY KARMACHARI SANGHATANA.
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