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To,
The ED - B & S Asset,
ONGC, WOU,
Vasudhara Bhavan,
Bandra (E),
Mumbai- 400051.

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Subject: Complains of non- availability of two 'Fire Pumps' out of four, one since 2016 and another since 2019, third is not in operating condition in BPB Platform.

Respected Sir,

We are in a receipt of serious complaint from crew member of BPB platform concerning non-availability of 'Fire Pumps' on the platform. Only one fully functional Fire Pump out of four is available on the entire platform is a matter of serious concern, we are certainly not waiting for another MHN to happen.

No need to elaborate that how important is safety of our employees working in the offshore, but the prevailing condition is nothing but making mockery of safety and speaks of paper-thin concern of employees. Safety instructions of equipment's, various safety norms etc. is only on paper just to make obese files. It's difficult to believe such negligent and casual approach can be blatantly practiced. Please find attached the copy of letter for your perusal which is self-explanatory.

- One Fire Pump was sent to the base (Nhava) in the year 2016, are we supposed to believe with all our professionalism the said pump is still under repair, or has it vanished from Nhava Supply Base best known to the management.
- Second Fire Pump was sent to base four years back i.e. at Nhava Supply Base is also mated the same fate of the first one just disappeared. Concerned officers must have forgotten that they have sent Fire Pump for repairing. Such irresponsible behaviour should be made accountable and not be too tolerant when we spent huge money on safety.
- Third Fire Pump is having heavy internal leakage from engine coolant line which will not certainly not operate during emergency if any unwanted incident takes place on the platform. If one fire pump is ideal enough why install four, wasting crores of rupees. How in such unsafe work condition employees should work on the platform. We are playing with the lives of our employees including Executives & Non-Executives.

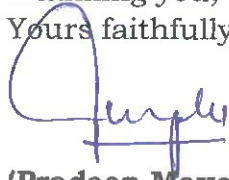
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We hope no further explanation is required, having revealed the facts immediate appropriate action in the matter is expected before any casualty takes place. Your esteemed authority is requested to kindly personally intervene in the matter & on top priority ensure all three Fire Pumps gets repaired or if required replaced at the earliest before matter goes out of our organisation & to avoid frustration & unrest among the employees including Executives & Non-Executives as it is matter of their existence so also the installation.

Unfortunately, if the Pumps are really missing from NSB, it draws urgent and high-level vigilance enquiry.

Thanking you,
Yours faithfully,



(Pradeep Mayekar)
General Secretary

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Copy to:

1. SM - B&S Asset, ONGC-WOU, Vasudhara Bhavan, Bandra (E), Mum- 51.
2. GM - I/c HR-ER, MH Asset, ONGC-WOU, V. Bhavan, Bandra (E), Mum 51.
3. GM - I/c IR, ONGC-WOU, NBP Green Hts., BKC, Bandra (E), Mumbai 51.



Date: 04.03.2024

To,
SAM-BPB,
B&S Asset,
ONGC-WOU.

Subject: Concerns about Fire water pumps at Gas Platform BPB

Sir,

We are writing to express our serious concern regarding the current fire safety arrangements at BPB Process Complex. As we are deeply committed to safety and well-being, we believe it is essential to address the matter of having only one fully functional fire water pump available out of the four installed on the platform.

The safety of all personnel and assets on the platform is of utmost importance, and it is crucial to have reliable and redundant fire-fighting equipment in place to respond effectively to any emergency situation. It is alarming to learn that three out of the four fire water pumps are having issues/non-functional, leaving the entire platform vulnerable in the event of a fire.

Having only one properly working fire water pump significantly increases the risk of not being able to control or extinguish a fire promptly. In an emergency, every second counts, and we cannot afford to have a compromised firefighting system that endangers lives and the integrity of the platform.

Following is the detail of the issues that are being observed in non-available fire water pumps:

1. BLQ-II FWP: Heavy internal Leakage from engine coolant line. As a result, whenever FWP is to be started, first water connection is to be lined and it is to be ensured that sufficient water is available in the tank. Pump failed to start during weekly test run because of the internal leakage of water. Pneumatic starter failed causing damage to the starter pinon and failed to start. In house repair for the starter and internal leakage was carried out. **Pump is still not available for operation in auto mode.**
2. BCPB1 FWP: **Not available since 2016.**
3. BCPB2 FWP: **Pump is not available since past 4 years.** Initially the reported problem was with pump which could only be done after 3 years of non-availability. However, when this job was carried out in September 2023, it was brought out that there were issues in the engine side. It is highly irresponsible on the management part that these issues were neither found out nor rectified, when the pump had gone for repair job in Mumbai. Had responsibility been shown, the pump would have been available for normal operation.

We kindly request that immediate action be taken to rectify this situation. It is imperative that all fire water pumps undergo thorough maintenance and repair as needed on urgent basis as it is matter of serious concern towards safety and well-being of individual as well as BPB process complex.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Sushant Kamble

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Secretary – BPB Platform,
ONGC (WOU) KARMACHARI SANGHTANA.

COPY TO:

1. SURFACE MANAGER, B&S ASSET, ONGC-MUMBAI.
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6. GENERAL SECRETARY, ONGC (WOU) KARMACHARI SANGHTANA.