



ASSOCIATION OF SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL OFFICERS

OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LIMITED, NEW DELHI

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AMIT KUMAR
President - CWC

Pres/2008-10/CMD-36

23.10.2008

No. ASTO/CWC/.....

To

Chairman and Managing Director
ONGC Ltd.
Jeevan Bharati Tower-II
New Delhi

Sub: Safety and Security at Offshore Installations.

Sir,

Kindly refer to our letters No.ASTO/CWC/Pres/2008-10/CMD-24 dated 02.09.2008 and No.ASTO/CWC/Pres/2008-10/CMD-28 dated 12.09.2008 on the above subject. We have been pointing out total lack of Safety and Security at Offshore installations. Till date we have not seen any perceptible improvement in the situation. On 11th and 12th October, 2008 ASTO-CWC visited 13 Offshore installations and at all places the biggest threat to the Offshore installations was frequent ingress of fishing boats near our Offshore installations. The shocking sight that we could see with our own eyes was fishing boats anchored to the unmanned platforms even during the day time. At BPB platform the officers showed a picture where two fishing boats were anchored just next to the flare tip of the platform. During the last 4 months and 23 days we have pointed out this issue number of times, unfortunately there has been no improvement in the situation. Even the role of ODAG is also questionable. The most sensitive issue is that all our unmanned platforms/process platforms/rigs are open to terrorist threat and one fine day these fishing boats shall become the easiest medium to blow up our installations.

ASTO is very much concerned about this issue and would like to know the time bound action management proposes so as to instill confidence in our offshore going personnels. It is suggested that these actions be put on or.net and regularly monitored for reducing the menace of fishing boats at our offshore installations.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Amit Kumar
23/10/08
(Amit Kumar)

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