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President - CWC

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To

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

Sub: Safety in offshore operations – Implementation of OISD regulations

Sir,

ASTO has been raising the issue of proper implementation of safety norms at offshore installations from time to time and continuous monitoring of the same. ASTO appreciates the seriousness and commitment that EC has shown to the issue of offshore safety by visiting the ICP accident site and taking a review of the offshore safety with all concerned, we need to convert the decision taken at the meeting into affirmative action at the earliest to improve the safety.

In the same context, it is to bring to your notice that a gazette notification has been issued by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Government of India vide G.S.R no 469(E) dated 20th June'2008 on the issue of regulation of safety in offshore oil & gas exploration, exploitation, production, drilling and related activities. In the recent past we are finding that there have been a series of major and minor accidents in offshore operations which are needed to be viewed seriously and action taken report be put on the Or.net.

As per this, OISD has been designated as competent authority to exercise powers and functions as stipulated in the Petroleum and Natural Gas (Safety in Offshore), Rules, 2008 vide Gazette notification no S.O 1502(E) dated June 20, 2008 and has been notified as competent authority for offshore safety rules. The safety rules are available on OISD website and consist of 59 pages.

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It is requested that OISD recommendations be implemented with immediate effect and concerned agencies in ONGC may be instructed to implement the same in true spirit to make our offshore operations safe and remove the feeling of anxiety, insecurity and unsafe and fear from the minds of our colleagues going to offshore. We also need to ensure that the safety procedures are properly followed and the Corporate HSE continuously monitors it.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Amit Kumar)
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