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To,
The ED- N&H Asset,
ONGC, WOU,
Vasudhara Bhavan,
Bandra (E),

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Subject: Regularizing Night Stay Chopper Service on Neelam & Heera Platform.

Respected Sir,

Mumbai- 400051

We are in receipt of a serious complaint from crew members posted on **Neelam & Heera Platform** regarding night stay chopper. We respectfully draw your kind attention to several crucial observations and suggestions concerning the safety and emergency preparedness protocols within our company, particularly those impacting the welfare of our employees and the continuity of operations in the offshore production environment.

Historically, the night stay chopper has played a vital role in ensuring operational safety and emergency response. **Up until 2021**, this service was consistently available on our platform, providing indispensable support. However, from May 2022, the frequency of this service was reduced to every alternate week, and for nearly the past two months, the night stay chopper has not been available at all on the platform.

The absence of the night stay chopper poses significant risks to our production field and employees' safety, particularly during the rainy season. Its presence is essential for handling emergencies like:

- Shutdowns of well platforms
- Unanticipated platform shutdowns
- Sudden well seizures
- Ruptures in oil and gas lines
- Vent boom fires
- Medical emergencies
- Accidents or incidents on the platform

The ability to mobilize a response team or evacuate personnel quickly is not just a matter of operational efficiency but one of life safety.

Furthermore, the lack of a stationed helicopter severely limits our ability to address urgent medical emergencies, accidents, or even fatalities among employees or contract staff working on the platform. This delay in response can be detrimental and may lead to avoidable losses. Our organization is trying to curtail the operating cost but not at the cost of life of our employees which may please be noted very seriously.

Our particular concerns are scenarios involving adverse weather, frequent cyclones, vessel/barge collisions, or hazardous incidents such as H₂S or gas leakages. These situations may demand mass evacuation or immediate abandonment of platforms, where the timely availability of a night stay helicopter can make a critical difference in safeguarding lives and infrastructure.

Given the gravity of these challenges, we earnestly request senior management to consider restoring the night stay chopper service on a regular basis. Doing so will significantly strengthen our safety framework, ensure prompt emergency response, and preserve the integrity of our operations and the well-being of all personnel.

The potential loss of life and financial ramifications in such situations cannot be overstated. We urge you to take this matter with utmost seriousness and restore the night stay helicopter service on a regular basis to ensure the safety and well-being of all personnel and preserve the integrity of our operations. Hope to take immediate steps / action to resolve the issue at the earliest.

Thanking you, Yours faithfully,

(Pradeep Mayekar) General Secretary

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To Date: 30.05.2024

ED - Asset Manager

N&H Asset

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Sub: About regularizing night stay chopper.

With profound Regards, your kind attention is drawn towards following certain crucial observations and suggestions regarding the safety and security protocols within our company for the welfare of both our employees and operations.

Historically, the availability of the night stay chopper on our platform has been paramount. Up until 2021, this chopper was consistently accessible, providing vital support. However, from May 2022, its availability decreased to every alternate week, and now, since almost two months, night stay chopper is not available. The absence of the night stay chopper poses significant risks for the safety of our production field and our employees. Its presence is imperative for handling emergencies like shut down of well platforms efficiently, particularly during the rainy season.

Various critical situations, such as unanticipated platform shutdowns, sudden well seizures, ruptures in oil and gas lines, and vent boom fires etc, (especially prevalent during the monsoon period) demand immediate attention. Failure to address these issues promptly could lead to substantial damage to production and the platform itself. Moreover, the absence of readily available transportation poses challenges for resident employees to respond promptly to medical emergencies, accidents, or incidents on the platform, as well as instances of sudden death among contract or ONGC employees at their residences.

Of utmost concern are scenarios involving frequent cyclones, adverse weather conditions, or vessel/barge collisions, H2s/Gas leakages etc, which may necessitate mass evacuation or platform abandonment. The potential loss of life and financial ramifications in such situations cannot be overstated.

In light of these pressing issues, we urge senior management to address this matter with utmost seriousness. Restoring the night stay helicopter service on regular basis is essential for ensuring the safety and well-being of all personnel and preserving the integrity of our operations.

Yours Sincerely,

Team Heera.

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