

Summary of Preliminary Assessment on Structural, Fire and Electrical Safety

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| Name of the Factory | : ANANNA KNITEX LTD. |
| Address of the Factory | : 164, Shree Dhardi, Muslim Nagar, Fatullah, Narayanganj., Bangladesh. |
| Present Status of the Factory | : Under Operation. |
| Structural Assessment Conducted by | : TUV |
| Date of Structural Inspection | : 10 th June, 2015. |
| Fire Assessment Conducted by | : TUV |
| Date of Fire Inspection | : 10 th June, 2015. |
| Electrical Assessment Conducted by | : TUV |
| Date of Electrical Inspection | : 10 th June, 2015. |
| BKMEA Membership No. | : 1638. |

BASIC INFORMATION:

The assessed factory building was a 4 -Storey RCC building. The structural system of the building is RCC beam column frame and beam slab floor system. ANANNA KNITEX LTD. operates in the total building on a rental basis. The following information was noted:

- i. Building Usage Type : Knit wear Factory.
- ii. Structural System : RCC beam column frame system.
- iii. Floor System : RCC beam slab floor system.
- iv. Floor Area : The typical plinth area of 4 storied RCC building is 2400 sft.
Total operational area is 7,200 sft.
- v. No. of Stories : 4-Storey.
- vi. Construction Year : Construction started in 1998 till continuing.
- vii. Foundation Type : Wooden Pile foundation as per structural drawings.
- viii. Design Drawings : No approval drawing was found at the factory on the day of assessment.
- ix. Soil Investigation Report : Available.
- x. Construction Materials : Brick aggregate. (Identified by removing plaster)
- xi. Generator : The generator room is located outside of the factory building at the north-west zone of the factory premises.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION:

The recommendations of corrective action for both Structural and Fire & Electrical Safety comprises in Short Term, Mid Term and Long Term basis.

The recommendations for **Structural Safety** corrective action are:

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| Short Term (Immediate) | : None. |
| Mid Term (6-weeks) | : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As built architectural and engineering drawing to be prepared and submitted for approval by appropriate authority. As part of this process building engineer will be required to make a number of checks on the as-built construction.• Exposed rebar need to be covered by same graded concrete to provide necessary clear cover as per direction of building engineer. |
| Long Term (6-months) | : None. |

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The recommendations for **Fire & Electrical Safety** corrective action are:

(A): Recommendations for Fire Safety corrective actions:

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| <p>Immediate</p> <p><i>(the factory should not continue to be occupied until these non-conformities have been rectified):</i></p> | <p>N/A</p> |
| <p>Short Term</p> <p><i>(Actions that must be incorporated into a Fire Safety Management Plan immediately (1 ~ 2 weeks) and should be a regular activity</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minimum clear width of the pathway should be 0.9 meter • Rearrange the evacuation pathway to ensure the minimum width. • Remove all temporary items from all escape routes, aisles and passageway. • Direct route of access to required exits should be provided through stairway which is maintained free of obstructions. • Direct route of access to required exits should be provided through stairway which is maintained free of combustibles. • Provide aisle marking with arrow guiding and exit signage on all Evacuation pathways or provided with overhead signage fixed at ceiling level. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Illuminated exit sign should be posted above the exit door, - It should be clearly visible at all time. • Factory management should be checked alarm call points & alarm system periodically and maintained the record properly. • Provide additional fire extinguisher at ground floor and to keep the record for re filling & properly tagged. • Provide additional firefighting equipment like sand & water buckets near exit or easily accessible area for first phase firefighting. • Combustible materials should keep away from electrical appliances and all the lighting in storage area must have protecting covers and wiring must be in conduits. • Fire drill should be conducted quarterly (4 times a year) |

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| | <p>in existing buildings as detailed under the Fire Safety Plan & should kept record properly.</p> |
| <p>Mid Term <i>(The remedial works indicated must be carried out within a period of 6 weeks)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open the locking device of Floor exit- 2 to provide directly excess outside of building Or, The factory design to equip with an automated fire alarm, portable fire-fighting system and appropriate standpipe and hose system through the entire building the length of travel should not be exceed 60 meter. • Replace all existing exit doors on evacuation routes, exit doors with side hinged type door, which swing outward and in the direction of travel. Swinging of the door should not constrict the width of the corridor / passage below 0.9 meter. • Remove all locking device from all egress door. All exit doors should be open-able from the side they serve without the use of a key. • Provide handrails on both side of each stairway with height of 0.9m measured from the nose of stair to the top of the handrail. • Doors in stair should be outward opening, side-swing, self-closing, non-lockable 1.5 hours fire rated doors in all stair way encloses. • Prepare proper plan and design for 4 hours fire rated barriers with 2 hours fire rated door at 1st floor boiler room, which located at the adjacent to finishing section. • The egress paths should be illuminated with emergency lighting with power back-up supply & illumination should be a minimum of 10 lux for all corridors & exit doors. Aisles should be provided with a minimum 2 lux. • The stairway should be illuminated with emergency lighting with power back-up supply & illumination should be a minimum of 10 lux for stairway. • Produce design and plan for automatic detection system with automatic fire alarm. • Install Manual activation call point at all exit routes • Automatic alarm systems must be provided throughout the factory; the alarm must be automatically triggered on detection of a fire. • Prepare proper design and plan for dedicated fire pump |

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| | <p>with alternate backup power supply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power backup supply should be provided for fire alarm system. • Visual alarm should be placed at the generator room. • Obtain building approval from issuing authority. |
| <p>Long Term</p> <p><i>(The remedial works indicated must be carried out within a period of 6 months)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 6 Months, Implement with an automated fire alarm, portable fire-fighting system and appropriate standpipe and hose system through the entire building. • Provide 4 hours fire rated barriers with 2 hours fire rated door at 1st floor boiler room, which located at the adjacent to finishing section. • Install automatic detection system with automatic fire alarm. • Install dedicated fire pump with alternate backup power supply. • Provide sufficient number of hose pipe with respect to area and travel distance as per RMG guideline. |

(B): Recommendations for Electrical Safety corrective actions:

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| <p>Immediate</p> <p><i>(the factory should not continue to be occupied until these non-conformities have been rectified):</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over current protection devices (Circuit breakers) should be installed at all distribution panels. |
| <p>Short Term</p> <p><i>(Actions that must be incorporated into a Fire Safety Management Plan immediately (a week) and should be a regular activity)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-locate fuel tanks away from control panels in generator room. • All strands cables at exposed ends should be properly soldered / crimped and insulated. |
| <p>Mid Term</p> <p><i>(The remedial works indicated must be carried out within a period of 6 weeks)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. Provide updated SLD matching the existing installation at the factory. • 2. SLD to indicate exact positions of all points of switch boxes and other outlets. • 3. SLD to be approved by the engineer-in-charge. • 1. Provide updated Electrical layout drawing prepared after proper locations of all outlets for lamps, fans, fixed and transportable appliances, motors etc. • 2. Drawings to indicate exact positions of all points of switch boxes and other outlets to match existing |

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| | <p>installation.</p> <p>3. As built drawing to be approved by the engineer-in-charge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All unwanted materials should be removed from Generator room.• Provide rubber mats of adequate size in front of distribution panel (DB) and SDBs.• Install smoke detection and provide firefighting equipment in the generator room.• 1. Exit signs should be illuminated either by lamps external to the sign or by lamps contained within the sign. 2. The source of illumination should be providing not less than 50 lux.• Individual Fuse protection should be provided to every 15/20 A socket.• 1. All stranded conductors > 6mm² to be provided with cable sockets. 2. All stranded conductors < 6 mm², at exposed end should be soldered / crimped.• 1. Remove all the inflammable materials from surrounding of electrical circuitry at SDBs. 2. Ensure that all electric circuitry clean of inflammable materials. 3. Conduct periodic maintenance and maintain the records.• Provide suitable & non-flammable protected supports and shades for hanged light fittings/fixtures.• The electrical panels to be of metal case and should be marked with “Danger 415 Volts” and identified with proper phase marking and danger signage.• Provide proper clearance of 0.8 - 1.0 m in front of all SDBs.• Provide cable connections with properly soldered / welded lugs at (DB/SDB)'s. Ensure that all the electrical connections are properly secured with lugs. |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select conductors and MCCB/MCB with adequate sizing without exceeding permissible current carrying capacity for insulation. • Avoid looping and bunch of cable at MCCB/MCB or bus bar terminal, use individual circuit and over current device for every incoming and outgoing circuit at the distribution boards. • Provide circuit diagram /circuit list with proper current ratings and fuse size, marking for DBs identifying end use load, voltage, number of phases. • Provide cable joints of porcelain / PVC connectors with PIB tape wound around before placing the cable in the box. • 1. Replace all flexible cables/wires with fixed wiring; avoid use of flexible wires/cords for fixed machines. 2. Flexible cords may only be used for the connections of portable equipments. • Provide proper separate earthing/grounding to generator. Ensure that generator body frame to have two separate and distinct connections to the earth / ground. • Provide separate earthing connection to electrical equipments. Ensure that earth potential provided for all parts of equipment / installation (other than live parts) and that continuous earth connection is provided back to the main intake supply earth. • Provide adequate earthing to body and doors to all DB/SDBs. Ensure that all electrical panels provided with proper and separate earth potential. |
| <p>Long Term</p> <p><i>(The remedial works indicated must be carried out within a period of 6 months)</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modify Area of generator room to meet requirements of Table 4.4, RMG Guideline; the area should be 30 m², or relocate the generator room. • Provide and maintain proper clearance in all sides of generator for ease of maintenance. • 1. Design to have proper segregation of different end used loads. 2. Wiring design to have separate and distinct sub-circuits for power and heating system. |

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| | <p>3. All DBs to be placed conveniently. 4. Wiring to be neat, tidy and located near ceiling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide calibrated Ammeters / Voltmeters at distribution boards (DB).• Review capacity of standby generator on basis of loads for essential lighting / AC / Equipment / Services. Replace generator with larger capacity or install second generator if review indicates existing unit is too small.• Provide and maintain easy access and proper height of switchboard / panel boards (< 2m from floor level).• 1. Wooden switchboards, Socket board should be replaced by non-flammable materials. 2. Prefer switchboards made of non-flammable materials.• Each circuit should have a separate neutral (use of common neutral for more than one circuit shall not be permitted).• Provide the wiring in PVC conduits or in metallic GI pipes. Ensure that all electrical wiring should be covered in proper conduit pipes.• 1. Provide the ECC to meet minimum cross-sectional area as per table 4.5. 2. Ensure that connections between conductors / equipments provided to durable electrical continuity and adequate mechanical strength and protection. 3. The continuous earth connection is provided back to the main intake supply earth.• Provide adequate protection against lightning depending on the probability of a strike and acceptable risk levels at roof top of building. |
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