

Summary of Preliminary Assessment on Structural, Fire and Electrical Safety

Name of the Factory	: Tua-Ha Textiles Ltd.
Address of the Factory	: Kabirpur, Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Present Status of the Factory	: Under operation.
Structural Assessment Conducted by	: TUV
Date of Structural Inspection	: 10 November, 2015
Fire Assessment Conducted by	: TUV
Date of Fire Inspection	: 10 November, 2015
Electrical Assessment Conducted by	: TUV
Date of Electrical Inspection	: 10 November, 2015
BGMEA & BKMEA Membership No.	: 4906 & 862

BASIC INFORMATION:

The structural system of the R.C.C building from GF to 5th floor was two way beam slab. The following information was noted:

i. Building Usage Type	: Garment Factory.
ii. Structural System	: RCC Building & Profile Steel Shed.
iii. Floor System	: Two way Beam Slab.
iv. Floor Area	: The typical plinth area is 11,921.76 sft. and total production floor area is 83,452.32.
v. No. of Stories	: 7 storey (RCC Building) & Single storey (Steel Shed)
vi. Construction Year	: 2005 for Building. Unknown for Shed
vii. Foundation Type	: Not confirm for all buildings
viii. Design Drawings	: Available (has approval for 6-Storey industrial building on 17th July, 2005 from Shimulia Union Parishod Savar.)
ix. Soil Investigation Report	: Not available (For Both)
x. Construction Materials	: Brick aggregate.
xi. Generator	: Ground floor at different shed.

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:

Short Term (Immediate)	: N/A
Mid Term (6-weeks)	: N/A
Long Term (6-months)	: 1. As-built architectural and structural drawings to be prepared for the unapproved floor and submitted for approval by appropriate authority. As part of this process the building engineer will be required to make a number of checks on the as-built construction

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

(A): Recommendations for Fire Safety Corrective Actions:

<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"> <input type="checkbox"/> The minimum clear width of the pathway should be 0.9 meter <input type="checkbox"/> Remove all temporary items from all escape routes, aisles and passageway. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide aisle marking with arrow guiding and exit signage on all Evacuation pathways or provided with overhead signage fixed at ceiling level. - Illuminated exit sign should be posted above the exit door, - It should be clearly visible at all time, - Provide directional signs wherever necessary. - All exit doors should be clearly marked for easy identification. -Signage should be uniform. <input type="checkbox"/> Factory management should be checked alarm call points, alarm & detection system periodically and maintained the record properly. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide adequate number of fire extinguisher at all floors of Main building and to keep the record for re filling & properly tagged. <input type="checkbox"/> Place the extinguisher near the path of exit travel & easily accessible <input type="checkbox"/> The first aid hose and standpipe performance should be checked periodically and properly tagged. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide additional firefighting equipment like sand & water buckets near exit or easily accessible area for first phase firefighting. <input type="checkbox"/> Combustible materials should keep away from electrical appliances and all the lighting in 6th floor (Accs. Store) & 2nd floor (finishing) must have protecting covers and wiring must be in conduits. <input type="checkbox"/> Fire drill should be conducted quarterly (4 times a year) in existing buildings as detailed under the Fire Safety Plan & should kept record properly.
<p>Mid Term</p> <p><i>(The remedial works indicated must be</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Open the locking device at stair-3 exit in all floors of Main building to ensure the easy way to outside of building.

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<p><i>carried out within a period of 6 weeks)</i></p>	<p>Dyeing shed, Prepare proper plan and design for one more exit in a way not to exceed the maximum travel distance 45 meter or If 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> 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.<input type="checkbox"/> 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.<input type="checkbox"/> 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.<input type="checkbox"/> Doors in stair should be outward opening, side-swing, self closing, non-lockable 2 hours fire rated doors in all stair way encloses.<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare design for installation of fire rating smoke proof enclosure. 2 hours fire rating doors for exit should not be less than that of 4 hours fire resistance rating of the walls of the smoke proof fire rated entry lobby.<input type="checkbox"/> Provide 2 hour fire rated construction at unprotected opening window, which is adjacent to external staircase.<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare proper plan and design for 4 hours fire rated barriers with 2 hours fire rated doors at ground floor transformer, which located at the adjacent to final evacuation route of dyeing shed at south side exit.<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare proper plan and design for 4 hours fire rated barriers with 2 hours fire rated door at dyeing shed chemical room, which located at the adjacent to rest of the operational areas.<input type="checkbox"/> 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.<input type="checkbox"/> The stairway should be illuminated with emergency lighting with power back-up supply & illumination should be a minimum of 10 lux for stairway.<input type="checkbox"/> Produce design and plan for automatic detection system with addressable fire alarm.<input type="checkbox"/> An automatic alarm systems must be provided throughout the factory; the alarm must be automatically triggered on detection of a fire.<input type="checkbox"/> Provide adequate nos. of smoke detectors to cover the whole factory building.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare proper design and plan for dedicated fire pump with alternate backup power supply. <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare proper design and plan for fire lifts equipped with approved intercommunication (including two way voice communications) with the fire command station or control room on the ground floor lobby of the building. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete full design and plan for providing fire command station equipped with detailed floor plans along with clearly demarcated locations of fire detection and fighting devices and through the panel board able to detect fire alarm from any floor. <input type="checkbox"/> Power backup supply should be provided for fire alarm system. <input type="checkbox"/> Update the boiler license from the proper issuing authority. <input type="checkbox"/> Obtain the boiler operator license from the proper 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"> <input type="checkbox"/> Implement the plan and design for one more exit or implement with an automated fire alarm, portable fire-fighting system and appropriate standpipe and hose system through the entire building. <input type="checkbox"/> Install smoke proof fire rated entry lobby at emergency stairways to separate from the area of incidence. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide 4 hours fire rated barriers with 2 hours fire rated doors at ground floor transformer, which located at the adjacent to final evacuation route of dyeing shed at south side exit. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide 4 hours fire rated barriers with 2 hours fire rated door at dyeing shed chemical room, which located at the adjacent to rest of the operational areas. <input type="checkbox"/> Install automatic detection system with addressable fire alarm. <input type="checkbox"/> Install dedicated fire pump with alternate backup power supply. <input type="checkbox"/> Stand pipe supplying first aid hose should have minimum pressure of 200 KPa. <input type="checkbox"/> Install fire lifts equipped with approved intercommunication (including two way voice communications) with the fire command station or control room on the ground floor lobby of the building. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide fire command station equipped with detailed floor plans along with clearly demarcated locations of fire detection and fighting devices and through the panel board able to detect fire alarm from any floor.

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(B): Recommendations for Electrical Safety Corrective Actions:

<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"> <input type="checkbox"/> 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"> <input type="checkbox"/> Re-locate oil / fuel tanks away from control panels in generator room. <input type="checkbox"/> All strands cables at exposed ends should be properly soldered / crimped and insulated. <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Disconnect the loads from cable of signs of overloading / abnormal temperature found. 2. Make necessary repairs to avoid further accidents.
<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"> <input type="checkbox"/> Necessity and capacity of the electrical substation shall be set by regulations in the Electricity Act or by the relevant electrical utilities. <input type="checkbox"/> All unwanted materials should be removed from transformer / Generator room. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide electrical graded rubber mats of adequate size in front of all distribution panels. <input type="checkbox"/> Install smoke detection and provide firefighting equipment in the substation and generator room. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide and maintain clear and legible identifications numbers & names on all incoming and outgoing circuits of HT / LT panels. <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Exit signs should be illuminated either by lamps external to the sign or by lamps contained within the signage. 2. The source of illumination should be providing not less than 50 lux. <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Fuse protection should be provided to every 15/20 A socket. <input type="checkbox"/> 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. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide cable connections with properly soldered / welded lugs at (LT/MDB/DB/SDB)'s. Ensure that all the electrical connections are properly secured with lugs. <input type="checkbox"/> Select conductors and MCCB/MCB with adequate sizing without exceeding permissible current carrying capacity for insulation. <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid looping and bunching of cable at MCCB/MCB and bus bar to use individual circuit and over current device for every

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	<p>incoming and outgoing circuit at the distribution boards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Provide circuit diagram /circuit list with proper current ratings and fuse size, marking for DBs identifying end use load, voltage, number of phases. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide cable joints of porcelain / PVC connectors with PIB tape wound around before placing the cable in the box. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide proper separate earthing/grounding to generator. Ensure that generator body frame to have two separate and distinct connections to the earth / ground. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide adequate earthing to body and doors to all DBs. 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"> <input type="checkbox"/> 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. <input type="checkbox"/> 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 installation. 3. As built drawing to be approved by the engineer-in-charge. <input type="checkbox"/> Make suitable arrangements to prevent storm water to enter substation / transformer / switch rooms. <input type="checkbox"/> Substation room and generator room must be separated with 4 hour fire rated walls and door around the generator and substation room. <input type="checkbox"/> 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. 3. All DBs to be placed conveniently. 4. Wiring to be neat, tidy and located near ceiling. <input type="checkbox"/> For buildings > 20m high, provide at least one vertical shaft of 200 x 400 mm for every 1500 sq.m. floor area. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide and maintain easy access and proper height of panel boards (< 2m from floor level). <input type="checkbox"/> Each circuit should have a separate neutral (use of common neutral for more than one circuit shall not be permitted). <input type="checkbox"/> Provide the wiring in PVC conduits or in metallic GI pipes.

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	<p>Ensure that all electrical wiring should be covered in proper conduit pipes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Seal the cable entry-exit points of (LT/MDB/DB/SDB)'s with non-flammable materials. In addition:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ensure that HT / LT panels / Switchgears to be vermin / damp proof.2. Ensure all unused holes / openings in DBs to be blocked properly.<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Provide the ECC to meet minimum cross-sectional area as per table 4.5.<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Ensure that connections between conductors / equipment are 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.
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