

Summary of Preliminary Assessment on Structural, Fire and Electrical Safety

Name of the Factory : Diplomat Garments (Pvt.) Ltd.
Address of the Factory : 12, Shashi Bhusan Chatterjee Lane, Gandaria, Dhaka
Present Status of the Factory : Under Operation
Structural Assessment Conducted by : BUET
Date of Structural Inspection : 9th January 2014
Fire & Electrical Assessment Conducted by : BUET
Date of Fire & Electrical Inspection :

BASIC INFORMATION:

The factory is located on a four storied RC frame building with small RCC structure & a small tin shed on part of the roof. The following information was noted:

- i. Building Usage Type : Garment factory
- ii. Structural System : RC frame building (beam-column framing)
- iii. Floor System : RC beam supported slabs
- iv. Floor Area : Approximately 1940 sft per floor
- v. No. of Stories : Four-storied RC frame building with a small RCC structure and tin shed on part of roof
- vi. Construction Year : In phases during 1984-1992
- vii. Foundation Type : Individual footing (as per drawing)
- viii. Design Drawings : Available
- ix. Soil Boring Report : Available (done in September 2013)
- x. Construction Materials : Reinforced concrete
- xi. Generator : In ground floor outside the building

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) : None
Mid Term (6-weeks) : None
Long Term (6-months) : None

Name of the Factory : Diplomat Garments (Pvt.) Ltd.
Fire & Electrical assessment conducted by : BUET
Date of Fire & Electrical Inspection : 22 January 2014

(A): Recommendations for Fire Safety corrective actions:

Immediate <i>(the factory should not continue to be occupied until these non-conformities have been rectified):</i>	Construct shorter, protected, safe travel path for workers.
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<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>	<p>Remove all temporary obstructions from all escape routes, aisles and passageways.</p> <p>Remove all combustible materials from generator room.</p> <p>Ensure minimum width of corridors, passageways and aisles.</p> <p>Ensure adequate numbers of fire drills.</p> <p>Ensure easy access to portable extinguishers and monitor and maintain the same at required interval as per guidelines.</p> <p>Provide proper directional sign and exit sign in Bangla and English as per guidelines</p>
<p>Mid Term</p> <p><i>(The remedial works indicated must be carried out within a period of 6 weeks)</i></p>	<p>Remove temporary structure from roof top.</p> <p>Produce proper drawing and plans to create horizontal and vertical fire-rated separation for stairways of appropriate specifications, grills, storage and assembly areas, offices, work areas. Also design to ensure proper separation of high risk areas (e.g., generator, boiler, transformer and substation rooms) as per guidelines.</p> <p>Remove all collapsible gates/roller shutters. Produce design drawings to demonstrate how stairways are to be made of adequate dimensions and appropriate specifications and to be converted into fire-rated enclosures equipped with fire-rated side swinging doors of required dimensions opening in the direction of travel at each floor.</p> <p>Provide design to install proper detection and alarm system.</p>
<p>Long Term</p> <p><i>(The remedial works indicated must be carried out within a period of 6 months)</i></p>	<p>Install horizontal and vertical fire-rated separation for stairways, grills, storage and assembly areas, offices, work areas.</p> <p>Ensure proper fire separation of high risks (e.g., generator, boiler, transformer and substation rooms) as per approved design</p> <p>Install fire rated enclosure and doors at exit to the stairs to prevent smoke and fire propagation as per approved design</p> <p>Install proper detection and alarm system.</p> <p>Provide fire rated enclosure, install self closing fire rated door as per guidelines.</p>

(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>	<p>N/A</p>
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<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>	<p>Ensure well-dressed cabling with lugs and remove loose cabling.</p> <p>Ensure earthing of panel body & door with fitted condition.</p> <p>Provide distribution board as per guideline and put identification mark on distribution panel.</p> <p>Remove burn/broken/loose MCB/ MCCB box/ socket</p>
<p>Mid Term</p> <p><i>(The remedial works indicated must be carried out within a period of 6 weeks)</i></p>	<p>Provide separate service ducts for electrical cables.</p> <p>Provide new Emergency Lighting system</p> <p>Provide appropriate Lightening Protection System as per guidelines</p>
<p>Long Term</p> <p><i>(The remedial works indicated must be carried out within a period of 6 months)</i></p>	<p>N/A</p>