

Summary of Preliminary Assessment on Structural, Fire and Electrical Safety

Name of the Factory	: VINTAGE ATTIRES LTD.
Address of the Factory	: P# A-78, Rd#2, BSCIC I/A Enayetnagar, Fatullah, Narayanganj, Bangladesh.
Present Status of the Factory	: Under Operation
Structural Assessment Conducted by	: TUV
Date of Structural Inspection	: 07th July 2015
Fire Assessment Conducted by	: TUV
Date of Fire Inspection	: 07th July 2015
Electrical Assessment Conducted by	: TUV
Date of Electrical Inspection	: 07th July 2015
BKMEA Membership No.	: 1209

BASIC INFORMATION:

The assessed factory building is an 8-Storey RCC building. The frame system of the building is mixed type frame structure. GF to 3rd floor's frame system are two way beam slab. And rests of all floors from 4th to 7th are flat slab with peripheral beam. One additional shed had been found over roof top area at south side of this building. The following information was noted:

- i. Building Usage Type : Garment factory
- ii. Structural System : R.C.C. Beam Column Frame and Flat plate slab with periphery beam.
- iii. Floor System : Beam slab and Flat plate slab.
- iv. Floor Area : The typical plinth area is 2943.36 sq. ft. and total production floor is 25,478.74 sq. ft.
- v. No. of Stories : GF + 7 Floors (8- Storey), No Basement.
- vi. Construction Year : 2007
- vii. Foundation Type : Deep Foundation
- viii. Design Drawings : Available (Approval for an 8-Storey industrial building on 21st May, 2001 from BSCIC)
- ix. Soil Investigation Report : Available.
- x. Construction Materials : Stone Aggregate.
- xi. Generator : At eastern side of ground floor of same 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:

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| Short Term (Immediate) | : None. |
| Mid Term (6-weeks) | : |
- i. Factory Engineer to review design, loads and columns stresses in area identified above.
 - ii. Verify in-situ concrete stresses either by 100mm dia. cores or existing cylinder strength data for identified E3, E1, E4, A3 & A4 columns.

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Long Term (6-months)

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- i. Produce and actively manage a loading plan for all floor plates within the factory giving consideration to floor capacity and column capacity.
- ii. Building Engineer needs to check existing flat slab system. Lateral system is required to ensure stability of the structure.

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"> • The minimum clear width of the pathway should be 0.9 meter. • 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, - Provide directional signs wherever necessary. - All exit doors should be clearly marked for easy identification. • Factory management should be checked alarm call points, alarm & detection system periodically and maintained the record properly. • The first aid hose and standpipe performance should be checked periodically and properly tagged. • Provide additional firefighting equipment like sand & water buckets near exit or easily accessible area for first phase firefighting. • 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"> • Replace all existing exit doors on evacuation routes, exit doors with side hinged type door, which swing

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carried out within a period of 6 weeks)

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 2 hours fire rated doors in all stair way encloses.
- 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.
- Prepare proper plan and design for 4 hours fire rated barriers with 2 hours fire rated doors at ground floor generator room, which located at the adjacent to the final evacuation route.
- Provide 1.5 hrs fire rated door for storage area.
- Prepare proper plan and design for 4 hours fire rated barriers with 2 hours fire rated door at 3rd floor boiler room, which located at the adjacent to operational area.
- 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"> • Prepare plan and design for dedicated water storage tank for firefighting operation as per RMG guideline. • 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. • 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. • A suitable public address system should be provided for communicating to all floors as well as facilities to receive messages from all floors. • Visual alarm should be placed at the generator room. • Obtain the boiler license from the proper issuing authority. • 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"> • Install smoke proof fire rated entry lobby at emergency stairways to separate from the area of incidence. • Provide 4 hours fire rated barriers with 2 hours fire rated doors at ground floor generator room, which located at the adjacent to the final evacuation route. • Provide 4 hours fire rated barriers with 2 hours fire rated door at 3rd floor boiler room, which located at the adjacent to operational area. • 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. • Stand pipe supplying first aid hose should have minimum pressure of 200 KPa.. • Provide dedicated storage tank for firefighting operation. • Install fire lifts equipped with approved

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	<p>intercommunication (including two way voice communications) with the fire command station or control room on the ground floor lobby of the building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>	None.
<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>	None.
<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"> • Provide adequate illumination for generator room. • Provide rubber mats of adequate size in front of all distribution panels. • Install smoke detection and provide firefighting equipment in the generator room. • 1. All stranded conductors > 6mm² to be provided with cable sockets. • 2. All stranded conductors < 6 mm², at exposed end should be soldered / crimped. • Provide cable connections with properly soldered / welded lugs at DB's. Ensure that all the electrical connections are properly secured with lugs and glands. • Avoid bunch of cable at MCCB/MCB and 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

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	<p>box.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide proper separate earthing/grounding to generator. Ensure that generator body frame to have two separate and distinct connections to the earth / ground. • 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"> • 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 installation. 3. As built drawing to be approved by the engineer-in-charge. • Modify Area of generator room to meet requirements of Table 4.4, RMG Guideline; the area should be 48 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. 3. All DBs to be placed conveniently. 4. Wiring to be neat, tidy and located near ceiling. • Provide calibrated Ammeters / Voltmeters at distribution boards (MDBs). • Review capacity of standby generator on basis of loads for essential lighting / AC / Equipment / Services. Replace generator with larger capacity or install second

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	<p>generator if review indicates existing unit is too small.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1. Wooden switchboards / panel boards 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).• Seal the cable entry-exit points of DB's with non-flammable materials. In addition:<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Ensure that panel bards to be vermin / damp proof.2. Ensure all unused holes / openings in DBs to be blocked properly.• 1. Provide the ECC to meet minimum cross-sectional area as per table 4.5.2. Ensure that connections between conductors / equipment 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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