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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose and Intended Readership

This document sets out the methodology for undertaking and reporting on Preliminary Safety Assessments in Ready Made Garment (RMG) and Footwear Factories for the LABS Initiative in Vietnam.

This methodology was commissioned by LABS Foundation for the LABS Initiative for use on affiliated factories.

The intended readership for this document includes:

- Factory building owners and managers who are responsible for building safety in LABS-affiliated factories
- Suitably qualified Engineering professionals and consultancy firms who are engaged in the production and delivery of Preliminary Safety Assessment reports
- Suitably qualified Engineering professionals and consultancies who are engaged in training, QA/QC of the Preliminary Safety Assessment programme
- Technical/Engineering staff in oversight and review roles within LABS
- Technical/ Engineering staff in oversight and review roles within brands who are LABS members

Readers should note the following key sections of the document:

Chapter 1: Introduction – all readers

Chapter 2: Pre-Assessment Preparation – all readers

Chapter 3: General Assessment Methodology – all readers

Chapter 4: Structural Assessment Methodology – readers who require detailed information on the conduct of the Structural Assessments

Chapter 5: Fire Assessment Methodology – readers who require detailed information on the conduct of the Fire Assessments

Chapter 6: Electrical Assessment Methodology – readers who require detailed information on the conduct of the Electrical Assessments

Chapter 7: Overall Categorisation by Factory – all readers

Chapter 8: Preliminary Safety Assessment Reports – all readers; separate sections for each of Structural, Fire and Electrical Reports

The purpose of the document is to:

- Establish a nationally applicable and process for the Assessment and assessment of existing RMG and Footwear factory buildings in accordance with best international practice and in line with the spirit and intent of the Vietnamese Building Code/ Construction Regulations.

- Provide a general introduction to the Preliminary Safety Assessment process
- Assist in commissioning an appropriate and consistent scope of works from a qualified Engineering consultancy firm
- Provide guidance on pre-Assessment activities to facilitate successful application of the methodology
- Provide guidance on the nature of the Assessment and assessment required in the factory to ensure that the Preliminary Safety Assessments are implemented and documented in a consistent manner
- Provide general advice and guidance on the relevant assessment and design checks which are required, ensuring that report outcomes are robust and technically appropriate.
- Provide guidance on the preparation of the Preliminary Safety Assessments in a clear and consistent manner, with standardised categorisations of findings

1.2 LABS Initiative and Standard

The core purpose of the LABS Initiative is improving the life safety of workers in the international Ready-Made Garment (RMG) and Footwear sectors. Crucial to achieving this aim is improving the structural, fire and electrical safety of RMG and footwear factories. The LABS Initiative Standard for Fire, Electrical and Structural Safety in the RMG and Footwear Sector will help guide those improvements and will contribute to a safer garment sector for workers.

The key objective of this Standard is to address critical life safety issues in the RMG factories. It is a minimum standard for RMG and Footwear factories, designed to address those issues which create the biggest risk to the life safety of the workers. It is based on international best practice for Fire, Electrical and Structural Engineering life safety assessment of existing buildings. Compliance with the Standard does not infer compliance with any other national codes, standards or statutory requirements that may prevail.

1.3 Preliminary Safety Assessments

One of the core components of the Standard is the requirement to carry out a preliminary assessment of each factory that is part of the LABS Initiative, as the first step in the wider programme of improving life safety for the workers. These are called Preliminary Safety Assessments, which cover Structure, Fire and Electrical life safety aspects of each factory. There are a number of important features of these Preliminary Safety Assessments, which are designed to:

- Be rapid – to allow the maximum number of factories to be meaningfully inspected in a short time frame. In this regard, good quality relevant preliminary information provided by suitably qualified engineers/ Assessors as a first step in the programme is prioritised over highly accurate and detailed information which would require much more time and resources to prepare.
- Be non-destructive – they do not require destructive or invasive testing which would be unnecessary and more time consuming

- Identify the critical structural, fire and electrical life safety issues which exist in the factories
- Prioritise the actions required to address the issues which have been identified
- Make the actions time-bound to facilitate a clear follow-up strategy

1.4 Methodology and Programme Implementation

This Preliminary Assessment Methodology has been prepared to provide clear guidance on how these Preliminary Safety Assessments shall be carried out in Vietnam as the first step in the programme.

The implementation of the Preliminary Safety Assessments requires the following components, in addition to this Methodology document:

- Presentation of the Methodology
- Training of relevant consultants / Assessors
- Ongoing QA/QC

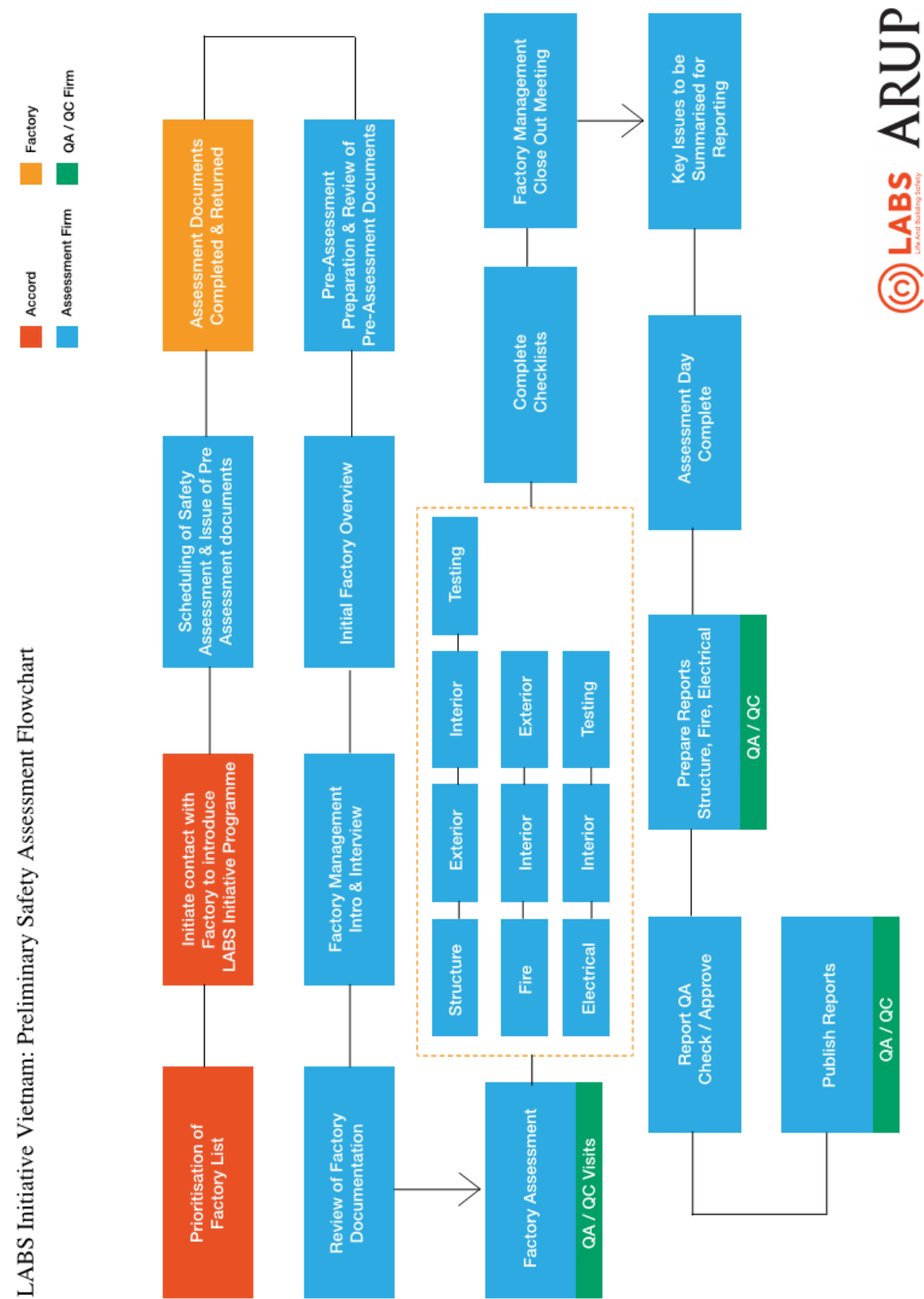
We also recommend the development of a consolidated tablet-based application which will be an assessment and reporting tool, linking to the LABS Initiative database.

1.5 Estimated Manpower Requirement

Typically, inspecting the factory will require one person-day per discipline. Reporting will typically take 0.5 -1 person-days per discipline.

1.6 Flow Chart

Figure 1 Preliminary Safety Assessment Flowchart



1.7 Disclaimer

This guidance has been developed by Arup for the purpose of carrying out Preliminary Safety Assessments in Vietnam for the LABS Initiative. The guidance must be interpreted and adapted to a specific factory by a qualified professional who is familiar with the context and has experience of existing buildings. The appointed qualified professional will retain full responsibility for their work; specifically, Arup will bear no responsibility for how the guidance is interpreted and applied.

2 Pre-Assessment Preparation

2.1 Factory Liaison and Scheduling of Assessments

LABS Initiative will be responsible for prioritising lists and initiating contact with the factory. This will include briefing Factory Management on the purpose of visit and their requirements for facilitating the assessment, including provision of access to all areas of the building.

The assessment firm will then follow up to schedule the assessment. In scheduling assessments, it is advisable that assessors work on the following basis (or similar)

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
Assessment	Assessment	Report	Assessment	Assessment	Report

2.2 Pre-Assessment Questionnaire

The assessment firm will issue a Pre-Assessment Questionnaire, Documents Checklist and Pictorial Guide of Activities to each factory for completion and return to the assessment firm two weeks in advance of the assessment.

The questionnaire, when completed, provides basic information about the factory including the number of buildings, size of each building and building permit details. The Pre-Assessment Checklist informs the Factory Management of the building documentation which it is expected they will provide to the assessment team during the Factory Manager's interview, which is held at the commencement of the assessment.

Refer to appendix A1 for details.

2.3 Planning the Assessment

Prior to departing for the factory, the assessment team should ensure that they have obtained and reviewed the completed Pre-Assessment Questionnaire. Information such as the building size and number of buildings on the site will be indicated, which will help to establish a plan for the assessment. Note that some of the information included in the questionnaire may be incorrect – entire floors of buildings or buildings themselves are often not included.

Using the information provided, the assessment tablet app (if one is being used) may be populated with some basic data in advance of the meeting at the factory. If the exact location of the factory is known, the site can be viewed on Google Maps to gain some further knowledge in advance. It may also be possible to use historical imagery on Google Earth to view construction phases.

If the Pre-Assessment Questionnaire indicates that the facility comprises a number of buildings, a view should be taken on the extent of the assessment which can reasonably be provided within the assessment day e.g. 2 days needed. This initial opinion on the assessment scope should be confirmed by the Assessor during the initial meeting at the factory or perhaps as the assessment progresses and a realistic timescale can then be set. The priority should be to assess buildings which accommodate a large number of workers, reflecting the life-safety focus of this assessment programme. If the timescale allows, low rise and plant / equipment buildings may also be assessed by a cursory walk-through only to look for conditions concerning imminent danger to people.

3 General Assessment Methodology

3.1 Overview

The purpose of this section is to set out the assessment methodology proposed for the LABS Initiative Structure, Fire and Electrical Preliminary Safety Assessments in Vietnam. A definition of the required experience of the assessment team is provided and a description of how to carry out a rapid visual assessment is outlined.

This methodology has been written to cater for the assessments being carried out either as individual discipline assessments (i.e. Structure, Fire or Electrical assessments) or for some or all discipline assessments to be carried out simultaneously. This section includes all of the methodology aspects that are common across all disciplines. Further sections of the methodology describe the discipline-specific issues which need to be considered during and after the assessments.

The assessment day is sequentially described under the following headings:

- Pre Assessment Preparation
- Factory Assessment Day
- Factory Management Introductions
- Factory Management Interview
- Building Assessment (Exterior and Interior)
- Testing
- Close out Meeting
- Return and Team Summary Review.

3.1.1 Assessment Team Personnel and Qualifications

In general, most factories in Vietnam may be assessed by the following team:

Structure: the minimum qualification and experience of the individual senior engineer nominated as Qualified Structural Engineering Consultant (QSEC) shall be as follows:

- Shall hold a Bachelor's degree in Civil/ Structural Engineering from a university recognised by the National Engineering Institute or equivalent international professional qualifications.
- Shall have a minimum 10 years of structural design experience or experience in carrying out assessments of existing buildings.
- Shall hold a valid Licence to Practice as an Engineer in the Discipline of Civil and Industrial Engineering, issued by the Ministry of Construction.. Equivalent international qualifications such as Membership of the Institution of Structural Engineers will also be recognized as fulfilling this requirement.

- Ideally experience of at least three existing building assessments in the last two years.
- The assessor must be competent in carrying out the following tasks:
 - Carrying out existing building assessments (as opposed to audits) to arrive at a judgement-based decision on the overall structural condition of the building. This will require both quantitative and qualitative analysis
 - Carrying out a visual assessment of an existing building and be able to diagnose the cause and potential impact of structural defects
 - Preparing load takedowns on critically loaded columns, assessing existing loads and preparing capacity checks on existing structural elements
 - Carrying out seismic assessments of existing buildings in accordance with FEMA 154, identifying seismic deficiencies and critical characteristics and preparing seismic capacity checks by hand calculation
 - Identifying outline solutions in principle to structural issues highlighted during the assessment
 - Preparing concise, graphical reports which summarise clearly the key issues identified during the assessment

These requirements are to ensure that the QSEC is suitably qualified to prepare, check, approve and certify a Preliminary Structural Safety Assessment Report. For the avoidance of doubt, certification shall comprise an official company stamp from the assessment firm and the signature of the QSEC who will retain responsibility for the existing building report.

In the case of a multi-storey RC structure in excess of two storeys, a second Structural Engineer may be included in the team. The qualifications of this Structural Support Engineer shall be as follows:

- Shall hold a Bachelor's degree in Civil/ Structural Engineering from a university recognised by the National Engineering Institute or equivalent international professional qualifications.
- Shall have a minimum 2 years of structural design experience.
- Ideally experience of at least three existing building assessments in the last two years

Fire: the minimum qualification and experience of the individual senior Fire Safety Assessor nominated as Qualified Fire Safety Consultant (QFSC) shall be as follows:

- Shall hold a Bachelor's degree in Architecture or Civil, Industrial, Mechanical or Electrical from a university recognised by the National Architectural or Engineering Institute or equivalent international professional qualifications.
- Shall have a minimum 10 years of design experience or experience in carrying out assessments of existing buildings and be familiar with key fire safety principles in industrial buildings.

- Shall hold a valid Licence to Practice as an Architect or Engineer issued by the Ministry of Construction. Equivalent international qualifications such as Membership of the Architectural Institute or Institution of Engineering or national equivalent will also be recognised as fulfilling this requirement.
- Shall hold certifications in Fire prevention and protection and Fire Safety design from recognised institutes.
- Ideally experience of at least three existing building assessments in the last two years
- The Fire Safety assessor must be competent in carrying out the following tasks:
 - Carrying out existing building assessments (as opposed to audits) to arrive at a judgement-based decision on the overall fire safety condition of the building.
 - Assessing the number, distribution and activities of the building occupants and evaluating whether adequate means of escape are provided from all areas to safely exit the building in the event of fire.
 - Identifying areas in the building where the occurrence of fire could place occupants in the same or adjacent spaces at unacceptable risk before being able to exit the building.
 - Noting the presence, type and coverage of the fire safety systems provided and assessing whether they complement the building layout measures to provide an adequate level of safety for occupants in the event of fire.
 - Assessing the provision for first aid firefighting measures in the building, and identifying provisions for the fire services to assist with evacuation if necessary and for firefighting in the building.
 - Identifying outline solutions in principle to the fire safety deficiencies highlighted during the assessment
 - Preparing concise, graphical reports which summarise clearly the key issues identified during the assessment

These requirements are to ensure that the QFSC is suitably qualified to prepare, check, approve and certify a Preliminary Fire Safety Assessment Report. The QSEC will sign and retain responsibility for the existing building report.

Electrical: the minimum qualification and experience of the individual senior engineer nominated as Qualified Electrical Engineering Consultant (QEEC) shall be as follows:

- Shall hold a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from a university recognised by the National Engineering Institute or equivalent international professional qualifications.
- Shall have a minimum 10 years of electrical design experience or experience in carrying out assessments of existing buildings and be familiar with key electrical safety principles in industrial buildings.

- Shall hold a valid Licence to Practice as an Engineer in the Discipline of Electrical Engineering, issued by the Ministry of Construction. Equivalent international qualifications such as Membership of the Institution of IEEE or national equivalent will also be recognized as fulfilling this requirement.
- Ideally experience of at least three existing building assessments in the last two years
- The assessor must be competent in carrying out the following tasks:
 - Carrying out existing building assessments (as opposed to audits) to arrive at a judgement-based decision on the overall electrical safety condition of the building. This will require both quantitative and qualitative analysis.
 - Read and understand electrical schematic and layout drawings/
 - Be able to confirm (at a high level) that installed equipment and their configuration matches the electrical schematic and layout drawings.
 - Be able to identify from schematic drawings if cables are not adequately protected by breakers (fuse, MCBs etc.)
 - Be able to identify from a visual inspection if cables are not adequately protected by breakers (fuse, MCBs etc.)
 - Read and understand various styles of electrical load estimates.
 - Be able to carry out electrical conversions;
 - Converting between kW \rightarrow kVA & A \rightarrow kVA or kW
 - Check life safety load versus generator capacity
 - Be able to describe the fundamental principles of the operation of a generator (fuel supply, combustion, heat rejection, ventilation requirements)
 - Be able to operate thermographic camera (separate training may be required by camera vendor or other). Be able to describe how emissivity of different materials affects results.
 - Be able to describe the fundamentals of a LABS Standard lightning protection system. Know and understand the difference between faraday cage and other types of systems.
 - Be able to list typical life safety systems normally found within a factory that could require a back-up power supply.

3.1.2 Equipment

Each team should have an assessment kit bag containing the following items:

- iPad/ tablet with charger, cable and lanyard/ protective case
- Digital camera
- Schmidt hammer

- Hilti PS250 Ferros scanner and screen (or equivalent) which must be capable of providing reinforcement bar diameters. The results of the Ferros can must be capable of being read in advance of departing the factory.
- Thermal Camera (Fluke or equivalent)
- Thermometer (to measure ambient temperature)
- Geological hammer and/or chisel
- 5m tape
- Laser measure
- Binoculars
- Torch
- First aid kit
- PPE (gloves, goggles, mask)
- Clipboard
- Paint scraper
- Callipers
- Crack ruler
- AAA batteries
- Tyvek suit

3.1.3 Electronic Equipment

Make sure all equipment is fully charged the evening before the assessment.

Check laser measures, torches and any other equipment requiring batteries and bring spares if necessary.

3.1.4 iPad / Tablet

A tablet-based app is under development and it is ultimately the intention that this app comprise the following key features:

- Data capture from the assessment including
 - Photographs with tagged locations on drawings
 - Standardised observations and actions which are directly linked to the LABS FFC database

In the interim, the following will apply:

- Data captured using tablet app such as Site Works or Fulcrum or hand-written notes and photographs
- FFC report generator tool which pre-populated categories of issues/sub-issues which will link to LABS/FFC database

In order to ensure you have sufficient battery power for any tablet device during the assessment, follow these guidelines:

- Ensure you charge overnight
- Turn off 3G and Wi-Fi when on site
- Reduce screen brightness
- Ensure all other apps are closed (double tap home button to see open apps)

Other advice includes:

- Make sure you have practised with all the software before the assessment
- Set up factory visit the day before the assessment

In the event that the tablet does not work, the assessment should be recorded on paper, with photos to provide evidence.

3.2 Factory Assessment Day

3.2.1 Travel

The Assessment Team should arrive at the factory early in the day at a time pre-arranged with the Factory Management. Consideration should be given to local travel and traffic conditions to enable an early start, which is important to completion of the assessment work.

Before setting out to the factory, the assessors will be responsible for having contact details for a person in the factory who can be contacted en route if necessary.

3.2.2 Arrival at Building

A brief observation of the building perimeter should be undertaken before you enter the factory. As you arrive at the factory take the opportunity to view the outside of the building and to gather some initial thoughts on the condition and arrangement of the building – new build, built in phases, near a river, upper levels under construction, separation distances between buildings, road access to buildings, external pole-mounted transformer, fire exits, etc. You will have a further opportunity to walk outside the building later in the assessment; however, gathering some initial thoughts is useful prior to carrying out the Factory Manager interview.

View the exterior before entering, noting the number of storeys, any roof top additions or signs of additional floors. There may be confusion on floor naming convention (common to call Ground Floor “Level 1”). For this reason it is useful to have knowledge of the number of floors prior to discussions with the Factory Management. It is also useful to take in as much about the building as you walk through to the meeting room.

3.3 Factory Management Introductions

On arrival at the factory and after your quick external review of the building, the assessment team will be taken directly to the factory office area to meet with the

factory management representatives. This may include the Factory Manager, Compliance Manager and possibly the Factory Engineer (usually not the original building designer).

Business cards should be used as part of the introduction process. It is useful to establish who the factory key contact person is in relation to the assessment work.

A formal introduction should then be offered to the Factory Management as follows:

- Assessment is being carried out on behalf of the LABS Initiative
- Refer to Pre-Assessment Questionnaire / Checklist and request that all relevant requested documentation (e.g. Building Permits / Architectural / Structural/Electrical drawings and Soils reports) be brought to the meeting. This avoids delay at a later stage as the Factory Management will quite often not provide documents unless requested to do so. Clarify the extent of documentation available, as this may inform the follow-up questions. Document review will be carried out at a later stage in this process. Explain that the assessment process is essentially the collection and verification of information, visual observations and some limited testing.
- Remind the factory that previously requested assistance will be required for activities as follows, where relevant:
 - Provision of ladder access to elements at height
 - Removal of plaster locally to selected structural elements
 - Opening of electrical panels by suitably qualified personnel
 - Lifting of ceiling tiles where requested
- **Highlight to Factory Management that observations noted during the assessment will not normally be discussed unless there are particular serious safety concerns.** A full debrief on all observations and issues noted during the visit will not be possible. However, some key safety findings will be discussed if necessary. Further details are given in Section 3.6 close-out meeting.
- An agenda for the assessment should then be described as follows
 - Factory Management Interview – the assessment process will involve a review of the pre-assessment information, the Factory Manager interview, review of Building Permits, all relevant drawings available calculations, material and systems tests and any reports from previous assessments.
- Walk around the building exterior as required
- Walk down of the interior of the building with access being provided to all rooms and spaces. Note that where more than one discipline Assessment is to be undertaken, the Assessment teams will carry out their work separately and the factory management will need to provide the relevant number of people to accompany the Assessment teams.
- Carry out testing as required, relevant to the specific Assessment
- Close out meeting

3.3.1 Structural Specific Issues for Introduction

- For concrete buildings, explain that, subject to the Factory Manager's permission, the intention is to carry out some tests on concrete columns at the lowest floor level – i.e. ground floor or basement where present. Explain that the Ferroskan is a non-destructive test and that the Schmidt Hammer involves removal of plasterwork only.
- Request also that any structural design reports, calculations, material test certificates, soils reports and any other structural assessment reports be provided.

3.3.2 Fire Specific Issues for Introduction

- Explain that the Electrical Assessor, as explained in the pre-assessment briefing note, will carry out a fire alarm test and an emergency lighting test. This will be coordinated with the Fire Safety Assessor so that he/she can witness this test as well. A time that suits the factory and minimises disruption should be set for the carrying out of these tests prior to commencement of the assessment
- Request to see the Factory Planning Certificate and note what Authority signed off on that.
- Request to see a copy of the Fire Licence and note the date of the latest issue and validity period.
- Request that records of the last year's Fire Police inspection reports be provided
- Request that maintenance records for fire detection, alarm, emergency lighting and water pumps be provided
- Request that documentation of fire safety drills and other training be provided, and note the dates.

3.3.3 Electrical Specific Issues for Introduction

- Explain that each electrical panel will be tested and a competent person is required to open panels; flash guards and panels covers should be removed before the Assessment while the panel is isolated. The details of the assistance required from the factory is covered in the pre-assessment briefing note.
- Explain that a fire alarm test and an emergency lighting test will be carried out, as explained in the pre-assessment briefing note. A time that suits the factory and minimises disruption should be set for the carrying out of these tests prior to commencement of the assessment
- Request that maintenance records for transformers, low voltage and medium voltage switchgear, generators, fire detection, alarm, emergency lighting and fire hose pump(s) be provided.

3.4 Factory Management Interview

3.4.1 Factory Details

At the outset of the factory management interview, some basic factory overview information should be obtained. This includes:

- Year of completion of building(s)
- Names and functions of each building, on a floor-by-floor basis
- No. of works per floor, per building (approximate)
- How many shifts are in operation
- Any previous modifications / alterations

Where more than one discipline assessment is being carried out, it is advisable to complete all questions relevant to all disciplines before separating. Once the basic information has been gathered, the disciplines can work separately to review the documents provided and ask any follow-up questions to the Factory Management.

3.4.2 Review of Documentation

Having obtained responses to queries and recorded these, a desktop review of the available building documentation is then carried out.

Typically, review and ensure that there is a clear understanding of the following:

- Site plan of factory compound showing all buildings.
- Scope of buildings / phasing of construction
- Date of construction of buildings and all relevant phases
- Building permit documentation – Basic Design, Detailed Design or Construction Permits; Architectural layouts, Factory Inspectorate Licensing drawings, Occupancy permits. Do these differ from as-built situation / design drawings? Are any extensions or additions captured on the permit drawings provided?
- Architectural plans and building section – are these design status or as-built? Do they capture extensions and additions?
- Do all drawings show consistent information?
- Documentation relating to building inspections carried out by the Authorities, factory emergency situation planning and training, maintenance records for technical systems and housekeeping procedures.

In general, any documentation should be validated during the building assessment where possible, as opposed to relying on the documentation provided. Where limited documentation is available the assessor should try and make some basic layout sketches to assist with explanations in the report.

Discipline specific issues that should be addressed are as follows:

3.4.2.1 Structure

- Structural drawings - are these design status or as-built? Do they capture extensions and additions?
- Geotechnical/ Soils Report – does this report show the recommended foundation solution and describe the nature of the ground conditions? Check that the recommended foundation solution has been included on the design drawings.
- Review any design reports and material test certificates, if available.
- Review reports on previous structural assessments or letters / certificates in relation to structural load capacity / structural integrity. These are particularly useful to highlight specific issues for which we should watch out.
- Check if floor plans are available to confirm the allowable imposed loads for suspended floors.

It is important to crosscheck the dates on each document to ensure a logical progression from Geotechnical / Soils Report to structural drawings, year of construction and permit drawing approval. Photographs of all relevant documents provided should be recorded

On completion of this review, the Structural Engineer(s) should have a good understanding of the extent of the building, the structural system, sizes of principal structural members, grid spacing, design reinforcement and the results of previous structural assessments or material testing.

3.4.2.2 Fire Safety

- Factory production layout drawings – do these reflect the activities in the different parts of the factory?
- Do the architectural drawings clearly show which areas are physically separated from other uses?
- What are the stated occupancy numbers in each area of the building?
- Do the drawings show all levels, including mezzanines that may have been added after completion of the building, and connections between levels?
- Determine presence, type and location of fire safety systems such as fire detection and alarm, emergency lighting, fire hydrants, fire hose reels, automatic suppression systems (e.g. sprinklers), etc.
- Ensure that information is obtained on type and location of any dedicated Storage area, Generator, Boiler, Transformer, Chemical storage and any other high fire risk installation.
- Check the sources for supply of firefighting water, volume and location of site storage and location of pump rooms.
- Check for evidence of Emergency Planning and responsibilities, regular safety drills and training of selected personnel.

- Evidence of maintenance records for fire detection and alarm systems, emergency lighting and fire water pumps and hoses.

On completion of this review, the Fire Safety Assessor should have a good understanding of the layout of the factory, the different uses, locations and distribution of workers throughout the factory complex. It is important at this stage to identify where the main production activities take place, the number of people involved with these activities and the locations of high-risk areas that they may be exposed to, such as Boilers, generators, Storage areas, etc.

3.4.2.3 Electrical

- Electrical drawings - are these design status or as-built?
- Do the electrical drawings reflect the current installation? Do they capture extensions and additions?
- Does the Building Load Estimate reflect the current installation? Is the maximum load less than the size of the main transformer?
- Generator(s) annual maintenance records
- Transformer(s) annual maintenance records
- High voltage switchgear annual maintenance records
- Low voltage switchgear annual maintenance records
- Lightning protection system annual Assessment records
- Previous thermographic Assessment reports
- Earthing System annual Assessment records
- Have thermographic surveys taken place before? Have high or unusual temperatures in electrical panels / or equipment been recorded. A thermographic survey shall still be carried out irrespective of previous inspections.

On completion of this review, the Electrical Safety Assessor should have a good understanding of the layout of the factory, locations of main plant items throughout the factory complex. In addition, the Assessor should know if there have been incidents (circuit faults, personal shocks, burns) due to the electrical installation.

3.4.2.4 Copies of Documents and Final Points of Review

- Some Assessors may wish to annotate drawings when carrying out the Assessment. If so, the Assessor should request a photocopy of the required floor plans and a building cross section to be used for hand written notes, during the site Assessment. It is important to allow sufficient time for these copies to be made and to be clear on the requirements. **We would suggest the minimum number of copies is made for expediency. These drawings must be included in the app at the conclusion of the Assessment.**

- Prior to concluding the interview, site records/photos and documentation review, the Assessor must set up the app template to suit the number of floors, buildings etc.
- Take photos of business cards and include in the tablet app.
- Take photos of drawings. You may need to place them on the floor to get an A1 drawing in the tablet camera frame.
- Assessment teams should target completion of the introductions and Factory Manager's interview in a period of 1 hour or less.

3.5 General Building Assessment Notes

- Access should be provided to all areas of the building, including any areas which may not be in the control of the factory. If access is not available to a particular area, we should ensure that the factory representatives are aware that our assessment work requires access. If access is still not provided, we should note this in our report. If access to important areas is not available, consider whether the assessment should be deemed inconclusive and recommend it be rescheduled.
- **Under no circumstances during the Assessment, give the Factory Manager a sense or statement that the factory is “compliant” or similar. The conclusion of the Assessment will only be reached after the visit is complete and any follow up calculations or appraisals are undertaken.**
- In carrying out the site assessments, a number of factory representatives will normally accompany the assessment team to assist where possible. In order to manage your time effectively, you may need to politely ask that one or two people only accompany you.
- It is best to acknowledge and where possible use the assistance of factory representatives, but not to engage in discussions about particular observations unless you specifically have a question.
- Whilst carrying out any external assessment it is useful to identify landmarks which can be used to aid orientation when inside the building. When inspecting large square buildings with symmetrical grids and repetitive floor layouts it can be quite easy to become disorientated. For this, reason it is useful to confirm which direction is north and to locate a reference point on the horizon or in the building.
- Ensure that you know the grid dimensions for each of the buildings, as these provide an easy aid to judging areas and distances while carrying out the assessments.
- Whilst at the factory, ensure that you obtain the GPS co-ordinates for the factory location). These co-ordinates are required as input to Assessment report and can be difficult to retrieve later.
- **In the case where more than one engineer per discipline is present, they should aim to stay together during the assessment as much as possible, or**

at least be in the line of sight of colleagues. Look for issues and review these with your team members.

3.6 Close-out Meeting

On completion of the relevant assessment and any tests, all assessment disciplines should hold a brief joint close out meeting with the Factory Management. At the meeting, thank the Factory management and restate the assessment steps that we carried out noting that we have collected the information necessary to produce our reports. **Generally, advise the Factory Management that full conclusions and actions will be included in the reports**

However, if urgent action is required, e.g. crumbling concrete in critical structural element, critical fire safety issues or exposed live cables, discuss this with the Factory management and make copies of instructions for inclusion in the final report. Advise them that Final Reports will be made available to them by the LABS Initiative approximately 2-3 weeks after the last discipline assessment has taken place (Fire, Electrical and Structural).

We can use this meeting on occasions to seek clarification on any issues, if we suspect that an unclear response may have been provided earlier.

4 Structural Assessment Methodology

4.1 General Points

The summary of the building structural system, to be prepared as part of the Preliminary Structural Safety Assessment Report, requires completion of key data that the Assessors should be familiar with before commencing assessment work. Review of the structural documents and the factory assessment both externally and internally enable the Assessors to determine the specific information required for each building within the factory complex.

In addition, completion of high-level design check calculations, particularly on concrete elements such as cantilevers, key transfer elements or highly loaded columns requires an accurate record of element sizes and estimated floor loading. It is important that necessary dimensions and estimated loads be recorded in a systematic manner for structural areas of concern.

4.2 Assessment of Building Exterior

On completion of the Factory Management Interview and the documentation review, the site assessment of the building exterior commences. The assessment normally commences by walking the perimeter of the building and inspecting all elevations. The exterior assessment should typically be used to:

- Confirm the number of storeys – (check, recheck and check again)
- Confirm number of structural grids
- Locate building movement joints
- Confirm if there is a basement under the building
- Assess condition and locations of adjacent buildings and site conditions
- Identify construction joints or indicators of phased construction
- Check if additional storeys have been added
- Check if upper floors are still under construction
- Identify if floors or roof has previously been removed
- Identify evidence of settlement
- Identify building cantilevers
- Identify cracking in façade
- Identify Key Elements, e.g. exposed columns in trafficked areas.
- Identify any vertical or plan irregularities

Binoculars are to be included in the assessment kit to inspect the building façade for cracking particularly at movement joints and between brick panels and reinforced concrete elements. Assessment of the building exterior should also identify any areas where concrete reinforcement has become exposed and corroded. All recorded comments and photographs should be included in the assessment app or otherwise recorded and kept.

In addition to recording evidence of any issues of concern, the key to this phase of the assessment is to gain a full understanding of the scale of the building, links to adjacent buildings and the overall building structural system looking for extensions and signs of ongoing construction.

4.3 Assessment of Building Interior

4.3.1 Type of Factory Building

It is expected that, in Vietnam, the main factory buildings will broadly fall into one of the two following categories:

- **Type 1:** Concrete framed buildings comprising three or more storeys with factory operations spread over the various floor levels. The external façade typically comprises plastered brick walls. Note: for one or two storey concrete structures, the same methodology will apply; however it will not always be necessary to carry out the column capacity checks. This will be at the discretion of the engineer
- **Type 2:** One and two storey steel framed factories with large open plan areas. Typically, the structure of these factories comprises a braced steel portal frame or trusses with structural steel or reinforced concrete columns. The second storey, (if present), generally accommodates offices, warehouse storage or ancillary factory operations. The external façade typically comprises plastered brick walls/ reinforced concrete panels/metal panels.

Where a factory building falls outside the description of the previous two categories, engineering judgement will be required.

4.3.2 Type 1: Concrete or Steel Frame Greater than Three Storeys

Factory buildings comprising three or more storeys should be inspected from the top down. The assessment team should work methodically through the building (floors can look the same and can be numbered differently – i.e. is 1st at ground level or is it “ground +1”?). Determine a logical numbering system (the lowest factory floor might not be ground in a shared building).

In the case of concrete buildings, steel structures may have been added at roof level. A visual assessment should be carried out to check for bracing of the steel structure and to form a view if we should request a design check on the steel structures. Action items to be highlighted by the assessment team may include

removal of construction materials, repair of roof slab to prevent water damage and installation of a roof drainage system.

Water tanks (plastic or concrete) located at roof or suspended levels also merit review and recording. Depending on the number and size of tanks and their location on the structure, these may merit a design check by the Building Structural Engineer.

Following assessment at roof level, the assessment team works sequentially down to the ground floor. It is useful to agree to meet at the same exit on each floor so that the team can leave the floor together. Fire escape plans are normally provided at the entry point to each floor. It is useful to take a photo of each of these plans as the assessment progresses. This provides a useful 'bookmark' in the camera roll.

A typical floor plate is chosen (normally one or two floors below roof level) for a detailed assessment which will take longer than the other floors. On this floor, we typically establish the structural system, carry out a detailed check on dimensions of structural members and follow this with a thorough assessment of the floor area looking for evidence of any structural distress. The detailed check on the structural system and dimensions should include the following:

- Verify column grid spacing and number of grids versus drawings provided. Ensure that all dimensions are centre to centre of column.
- Record observed structural system including building stability system
- Measure a sample of internal and external columns by comparison with the drawings provided. If, as is normal the columns are plastered, ensure that recorded dimensions are reduced to allow for a total of 15 to 25mm plaster and note that this is the measured RC section excluding plaster.
- If floor slab construction is beam and slab, measure floor to soffit of slab and soffit of beam thus providing down stand beam dimension and beam width.
- Check and measure any floor slab cantilevers and note if significant loads are present in these areas.
- Measure floor thickness at a minimum of two locations – including finishes through an electrical floor opening (if possible) and at landings to stairs. Ensure that extrapolation of the landing thickness to the floor slab thickness within the working area allows for any step in the soffit or top of the floor slab. This is a critical piece of data for multi-storey buildings, as column stresses are usually dominated by building self-weight.
- Measure finishes if visible, normally 12mm tile on 28-35mm screed.
- Record any additional floor build-ups (e.g. at toilets or in washing areas)
- Measure Floor to Floor Height, ideally at stairwell.
- Estimate observed floor loads noting in particular any storage loads or floor build-up for washing areas or similar. Record any areas where excess storage loads on each floor are vertically above one another.
- Note where building movement joints are provided. Crosscheck these with the design drawings. Establish if there are slab cantilevers at the movement joint thus concentrating load on the adjacent column. This column may require a particular design check.
- Check external wall thicknesses in order to estimate applied loading to slab edges.

On completion of the above the assessment team progresses with the visual assessment of the floor recording any evidence of cracking / over loading or other structural issues on the tablet app. It is also useful to record a series of general floor photographs showing the building structure as an aide memoire to the estimate of imposed floor load.

If a defect is noted, do not stop and point. Have a discussion with your teammate at a separate location on the floor and return briefly to the defect if necessary.

It is noted that most buildings are likely to display some visual hairline cracking. The lead Assessor should use his/her experience to identify the cause of the cracking, when it is of concern and when it is worth recording as an observation. Do not try to record every crack in the building if they are not of concern.

Cracking in columns, however, should always be carefully assessed and recorded.

Having completed the assessment at the initial floor, the team should work down through the building, tracking and understanding the load paths to the foundations. A similar methodology to the above is carried out at each floor level. At these floors, the focus is more on the visual assessment and recording of observations on the tablet app. Generally, spot checks on grid dimensions and column / beam locations and element sizes will be adequate. The assessment team may wish to divide the floor plate between them to expedite progress.

The guidance above only applies in buildings, which do not have a transfer structure. If a transfer structure is present, it will be critical to determine and record the nature of the structural system at each level.

During the ground floor/lower floor assessment, dimensions of critical columns should be recorded. Particular columns where Ferrosan and Schmidt hammer tests will be carried out should also be identified.

4.3.3 Type 2 Low Rise Steel Framed Buildings

One and two storey steel framed factory buildings typically have column-free large plan areas with factory production concentrated at ground floor level. Factory support operations such as offices and storage are typically located at mezzanine level. The extent of mezzanine areas may have been extended or the load capacity increased by strengthening works after construction of the factory structural frame.

Following completion of the assessment of the building exterior, the internal assessment should commence at a recognisable point within the building – preferably in the open high bay area. Fire escape plans are normally posted around the building. It is useful to take a photo of each of these plans as a useful ‘bookmark’ in the camera roll. Mezzanine floor areas should be inspected after the structural system has been established for the high bay main structure. Some overlap between assessment of the mezzanine and high bay areas is inevitable to determine local structural conditions.

Water tanks (plastic or concrete) located at roof or suspended levels also merit review and recording. Depending on the number and size of tanks and their location on the structure, these may merit a design check by the Building Structural Engineer.

The internal assessment initially establishes the structural system including a detailed check on structural spans, grid line centres and dimensions of principal structural members, e.g. portal frame columns and beams, bracing, etc. The second phase of the internal assessment involves a thorough assessment of all floor areas looking for evidence of any structural distress or unusual design details. The detailed check on the structural system and dimensions within the high bay and mezzanine areas should include the following:

- Verify column and frame grid spacing and number of grids versus drawings provided. Ensure that all dimensions are centre to centre of column. Check for primary and secondary steel roof trusses.
- Record observed structural system including dimensions or primary elements, in particular building stability system - in-plane roof bracing and vertical bracing. Do the perimeter walls form part of the frame stability system? Check for moment frames. Are bracing members incomplete or sagging?
- Measure a sample of columns by comparison with the drawings provided. If columns are of concrete construction and plastered, ensure that recorded dimensions are reduced to allow for a total of 15 to 25mm plaster and note that this is the measured reinforced concrete section excluding plaster.
- If the suspended floor slab construction is beam and slab, measure floor to soffit of slab and soffit of beam thus providing down stand beam dimension and beam width.
- Check and measure any floor slab cantilevers and note if significant loads are present in these areas.
- Measure suspended floor thickness at a minimum of two locations – including finishes through an electrical floor opening (if possible) and at landings to stairs.
- Finishes to internal areas such as ceilings normally conceal elements of structure. Where feasible, access should be arranged by use of a ladder to carry out spot checks on the structure above. We should ensure that where access above ceilings is provided, all necessary safety measures are taken to eliminate potential risks. If in doubt, the requirement to carry out assessment above high ceilings should be included as a follow-on action for the Building Engineer.
- Measure height to eaves and apex of steel frame
- Estimate observed floor loads on the suspended floors noting in particular any storage loads or floor build-up for washing areas or similar. Record any areas where excess storage loads on each floor are vertically above one another.
- Note where building movement joints are provided. Crosscheck these with the design drawings. Establish if there are slab cantilevers at the movement joint thus concentrating load on the adjacent column. This column may require a particular design check.

On completion of the above the assessment team progresses with the visual assessment of the high bay and mezzanine areas recording any evidence of structural distress, deflection, warping of structure or cracking / over loading on the tablet app. It is also useful to record a series of general floor photographs showing the building structure as an aide memoir to the estimate of imposed floor load on suspended floors.

If a defect is noted, do not stop and point. Have a discussion with your teammate at a separate location on the floor and return briefly to the defect if necessary.

It is noted that most buildings are likely to display some visual hairline cracking. The lead Assessor should use his/her experience to identify the cause of the cracking, when it is of concern and when it is worth recording as an observation. Record cracks in the building if they are of concern. **Cracking in columns, however, should always be carefully assessed and recorded.**

Having completed the assessment of the building interior, elements of concrete construction should be reviewed to determine if the structural capacity of particular columns should be investigated further by the use of Ferroskan and Schmidt hammer tests, where relevant.

Prior to any in-situ testing, check if permanent and safe access is readily available to the external roof area. This will enable an assessment to be carried out at the external roof level to identify any defects or potential for use of these areas and application of imposed loads.

4.4 Non-Destructive Testing

Structural tests are carried out on completion of the site assessment. The purpose of the tests on concrete elements is to establish an 'estimate' of concrete strength/quality and to determine the reinforcement in the critical structural elements of the building.

Testing of columns is typically carried out at the lowest floor level and involves both Ferroskan and Schmidt Hammer testing – ideally on two columns (those assessed as being more heavily loaded) in each building or construction phase of a building being inspected.

4.4.1 Using the Ferroskan

This equipment, if used carefully, can give an indication of what steel reinforcement is inside a concrete element. This is critical information for concrete structures when carrying out column stress checks and assessing the building safety

The latest technology in Ferroskan should be used such as PS250 from Hilti which allows us to estimate on a single concrete face:

- number and location of bars
- bar diameter

- concrete cover.

Note that the results are estimates and should be interpreted using your sound engineering judgement.

There are two types of test that can be performed using the Ferroskan – a ‘quick scan’ which beeps every time a bar is identified and a ‘full test’ which, using the Ferroskan screen, produces an indicative image of the reinforcement provided in an element.

Quick scans should be carried out to determine link spacing in at least two columns and two beams at the lowest levels. The aim is to establish if links have been provided at closer spacing at column/beam junctions, in accordance with good seismic detailing practice.

A detailed description on the use of the Ferroskan is included in the Appendix B1.

These tests should be carried out and the results checked prior to leaving the factory. It is advisable to try to calibrate these findings wherever possible by comparing the results with any exposed column reinforcement in columns within the building.

4.4.2 Using the Schmidt Hammer and Geological Hammer

The Schmidt or Rebound Hammer measures the surface hardness of concrete. It is not proposed to utilise the results from this test as an absolute measurement of concrete compressive strength but rather as an indicator subject to engineering assessment and to provide a good ‘feel’ for the concrete. The relative strength between elements can also provide a useful indicator.

The Schmidt Hammer has a useful role in aiding experienced structural engineers undertaking the assessments. The process of removing the render ensures that the engineer prepares the concrete (not the plaster) surface for the Schmidt Hammer test. After the render is removed, the Assessor should hammer the surface of the concrete, particularly at the corner of a column. Hammering the surface with a geological hammer provides an opportunity to get a feel for the concrete strength in advance of the Schmidt hammer test. A good concrete will be very difficult to break with a geological hammer but a weak concrete can break away easily.

This process provides invaluable information to aid engineering judgement.

Further guidance on structural testing is included in Appendix B2.

In addition, it is recommended that the reinforcement be exposed in a selected number of critical columns to identify the pattern of ribs on the steel reinforcement.

4.5 Checklist of Critical Structural Information

The critical information required for the completion of structural assessments is as per Appendix D1. Assessment teams should not leave the

factory without establishing this information. Use this checklist at the interview, at each level and on the external walkover.

Always consider the primary structural arrangement first (i.e. load path and stability system) then start to look at condition / defects.

Structural System

Number of Floors (measure floor to floor)

Measured Structural Grid

Floor thickness

Floor finishes depth

Column Sizes (without plaster) at lowest levels and critical areas

Concrete Strength – any observations following removal of plaster to columns and use of the Schmidt Hammer

Estimation of Reinforcement in critical concrete elements (Ferro scanner)

Observed live loading at each level

Floor to ceiling heights

Typical downstand beam dimensions

Movement joint locations

At the end of each floor assessment, the Engineer should review this list to ensure that all information has been obtained.

If a factory has been constructed in phases (extensions or additional buildings), the same information should be established for each phase.

4.6 Structural Appraisal and Calculations

This section offers general commentary and guidance on the appraisal by calculation in Vietnam. The details contained herein have been obtained by discussions with local practitioners, visual observations by the authors and research on published papers and text.

It is understood that the factories are predominantly steel framed structures and information on steel grades is included at the end of this section to allow preliminary calculation to be carried out on such structures, if necessary.

However, there are likely to be at least some multi-storey reinforced concrete (RC) structures, which will need further assessment. As the failure mode for RC columns may be brittle and give little warning of catastrophic failure, these checks are an important part of the methodology.

This section is developed to assist assessment teams on the ground in making initial assumptions on concrete strength, impact of reinforcement content of columns and reaching a base level view of the working stresses and safety factors that may exist in columns during an assessment. The notes explain the background and the development of a working stress methodology for

determining the ‘order of’ working stress and safety factor for the safety assessment.

4.6.1 Column Strength and Column Stress

An assessment purely on a visual basis will identify elements that may show signs of distress, sagging / deformation or cracking. The point of potential failure of elements can be difficult to judge particularly in a building that appears in reasonable condition. If building has had crack filling, re-plastering and been painted, distress features may not be observed.

Flexural member (beams and slabs) tend to fail in a ductile way (depending on strength and reinforcement content) and in many cases, will give reasonable warning with deflection and opening of cracks indicating potential collapse over a period of time.

However, columns can fail more suddenly and may give less warning as they approach failure. The primary focus of an assessment should therefore be to establish both the condition and dimensional properties of load-bearing columns and the applied loading for both existing and potential future scenarios.

It is generally accepted internationally that it is unreasonable to condemn existing buildings because of non-compliance with current building codes, as many such buildings have functioned reasonably well over time. A pragmatic system has been developed based on a rapid assessment approach to identify critical buildings early and prioritise actions. In order to allow the Structural Engineer carrying out the assessment understand column condition; a working stress method has been adopted for the preliminary safety assessment.

This method is a rapid, order of magnitude approach and provides a way of establishing the working stress in an element and to compare this against general expected capacities based on observed/estimated reinforcement content. The principle of the working stress method is to calculate the failure strength of concrete and the working stress (based on observed conditions) and from this calculate a Factor of Safety (FOS).

This provides a valuable indicator of the safety level of the structure, based on what can be reasonably observed from a factory visit. It is not a precise calculation of ultimate capacity to meet code requirements – consider it as the potential residual strength in the building.

Column factor of safety calculations steps are summarized below:

1. Identify critical columns (Columns supporting heavy finishes, partitions, additions at roof, water tanks or live loads). Edge or corner columns may also be critical in terms of dimensions and loading. Typically, at least one internal, corner and edge column should be assessed.
2. Perform load take down for the column. Refer to Garment Factory Loading Guidance in Appendix C. Calculate the finishes as accurately as possible. Calculate working stress in column as per Section 4.6.7. Determine the factored dead plus live load for a column at the lowest floor level and calculate the factored stress in that column

3. Determine material strength for concrete and steel reinforcement based on construction year as described in Sections 4.6.3 and 4.6.4
4. Calculate column working axial capacity using formula in Section 4.6.6.
5. Determine $FOS = \text{Working Capacity (Step 4)} / \text{Factored Stress (Step 2)}$
6. Assess the column for the recommended action items based on FOS level as described in 4.6.8.

4.6.2 Factors of Safety

Similar to many other Codes, the Vietnamese Building Code has both Material Factors and Load Factors and a limit state approach is adopted. The code stipulates that for concrete buildings with live load of 2kN/m^2 or greater, load factors of 1.1 for dead load and 1.2 for live load should be applied when designing to ultimate limit state.

When appraising existing structures, international codes allow for the use of reduced load factors (or increased strength reduction factors in some cases). Such instances may be when:

- The live load can be more accurately assessed, observed and ultimately controlled
- Where it is possible to measure structural dimensions (i.e. the uncertainty in dead load is reduced).

Such an approach to the reduction of load factors for the appraisal of existing structures is set out in the “Appraisal of Existing Structures” by the Institution of Structural Engineers (2010).

However, it is our view that this is not appropriate for use in Vietnam, as the load factors are already very low in comparison with international codes. As such, the reduction in uncertainty due to recording of as-built structural element dimensions provides only a minor level of additional safety. This should not generally be taken into account in the preliminary assessments.

For a simplified concrete column acting solely in compression, the global factor of safety in the Vietnamese code is approximately 1.7, taking account of load factors and material factors.

4.6.3 Concrete Strength

The strength of concrete used in RC buildings is variable. When we attend site, concrete strength is generally unknown so we need to have some idea of the order of magnitude of strength of the concrete.

Our recommended minimum characteristic concrete cube compressive strength figure (i.e. B Grade) is 15MPa .

Please note that this strength figure is subject to change as new data and information becomes available.

4.6.4 Reinforcement Yield Strength (f_{yk})

The table below includes details of reinforcement strengths which should be adopted in calculation of column capacity. These are related to date of construction. It is therefore important to establish approximate construction dates for the assessment of factories.

Reinforcement prior to 1991 or where origin date is unknown (TCVN 5574:2012)			
Reinforcement grade	Plain bars	Deformed bars: Ribs in 1 direction	Deformed bars: Ribs in 2 directions
Yield Strength (MPa)	220	300	400
Reinforcement for years 1991 -2011 (TCVN 5574:1991)			
Reinforcement grade	CI	CII	CIII
	Plain/ Smooth	Ribs in 1 Direction	Ribs in 2 directions
		CB300V	CB400V
Yield strength (MPa)	220	300	400
Reinforcement for years since 2012 (TCVN 5574:2012)			
Reinforcement grade	CI	CII	CIII
	Plain/ Smooth	Ribs in 1 Direction	Ribs in 2 directions
Yield strength (MPa)	235	295	390

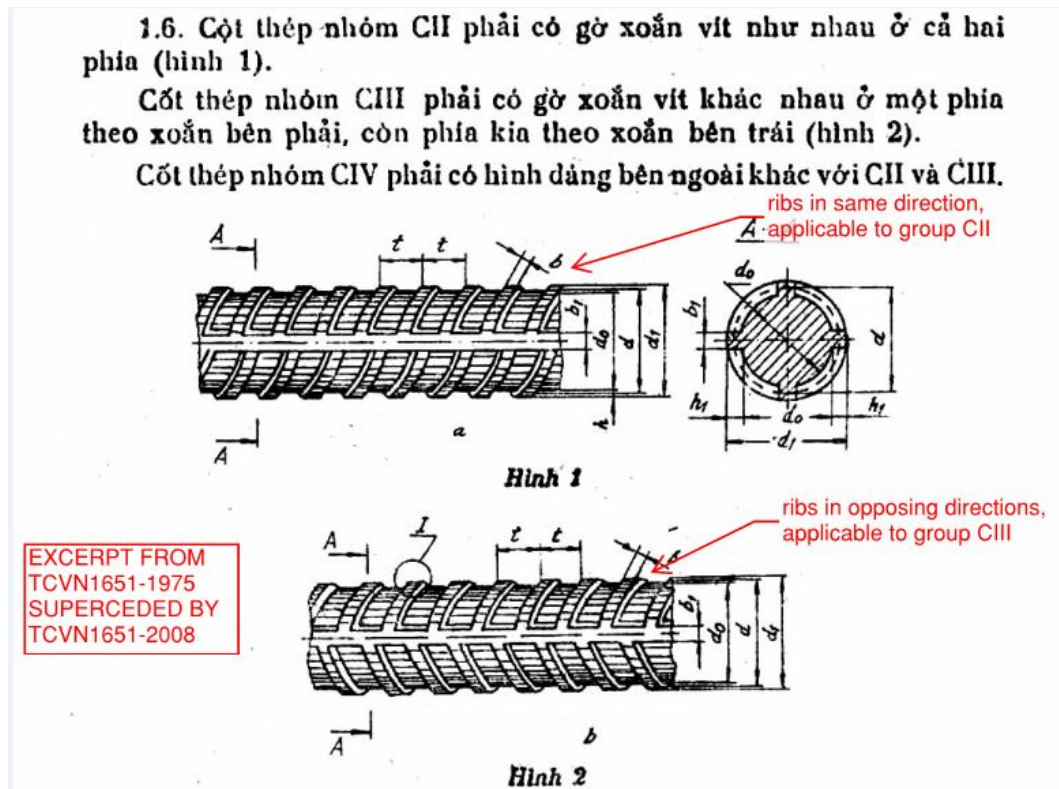


Figure 2 Guidance on reinforcement rib patterns

4.6.5 Reinforcement Content

Every effort should be made to establish the area and percentage of reinforcement using a Ferros scanner.

If reinforcement areas cannot be established, but the number of bars can (by means of Ferros scanner), assume 12mm diameter bars and calculate percentage reinforcement from this.

If the use of the Ferros scanner cannot provide either the area or diameter of the reinforcement, then the main bars should be exposed by very careful removal of concrete cover locally in selected locations.

If none of the above is possible, assume a minimum reinforcement percentage of 0.1%. This is potentially very conservative, may have considerable implications for the factory, and as such, should be only adopted as an absolute last resort.

4.6.6 Column Working Capacity

For the working stress method, the column working capacity is calculated using the following formula:

$$P = B(100 - \rho) / 100 + \rho * f_{yk}$$

Where:

P = column working capacity in MPa

B = characteristic compressive cube strength

ρ = reinforcement (as a % of cross sectional area of column)

f_{yk} = characteristic yield strength of reinforcement

4.6.7 Factored Stress in Column

The factored stress for critical columns should be determined, using accurate load takedowns, considering the appropriate load factors. Such load takedowns need to consider the effect of infill masonry, floor build-ups and observed live loads. They should also consider building geometry and allow for continuity effects on first internal columns. An uplift of c. 10% of load should be considered for such situations.

4.6.8 Column Assessment

The working stress in the column should be compared to the working capacity to determine the likely global factor of safety inherent in the column design and actions identified as follows:

Factor of Safety (FOS) = Working Capacity/ Factored Stress

- If $FOS > 1.7$ – no further action
- If $1.7 > FOS > 1.25$ – Priority 1 action item, leading to mandatory Amber colour coding (refer to chapter on overall building risk classification)
- If $1.25 > FOS$ – Priority 1 action item leading to mandatory Red colour coding and building closure
- For any $FOS < 1.7$, the following actions are also mandatory:
 - Detailed Engineering Assessment (DEA) required as a follow up action (refer to LABS Standard for details)
 - Concrete cores should be taken to validate the concrete strength in the columns (refer to LABS Standard for details)

4.6.9 Structural Steel Grades

The table below includes details of structural steel grades which should be adopted if required. These are related to date of construction and it is therefore important to establish approximate construction dates for the assessment of factories.

Structural Steel Grade	Pre 2012	2012 onwards
	CT3	Q235
Yield strength (MPa)	210	235
Design strength (MPa)	210	235
Material ratio	1.00	1.00

4.7 Seismic Appraisal

A simplified/modified high level screening methodology has been developed considering the expected factory locations and building characteristics.

As part of the structural assessment, a FEMA 154 Rapid Visual Screening (RVS) shall be carried out on all of the buildings, which accommodate large number of people. This shall be carried out in accordance with “FEMA P-154: Rapid Visual Screening of Buildings for Potential Seismic Hazards: A Handbook (Third Edition) published by FEMA in January 2015. The RVS method uses a standard two-page form to gather information from a visual assessment, and assign a qualitative score to a building which can be used to differentiate between higher and lower risk buildings. The data collection forms in the manual (Basic and Optional Forms) shall be used to prepare the RVS. When filling the checklists following steps can be followed as a guideline:

1. Determine the seismicity level based on the Factory location using the Ground Acceleration Zone Map in TCXDVN 375:2006 as described in 4.7.3
2. Provide an exterior view photograph and sketch a plan and elevation view
3. Fill out Building Identification information (i.e. Name, Address, coordinates, etc.) in the Top Right section of the form
4. Identify and input the number of stories, construction year, total floor area and indicate if any additions exist. Circle the occupancy type (typically Industrial, Office, Warehouse for RMG buildings)
5. Identify the Soil Type using P-154 Table 2-5 based on information retrieved from geotechnical reports. The important point here is to identify the soft clay or poor soils. If there is no basis for classifying the soil type, “DNK” should be selected and Soil Type D should be assumed. Highlight geological hazards if information could be retrieved from an existing geotechnical report, if not, circle DNK (Do not know)
6. Identify the building material, gravity load-carrying system, and seismic force-resisting system to identify the FEMA Building Type. See Appendix L1 for further description of FEMA building types.
7. Identify typical non-conformances (Vertical/Plan irregularities, pounding potential, falling hazards etc.). A quick reference is provided in Appendix L2. For further information, refer to P-154 Chapter 3.10.
8. Fill out the Scoring Matrix Table based on the determined building type, irregularities, Pre-Code, Post Benchmark information and soil type. As discussed previously, FEMA P-154 form is used as a guideline to populate the information to be used in the classification as per flowchart in Figure 2 in Chapter 4.7.6. Therefore, identifying criteria items are more important than determining the FEMA score.
9. Prepare optional Level 2 Data collection form to identify and distinguish the severity of the irregularities

10. Collate the critical building information listed in 4.7.6 on the FEMA 154 form and upload to FFC
11. To get a better understanding on the seismic demand for the C1 type buildings, a preliminary column shear check will generally also be performed based on the provisions given in ASCE 41-13: Seismic Evaluation and Retrofit of Existing Buildings as described in 4.7.5.
12. Classify the seismic risk level of the building as per Section 4.7.6 of this document

The proposed screening method will review key structural characteristics of each building: lateral-load stability-system, vertical irregularities (e.g. soft storeys), plan irregularities (e.g. torsion). These characteristics are generally considered to be the most significant affecting a building's performance in an earthquake. Based on different combinations of these characteristics and the calculated column shear demand, the buildings will be categorized from a seismic perspective to prioritize further actions. This methodology is specifically developed to meet the objectives of the LABS programme having regard to the likely type and distribution of factories.

4.7.1 Seismic Hazard Level

The seismic code in Vietnam, TCXDVN 375:2006, was published in 2006 and based on Eurocode approach. Based on the seismic zonation map in this code the country is divided into three seismic zones. Peak ground acceleration for a design level earthquake will be determined using this zone map.

4.7.2 Local Ground Conditions

Soil type has a major influence on amplitude and duration of shaking, and thus structural damage. Site Class shall be defined as per The Site Class has been determined based on the six soil types classified in FEMA154, in accordance with NEHRP Recommended Seismic Provisions for New Buildings and Other Structures (BSSC, 2009). These are: hard rock (type A); average rock (type B); dense soil (type C); stiff soil (type D); soft soil (type E), and poor soil (type F)

4.7.3 Seismicity Level

To determine the seismicity level, a_g shall be determined from the seismic zonation map in TCXDVN 375:2006. Then seismic level in accordance with the FEMA 154 will be determined as follows:

$a_g = 0.04$ → Low Seismicity Form

$a_g = 0.08$ → Moderate Seismicity Form

$a_g = 0.12$ → Moderate Seismicity Form

4.7.4

4.7.4 FEMA Building Type Classification

FEMA-P154 provides a referencing system for classifying the lateral force resisting systems of building structures. Considering this classification RMG buildings are expected to fall within the following Building Types:

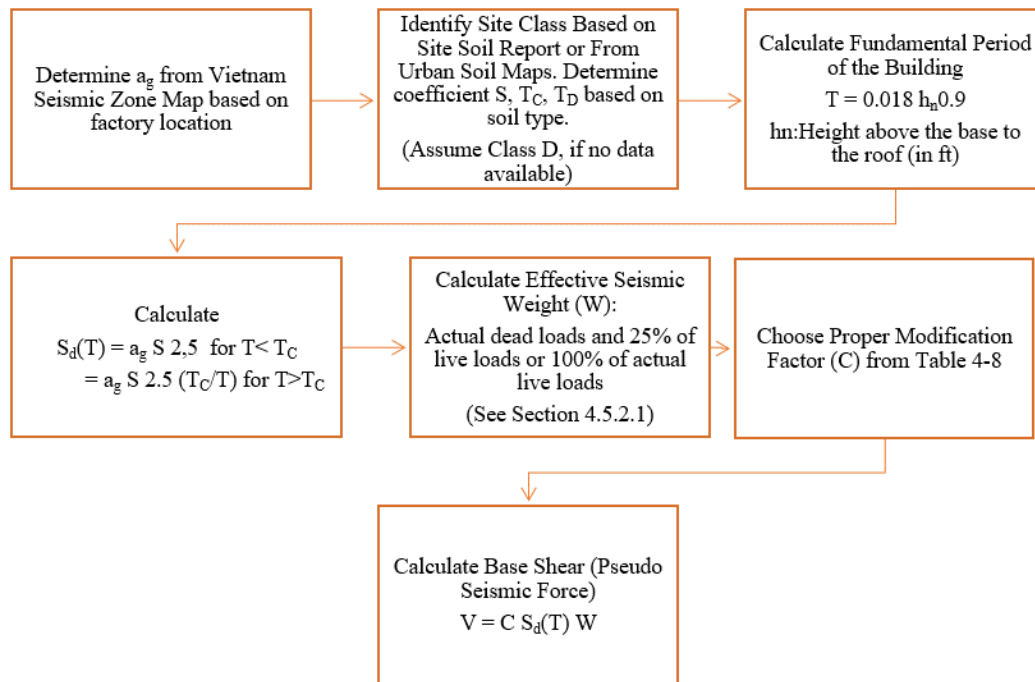
- C1 : Concrete Moment Resisting Frame
- C2 : Concrete Shear Wall
- C3 : Concrete Moment Resisting Frame with Infill
- S1 : Steel Moment Resisting Frame
- S2 : Steel Braced Frame
- S3 : Steel Light Frame

Guidance on the selecting and differentiating between the common building types observed in RMG building portfolio is provided in Appendix L. If the building type is different than stated above, the FEMA RVS study shall still be performed and the recommended actions shall be advised as explained in 4.7.6.

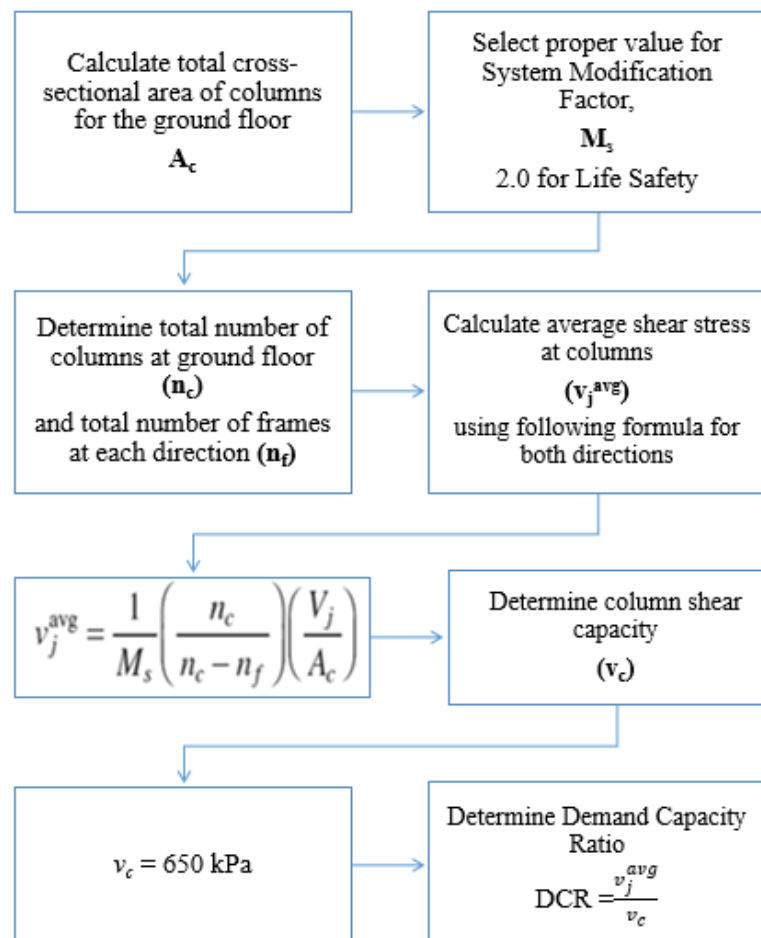
4.7.5 Column Preliminary Shear Check Calculation

A preliminary check on the shear demand-capacity level of ground floor columns of the C1 and C3 type buildings will be performed as per ASCE 41-13 Tier 1 procedure. A step-by-step procedure for this calculation will be presented in flowcharts

1. Calculate Base Shear as per Sections 2.4.1.6, 2.4.5 and 4.5.2 of ASCE 41-13.



2. Calculate shear stress at columns as per Section 4.5.2.3 of ASCE 41-13



4.7.6 Seismic Risk Classification Criteria

The following information will be captured for the buildings on the FEMA 154 form, which shall be uploaded to FFC.

- Building age (Construction Year)
- Number of storeys (Above/below grade)
- Lateral load resisting system (Building type)
- Total floor area
- Deficiency items (Irregularities, soft/weak storeys, pounding potential etc)
- Seismic hazard level
- General construction material quality/deterioration cracking
- Ground conditions, liquefaction potential
- Evidence of ductile detailing as per latest code, as documented in the construction documents and confirmed with the spacing of links in columns and beams
- If the building is built before 2006 code enforcement, apply Pre-Code. Post benchmark criteria does not apply.

A flowchart summarizing the proposed prioritization and further action scheme is summarized in Figure 2 below for the typical building types for the RMG building portfolio.

If the inspected building is a different building type than C1, C2, C3, S1, S2, S3 or it is a combination of different building types, the FEMA RVS form shall be completed and the recommended action shall be advised by the engineering judgement taking into account the building age, construction quality and the other aspects that would influence the seismic performance of the building.

Based on the recommended criteria each building is classified to a comparative risk/priority level in terms of the seismic risk. These are described as below:

Lowest Risk/Priority - The seismic assessment was carried out in accordance with the LABS methodology, with no significant findings arising. Further seismic assessment is not needed as part of the LABS programme. As this was not a code compliance check in accordance with the Vietnamese Earthquake Code TCXDVN 375:2006, the factory management may wish to consider this separately.

Low Risk/Priority – As part of the LABS methodology, the building has a low seismic risk with some deficiencies. A more detailed (ASCE 41-13 Tier 1 or equivalent) check is recommended as the next step, which should commence within 6 months.

Medium Risk/Priority – As part of the LABS methodology, the building has a moderate seismic risk with some significant concerns. A more detailed (ASCE 41-13 Tier 1 or equivalent) check is recommended as the next step, which should commence within 6 weeks.

High Risk/Priority – As part of the LABS methodology, the building has a high seismic risk with some significant concerns. A more detailed seismic engineering assessment (ASCE 41-13 Tier 3 Linear Analysis or equivalent) check is recommended as the next step, which should commence immediately.

A flowchart to be used as a guideline in this classification is given in Preliminary Seismic Assessment - Seismic Risk Classification Criteria Flowchart in Figure 3.

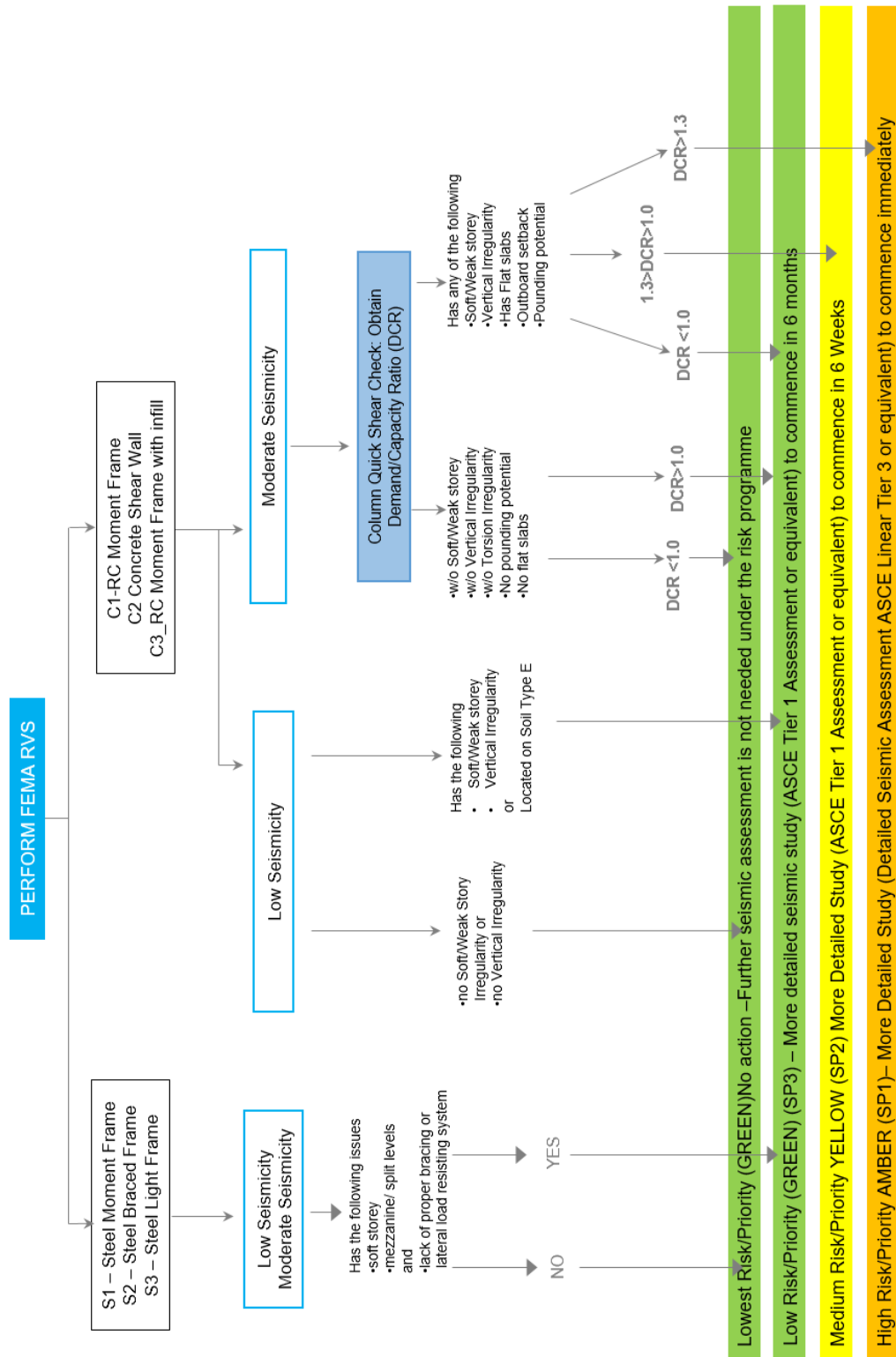


Figure 3 Preliminary Seismic Assessment - Seismic Risk Classification Criteria Flowchart

4.7.7 Non-Structural Hazards

Non-structural hazards will be considered based on the following basic ASCE 41-13 Non-structural Checklist. These items will be used as a guideline to highlight the potential non-structural items that could impact life-safety. Observations will be summarized in one/two slide in the report and further detailed inspection on these items will be recommended as a further action if deemed necessary.

Typical issues which may be observed in RMG factories can be summarized as follow:

- Any exterior falling hazard from buildings, such as elevated water tanks, signs, appendages, communication towers not properly anchored
- Equipment containing hazardous material not properly anchored to floor and freestanding
- Heavy light fixtures not supported properly to the slab soffit, but to suspended ceilings
- Fire suppression pipework not properly anchored or braced
- Brickwork/blockwork partitions walls not braced every 3m and prone to out-of-plane failure
- Suspended gypsum board ceilings which do not have attachments for every 1m² of area
- Metal/glass cladding elements not properly anchored at every 2m
- Laterally unsupported URM parapets with piers spaced not more than 2.5 m that has height to thickness ratio more than 2.5 in regions with moderate, moderately high and high seismicity regions
- Storage racks/ cabinets that are prone to overturning, have lack of bracing and not anchored
- Canopies at building exits not properly anchored to the structure at a spacing no greater than 3m

5 Fire Assessment Methodology

5.1 General Points

On completion of the Factory Manager's Interview and the documentation review, the site assessment of the building commences.

The aim of the assessment is to observe and record all fire safety omissions and non-compliances with the LABS Standard for fire safety in garment factory buildings.

During the Factory Management meeting detailed in Section 3 above, the following information should have been obtained:

- Use of each building or parts of building where building has different uses. Based on this information the Assessor will identify how many and which buildings will be individually classified in the assessment report.
- Number of occupants on each floor and in different parts of the floor or building.

5.2 Assessment of the Building

When carrying out the fire safety assessment of a building it is important to first get a good appreciation of the space and interconnections between principal and auxiliary occupancies (uses) in the building. The Assessor should also get a good understanding of the routes available to occupants from all areas in the building to outside via final exits.

During the preliminary meeting with management, the Assessor should be able to visualise these issues from the documentation provided, but before recording information about specific fire safety measures, the Assessor should walk around the building to complete the picture obtained during that meeting.

5.2.1 Assessment Procedure

For the assessment, the Fire Safety Assessor will need the following:

- Fire Safety checklist
- Camera to capture images of observations
- Laser meter and measuring tape

Before starting, it is recommended that the Assessor notes specific issues raised in the management meeting and identifies the areas of the building that will be covered and in what order they will do so, to facilitate the recording of information during the Assessment. e.g. Ground Floor, 1st Floor, etc. or if a large single storey building, then split into different process areas and define these on a mark-up.

Once a basic understanding of the layout of the building, the locations of different uses and of the circulation routes in the building functions, then the Assessor should start recording observations in a systematic way to capture all the different fire safety provisions that combine to safeguard the occupants in the event of fire.

Given that there are a number of fire safety provisions that act together to provide the necessary safeguards, the Assessor should make use of the checklist provided (see Appendix E) to ensure that all aspects have been recorded before moving on to another area or building. The checklist should be used so that each of the different topics can be addressed in a systematic way. This is particularly important when dealing with all issues related to means of escape, interconnections between areas and levels, and identifying measures for fire rated separation from higher risk areas.

The checklist follows the same order and uses similar headings to those provided in the sample report. The checklist is not an exhaustive list as to what observations need to be recorded, and cannot be used simply for a ‘tick-box’ exercise. The checklist items should be seen as prompts to the Fire Assessor to draw attention to the issues that need to be considered on site and for which relevant notes should be taken. The checklist will act as reminder of what aspects to consider and take note of in each building or part of building while doing the Assessment.

More detailed guidance on the application of the checklist during the Fire Safety Assessment is given in Section 5.3 below.

The notes taken during the Assessment corresponding to all the checklist issues will enable the Assessor to cover all the topics provided in the sample report. The Assessor should however note everything of relevance, and not rely exclusively on the checklist prompts.

5.2.2 Assessment of Building Interior

Using the checklist for guidance the Assessor should record data to enable reporting on the following issues:

- Number of occupants on each floor or parts of floor
- Number and widths of exits from each floor
- Type, size and condition of evacuation pathways leading to floor exits
- Types, widths and conditions of doors on evacuation paths leading to floor exits
- Distances to floor exits or distances between floor exits
- Types, widths and conditions of floor exit doors (normally doors to stairs)
- Types, widths and conditions of stairways
- Types, widths and conditions of Final Exit doors (normally doors to outside)
- Signage for evacuation paths
- Illuminated exit signs over floor exits
- Illumination of evacuation paths from all areas to floor exits

- Locations of high-risk areas (storage, generators, transformers, etc.)
- Fire rated partition elements (walls, floors, shafts, service ducts)
- Type and coverage of detection system(s)
- Type and coverage of alarm systems(s)
- Type and coverage of emergency lighting system
- Back-up power supplies for emergency systems
- Are there any automatic extinguishing systems and if so, the areas they protect
- Firefighting systems – factory fire hose systems
- Hand-held extinguishers for first response firefighting
- Signage for first aid firefighting equipment
- Access into the interior of the building for fire fighters
- Presence and accuracy of emergency evacuation maps on each floor

5.2.3 Assessment of Exterior

Once the interior of the building or buildings has been carried out, the Assessor should record data to enable reporting on the following site wide issues:

- Condition of routes for people to move from Final Exit doors to a safe place away from the building
- Muster areas to accommodate full factory population in the event of an emergency evacuation
- Water supplies for firefighting systems, municipal and site storage
- Pump systems for firefighting water
- Firefighting systems – external hydrants
- Access to the building for the fire fighting vehicles
- Location of separate external buildings housing central machine rooms (Boilers, Substations, Generators, Pump rooms, etc.)

5.3 Guidance on the Checklist Issues

The checklist orders the fire safety issues to assess under the headings ‘Issue Type’, ‘Sub-Issue Type’, and ‘Sub-Issue Detail’. All the relevant checklist issues should be observed for each building or part of a building, before moving on to other areas. The ‘Issue Types’ covered by the checklist are as follows:

1. Means of Egress
2. Fire Safety Construction
3. Fire Safety Systems
4. Provisions for Fire Fighting
5. Maintenance and Housekeeping.

In the section below, under each ‘Issue Type’ heading, the ‘Sub-Issue Type’ items are presented and under the heading ‘Sub-Issue Detail’ a brief description is given

as to the kind of issues related to that item that would be expected to be observed by the Assessor during the Assessment. This is not an exhaustive list of all the issues that the Assessor may encounter, but an attempt to document all the more common issues as a guide to the Assessor.

5.3.1 Means of Egress

Means of Escape and the Construction issues related to fire separation are the two topics that generally take most time to record properly, and a good understanding of the building volume and interconnected spaces are necessary to identify and record all the issues in such a way that they can be adequately covered in the assessment report.

The key principles of escape from fire can be summarised as follows:

- Sufficient exit routes to allow people to move away from danger,
- Exits should be of sufficient number and width to avoid congestion.
- The distance people need to travel to a ‘place of relative safety’ should be limited.
- A ‘place of relative safety’ should be adequately protected from the effects of fire and smoke.
- A ‘place of relative safety’ should lead directly to a ‘final place of safety’ outside of the building

The sketch below can be used to illustrate that means of escape are typically made up of three components – see Figure 4 below – and described as follows:

Horizontal escape: escape from the occupied floor along an unprotected route to a storey exit (either a protected stairway or corridor), or directly to outside in the case of a single storey building. The provisions required for horizontal escape depend principally on the type of building (use), the number of occupants and travel distances to the storey or floor exits.

Vertical escape (to a place of relative safety): vertical escape is related to protected stairs that lead occupants from upper floors to the discharge level, normally ground floor level. The number of occupants escaping to each stair will determine the required size of the stairway. The protected stairway or corridor is referred to as a ‘place of relative safety’, and provides a route protected from the effects of fire and smoke all the way to the exit from the building. For a small building or one with few floors above ground floor level, an unprotected stair may be acceptable as part of the vertical escape.

Exit to outside (ultimate ‘place of safety’): escape from fire is not completed until occupants have reached outside and can move away from the affected building to the ‘ultimate place of safety’, which is typically an agreed muster point outside the building.

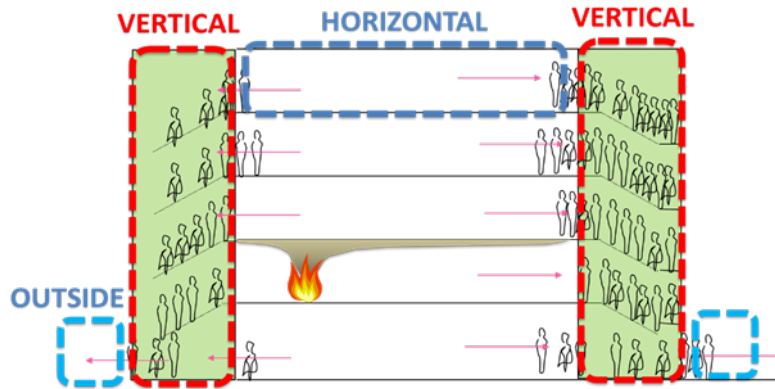


Figure 4 Three typical components of Means of Escape

5.3.1.1 Floor Exits

Generally, a minimum of two fire exits are required, but the actual number and locations of the fire exits are determined by number of occupants and travel distances.

The LABS Standard gives the following guidance on the minimum number of exits required based on occupant load:

- 500 people or less - minimum of 2 exits
- 501-1000 people - minimum of 3 exits
- More than 1000 people - minimum of 4 exits

The number of final Exits will be noted and estimate of the total exit width provided by all final Exits. Based on the occupancy numbers provided by management and visual observation a rough estimate can be made of whether the total exit width is sufficient for the number of people (based on 5mm width/person). Note minimum width of any exit needs to be at least 800mm.

If it appears that the floor exit capacity is too little or close to not being sufficient, then accurate measurements should be taken of effective door widths to determine whether exit capacity needs to be increased, and if so by how much.

Access to the Exits from all parts of the floor will be assessed, and distances to the Exits assessed, based on the existence of alternative paths of travel or single direction paths.

The maximum allowable travel distances to the nearest floor or building fire exit depends on the available routes to the exit. There are a number of possibilities that are discussed below in more detail:

- Alternative directions of travel
- Single direction or common path of travel
- Dead end routes

A general principle of design for means of escape is that persons should have alternative directions of escape. This is so that in the event of a fire, occupants can escape without having to approach the fire source.



Figure 5 Alternative directions of escape

Even when there are alternative escape routes as illustrated above, the distance that people need to travel to reach a place of relative safety (e.g. protected stair core) must be limited.

In some special circumstances, it is considered reasonable for people to travel in a single direction provided the distance is limited accordingly. Based on these assumptions it is assumed that people can walk around the fire and reach a place of safety in short period of time, before the fire grows to a significant size.

The maximum travel distance in these cases for an existing garment factory building is set out in the LABS Standard for different situations.

Dead end routes on aisles or corridors should have a limited travel distance.

Approximate distances are generally good enough to make a decision as to whether they are excessive or not, and distances can often be assessed during the assessment by reference to typical dimensions of the structural grid or they can be measured by pacing them out.

Escape from mezzanines should be given special attention to see whether additional routes off the mezzanine are required.

5.3.1.2 Escape Paths

Evacuation paths need to meet a number of other criteria to ensure they provide safe escape routes.

These include:

- All egress paths are to be unobstructed at all times
- All aisles along the egress paths must be able to accommodate the flow of occupants using that aisle, and have a minimum width of 915mm.
- Pathways must have slopes of less than 1 in 10
- Escape routes should not pass through places of special fire risk, adjacent spaces with high fire hazards

- If the escape route leads people through an adjacent space, the inter-leading doors must not be lockable or sliding doors, and the path should not be obstructed.

The physical condition of the escape paths will be noted; the available width, whether they are clear of obstacles or not and whether there are any dead-end conditions linked to these paths.

The clear height under all obstacles and through doorways will be noted.

5.3.1.3 Exit Signage

Exit signage must be provided to provide clear, unambiguous information to enable people to safely leave a building in an emergency.

Signposting shall be provided and should be consistent throughout the building. Signage should clearly guide occupants located anywhere on the floor to the available nearest Exits. In some instances, additional signage will be needed to supplement exits above each exit door; they may also be needed where there are changes in direction along escape paths.

Important points to note about signage are:

- The sign should contrast with the background and be clearly visible. The colour and design of lettering, arrows and other symbols on exit signs shall be in high contrast
- Signs should be consistent throughout and ideally should be provided with symbols and not just text.
- Every escape route sign should, where necessary, incorporate, or be accompanied by a directional arrow. Arrows should not be used on their own
- If the escape route to the nearest exit is not obvious then it should be indicated by a sign(s)
- Signs should be positioned so that a person escaping will always have the next escape route sign in sight
- Signs should not be obstructed by structure, fit-out items or other signs.
- Signs should be sited at the same height throughout the escape route, so far as is reasonably practicable
- Viewing distance –the sign needs to be sized according to the distance that it needs to be viewed from (larger signs for longer distances).

Signage can be composed of both floor signage and overhead signage, and the combination and condition of both will be noted.

Signage needs to be illuminated. This can be done by internal lighting from within the unit or by external illumination. Importantly, the lighting to the signs needs to be fed from the mains but also have back-up power supply. This can be done via localised battery back-up or via fire rated cabling to another power source e.g. generator or remote battery back-up

Each Exit door should have an illuminated exit sign, with consistent graphics and colouring throughout the building.

5.3.1.4 Exit Doors

In general, all Exit doors should meet the following requirements:

- No sliding or hanging door can be used on an escape route. This would include the lockable security gates observed in many existing garment factories.

All doors along the emergency exit paths should be easily openable in the direction of travel. It is particularly important to note the mechanisms provided at the final Exit doors. These doors normally have to be lockable from outside for security reasons, but they still need to be side swing doors capable of being opened from the inside, without the use of a key, for means of escape. When locked from the outside, the mechanism for opening the door from inside should override the lock.

Note should be taken of whether they are capable of being locked in such a way that does not comply with Exit door requirements.

It is also important to ensure that the exits widths are suitable for the number of occupants on that floor. Exits should be sized to ensure that:

- Occupants can enter into a place of relative safety within an acceptably short time, and
- There is sufficient capacity to avoid congestion and queuing to reach the place of relative safety

Horizontal exit widths for doors are based on a flow rate 5.0 mm/person according to the LABS Standard (with a minimum width of 800mm required).

5.3.1.5 Exit Stairs

Vertical escape to ground level from upper floors is normally via open or protected stairways.

Stair widths need to be wide enough so that they can accommodate the number of occupants escaping from all floors.

The required width of stairways according to the LABS Standard is typically based on a flow rate of 7.6 mm/person in a sprinklered or non-sprinklered building. This should be applied to the floor with the largest occupant load as this represents the worst case scenario.

The minimum width of stairways is 900mm for existing garment factory buildings.

At this stage, the Assessor will note the width and condition of the entry doors and the width of the stairs to see whether both can accommodate the expected occupant numbers adequately. The slope and consistency of riser will also be noted to determine whether these stairs should be discounted as part of the emergency escape path or not.

Handrails are needed for the emergency stairs. The extent of the handrails should comply with the dimensions shown in the Figure 6 below:

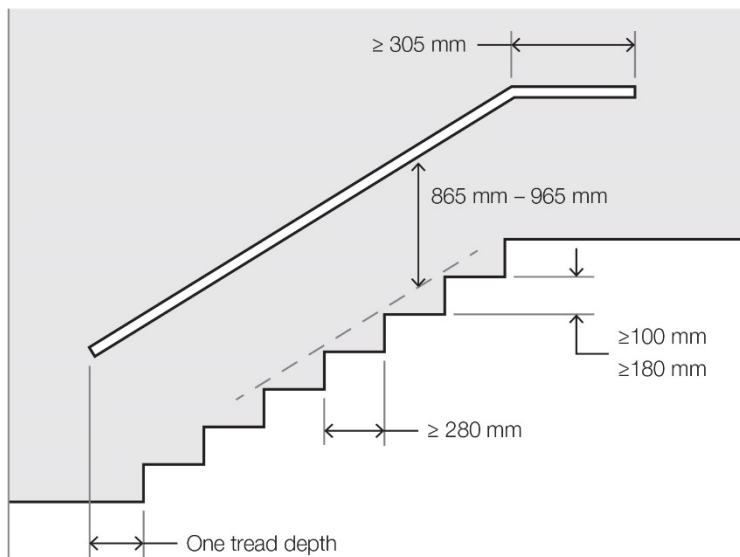
ELEVATION VIEW (straight stair)

Figure 6: Extent of handrails on stairs

It is important to consider the effects of handrails in calculating stair widths, although if they do not intrude into the stair more than 100mm they can be ignored.

The Assessor should note where the stair discharges; does it discharge into another accommodation area or directly to outside. If the stair discharges into other accommodation, then the distance and condition of the path from discharge point to final Exit will be noted. This path to the final Exit may need to be protected, particularly if there are no alternative exits provided from the upper levels.

External stairs may be needed along the escape route, and the Assessor will note how these stairs are protected from the adjacent accommodation for the full length of the stairway.

5.3.1.6 Final Exits

The final place of safety for occupants is outside the building.

It is best design practice to provide escape stairs or final Exits that discharge to outside at ground level.

Additionally, it may be possible for occupants to escape to an adjacent building provided the building is:

- A separate fire compartment
- Of sufficient size to accommodate the occupants flowing in from the other building.
- Escape into the adjacent building will always be available and the building is under the same ownership as that from which occupants are escaping.

- The adjacent building has adequate escape stairs to allow for evacuation of the additional population to outside.

The total width of the final Exits will be determined and the capacity assessed against the number of people on the exit level floor plus all those descending from other levels.

Once the occupancy, capacity and distribution of Exits has been noted, then the Assessor will check that people can move away from the building once through the Exit. If people need to move along the side of the building before moving away, then the protection offered by the façade wall along that route will be observed to see if some external protection is required.

5.3.2 Fire Safety Construction

After examining all the issues related to the evacuation routes to outside, the Assessor should observe all compartmentation and other fire separation issues. Areas with uses that need to be separated from each other should be noted, as well as vertical openings between floors.

The goals and design solutions for providing fire protection measures to construction can be summarized as follows in the event of a fire:

Construction - Fire safety goal in the event of a fire	Design solution
	Providing fire resistance enclosures to areas in the building deemed as "places of relative safety"
	Sub-dividing the building and high risk areas with fire resisting construction, enclosures, doors, etc.
	Providing fire resisting protection to load bearing structural elements
	Sealing services penetrations and concealed spaces, etc. with fire stopping systems

The construction fire protection measures necessary to achieve the fire safety goals outlined above are mostly passive. They consist in using materials (non-combustible, limited combustibility or combustible) to achieve the performance criteria set out in the LABS Standard.

The spread of fire within a building can be restricted by sub-dividing the entire volume into compartments separated from one another by walls and/or floors of fire-resisting construction. The objective is twofold:

- To prevent rapid fire spread which could trap occupants of the building; and
- To reduce the risk of fire becoming large, on the basis that large fires are more dangerous, not only to occupants and fire and rescue service personnel, but also to people in the vicinity of the building

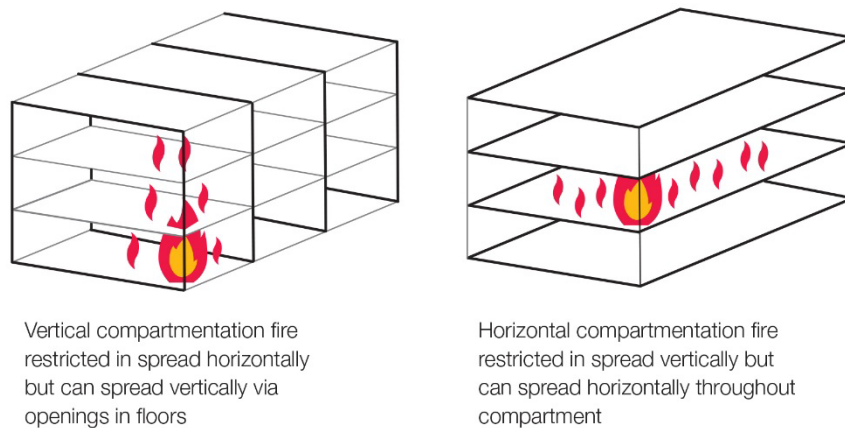


Figure 7: Sketch illustrating horizontal and vertical compartmentation

Compartmentation is required to separate different occupancies, basements, each floors and different uses as described in this section.

In addition, the same fire resistance principles are applied for separation of high risk enclosures and protection of escape routes.

5.3.2.1 Protection of Openings

The most common vertical openings between floors encountered in factory buildings are openings for communicating stairs. When a stairway communicates more than two floors then they need to be separated from the adjacent areas with fire rated construction.

The LABS Standard specifies that stair enclosures should be protected with 2-hour fire rated enclosures and that the door openings leading to these enclosures must be 90 min fire rated doors, which shall also be provided with self-closing devices

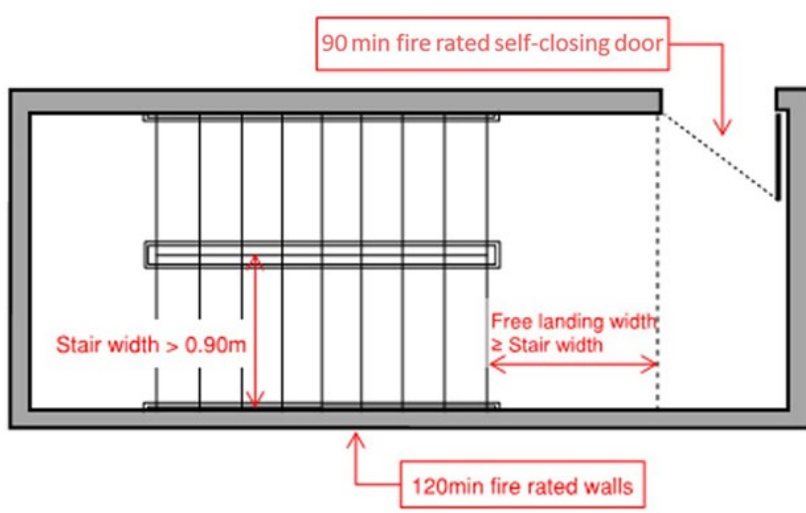


Figure 8 Typical arrangement for stair protection for a building

An exit stairway shall not be built around a lift shaft unless the enclosure of the lift shaft is solid and made of a material with fire resistance rating required for the type of construction of the building.

Any penetrations for services in fire separating elements need to be sealed with fire stopping systems or provided with dampers.

Other penetrations are doors and the Assessor will note whether fire rated doors have been provided and whether they have self-closing devices to ensure that they close automatically after use.

External escape staircases are also permitted provided that they lead directly to the ground, are separated from the building interior by fire resistive assemblies or walls and are constructed of non-combustible materials.

External stairs need to be provided with a level of fire protection to prevent flames and smoke spreading via the façade of the building and affecting people escaping using the stairs.

The figure below illustrate how adequate protection can be provided as per NFPA 5000 Clause 11.2.2.5. The façade itself and any windows and doors in the shaded areas would need to be protected with fire rated construction in the vicinity of the path of travel down the stair.

The fire resistance rating of the separation from the stairs is required to be minimum 1-hour fire rating where openings have not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ hour fire protection rating:

- Within 3.0m horizontally of the nonrated wall or unprotected opening.
- Extending from the finished ground level to a point 3.0m above the topmost landing of the stairs or to the roofline, whichever is lower.

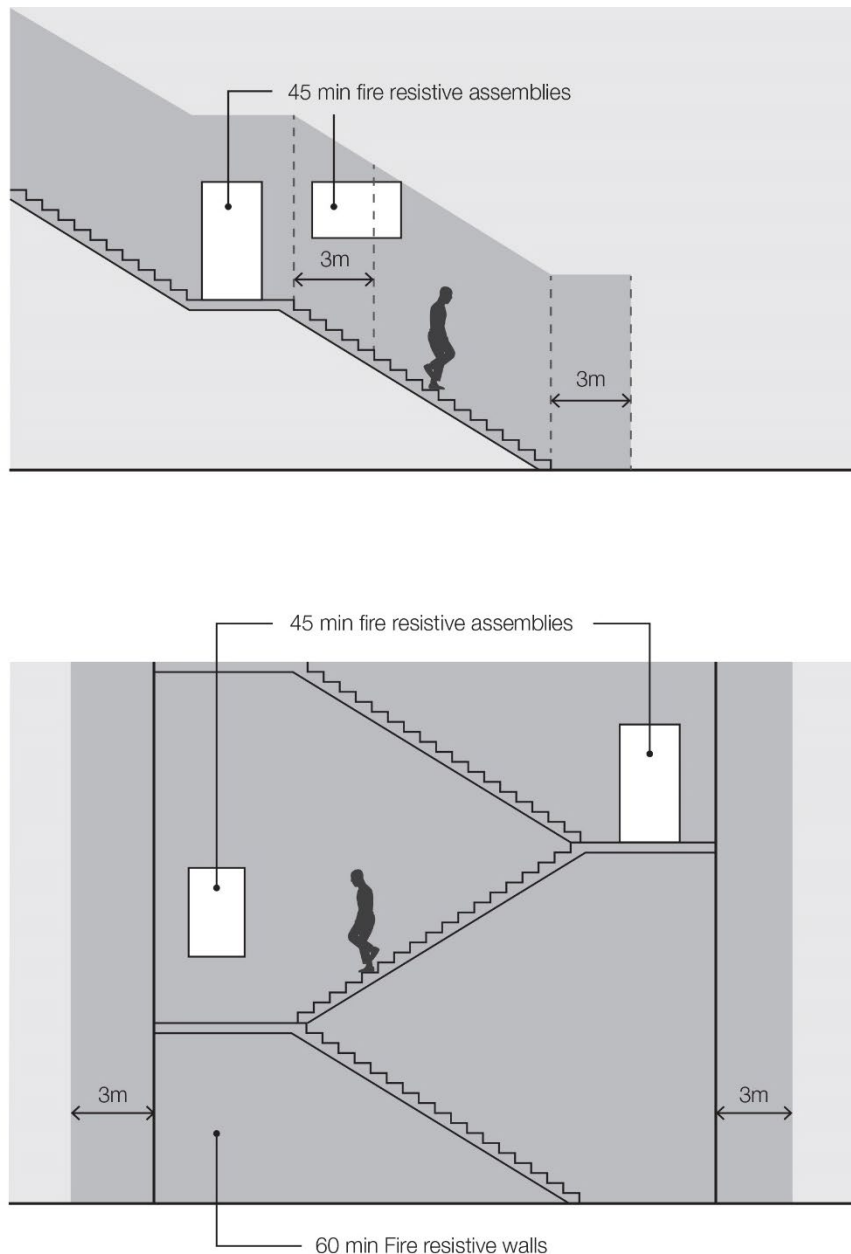


Figure 9 Protection of external escape stairs

Any other vertical penetrations, for lift shafts, service ducts or other functions, and the fire rated separation of these openings will be recorded to ensure that there are no unprotected vertical paths between compartment floors.

All compartmentation barriers and fire resistant partitions – floor slabs and walls need to ensure that any penetration through them, be it for ducts, pipes, cables or any other object, are adequately protected. Depending on the type of penetration, there are different methods to avoid smoke and heat leakage through the penetrations made to accommodate these objects.

Basements need special protection from the upper floors, so the Assessor will note how this separation is achieved and particularly whether there is a vestibule provided as part of the separation mechanism for the stair penetration. This should be a fire rated separation with self-closing doors to stair and vestibule as shown in the Figure 10 below:

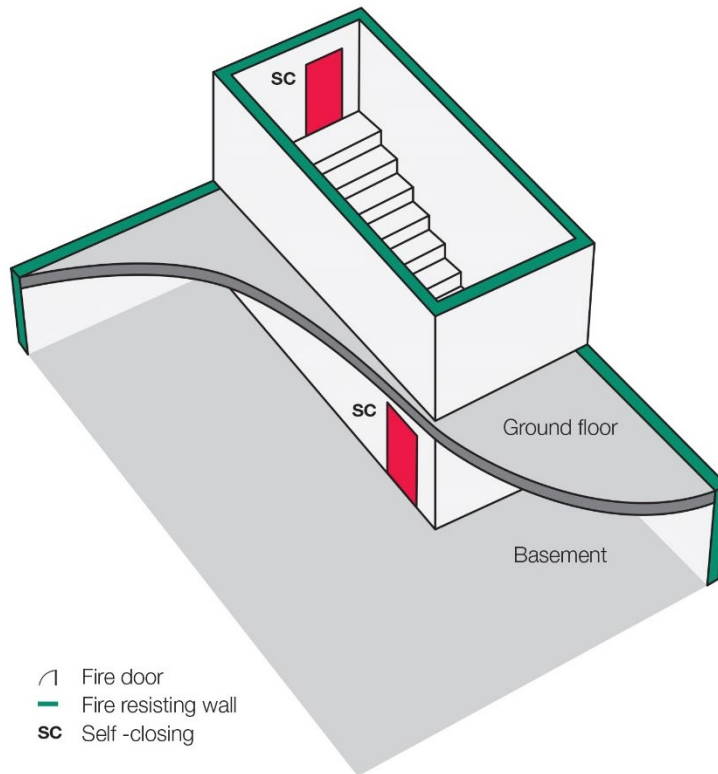


Figure 10 Sketch showing the basic requirements for protecting a basement opening

5.3.2.2 Separation of Occupancies

The fire safety measures required by the LABS Standard are defined by the Occupancy Classification of the building.

Garment factory buildings are classified as ‘General Industrial Occupancy’ buildings.

Other occupancies typically found in a garment factory building are:

- Assembly occupancy in Dining Areas
- Business occupancy for Offices
- Storage occupancy

The LABS Standard requires that the other occupancies in a building classified overall as ‘General Industrial’ be separated from the industrial use and from each other with fire rated separating walls, unless certain conditions are met:

Where an occupancy can be defined as an ‘incidental occupancy’ then it need not be fire separated from the overall floor or building occupancy. Some examples of incidental occupancies are:

- Dining area for less than 50 people
- Childcare Centre for less than four people and with maximum travel distance of 9m to a final exit.
- Offices occupying up to a maximum 10% of the production floor area
- Storage areas up to a maximum 25% of the production floor area, subject to the limitations given in the section. 5.3.2.3 below

Certain ‘high risk area’ are always required to be enclosed with fire rated separation from the production areas, as described in section 5.3.2.4 below

5.3.2.3 Storage Areas

Areas for storage of materials are considered as areas of high fire load and as such should be separated from adjacent areas with fire rated construction. This construction should extend vertically up to the underside of the compartment floor, and needs to be checked particularly in the space between false ceilings and the slab soffit.

In-process or temporary storage is inherent to the operations of the garment factory and it is therefore necessary to store goods or materials adjacent to the production areas.

Temporary storage of materials is permitted without separation from the other occupancies provided that it meets the following criteria:

- The storage does not exceed 23m² and does not exceed 2.45m (8ft) in height in any one area for an unsprinklered floor,
- The storage does not exceed 93m² and does not exceed 3.66m (12 ft) in height in any one area on a sprinklered floor,
- Where temporary storage exceeds these criteria, the storage should be separated into ‘blocks’ of storage meeting these criteria, and with clear distances between ‘islands’ of at least 3m.
- The storage is incidental to the other occupancies i.e. the total area of temporary storage does not exceed 25% of the production area of the story in which they occur,

Where storage does not meet these criteria then it should be separated from other occupancies with 1-hour FR construction.

Application of these criteria is shown in the illustration below for the unsprinklered case.

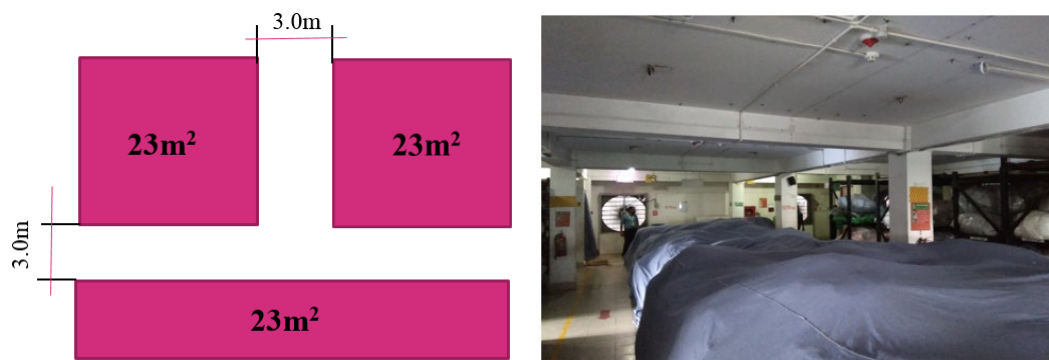


Figure 11 Temporary storage arrangements

The Assessor will note whether the area limits for ‘blocks’ of in-process storage are complied with, and also needs to note what percentage of the total floor area is occupied by ‘blocks’ of in-process storage.

Further restrictions on the maximum area of storage in any one compartment that may require fire rated separation walls, depending on construction type and number of storeys, is given in Table 3.12.3 of the LABS Standard.

Cl. 5.3.2.2 of the LABS Standard provides some modifications to Table 3.12.3 by allowing up to 2.000m² area for unsprinklered floors.

5.3.2.4 Other High-risk Areas

Some rooms located in the garment factory present a higher fire hazard due to their combustible loading and fire growth properties. High-risk areas often associated with garment factories are Generators, boilers, Compressors, Transformers and Chemical stores.

The high risk classification principally depends upon the quantity and type of combustible materials, the speed at which fire is likely to develop and any processes that will produce particularly severe circumstances for fire propagation.

The principle is to protect and separate these spaces from the rest of the garment factory so that fire spread is limited or contained. In turn these spaces would not contribute or their contribution will be delayed in case a fire event develops outside these spaces.

The Assessor will note the location of these areas and if located facing into the production area or other occupied area, then they need to be separated from the adjacent areas with fire rated construction.

The doors to these separated rooms will also need to be fire rated and if they open onto protected stairs or corridors, need to be separated by a vestibule at the entry points.

5.3.2.5 Structure and Finishes

The LABS Standard defines the level of fire resistance required by Type of Construction as follows:

Classification by Type of Construction:

- Type 1: Highest degree of fire resistance
- Type 2: Intermediate degree of fire resistance
- Type 3: Lowest degree of fire resistance

Depending on the building height, an existing garment factory building can be either Type 1 or Type 2.

The type of construction needs to be noted and the Assessor will make a note of the structural materials used. For concrete, it will be assumed that the concrete itself will provide adequate fire protection but it should be noted where concrete, steel, timber or other structural materials are employed.

Surface finishes in garment factories are typically exposed concrete, plastered concrete or brickwork, and ceramic tiling; all of which are non-combustible Class A finishes. Therefore, fire spread along the walls, floors or ceilings is not normally a problem in these types of buildings.

Nevertheless, in certain areas partitions could be made from different materials, particularly for offices, meeting rooms and similar uses where false ceilings are installed.

Surface finishes covering the floors, ceilings, interior walls and exterior facades of garment factories can contribute to the fire as a fuel due to their properties and as such generate smoke and toxic products during a fire event. The choice of materials for walls and ceilings can significantly affect the spread of a fire and its rate of growth, even though they are not likely to be the materials first ignited.

It is particularly important in circulation spaces where linings may offer the main means by which fire spreads and where rapid spread is most likely to prevent occupants from escaping. Several properties of materials influence fire spread. These include the ease of ignition and the rate at which the lining material gives off heat when burning.

The surface finishes used for walls and ceilings need to be composed of materials that limit the spread of fire, so the Assessor will note the presence of any finishing materials (particularly plastics) used on walls and/or ceilings in the building.

5.3.3 Fire Safety Systems

Fire safety systems will be addressed by both the Fire and Electrical safety Assessors, and the following notes what the Fire Assessor will need to address in the assessment and report.

The Fire report will address the type of detection and alarm system, the type of emergency lighting system and the coverage of these systems. It will also note how these systems are activated.

The Electrical assessment and report will cover the functioning of these systems in more detail, the back-up power supplies provided and links to the control panels. Testing of the alarms and emergency systems will be arranged as part of the Electrical assessment.

An adequate fire detection and alarm system is crucial to ensuring the life safety of occupants, and minimising the potential for undetected fire spread. The main requirements for a fire detection system are the ability to:

- respond to the likely products of combustion posing a threat to the building, its occupants and/or its processes;
- discriminate between real fires and false alarms;
- provide a signal to activate fire warning or control systems within an acceptable time period;
- be sufficiently available and reliable to perform when required and as intended.

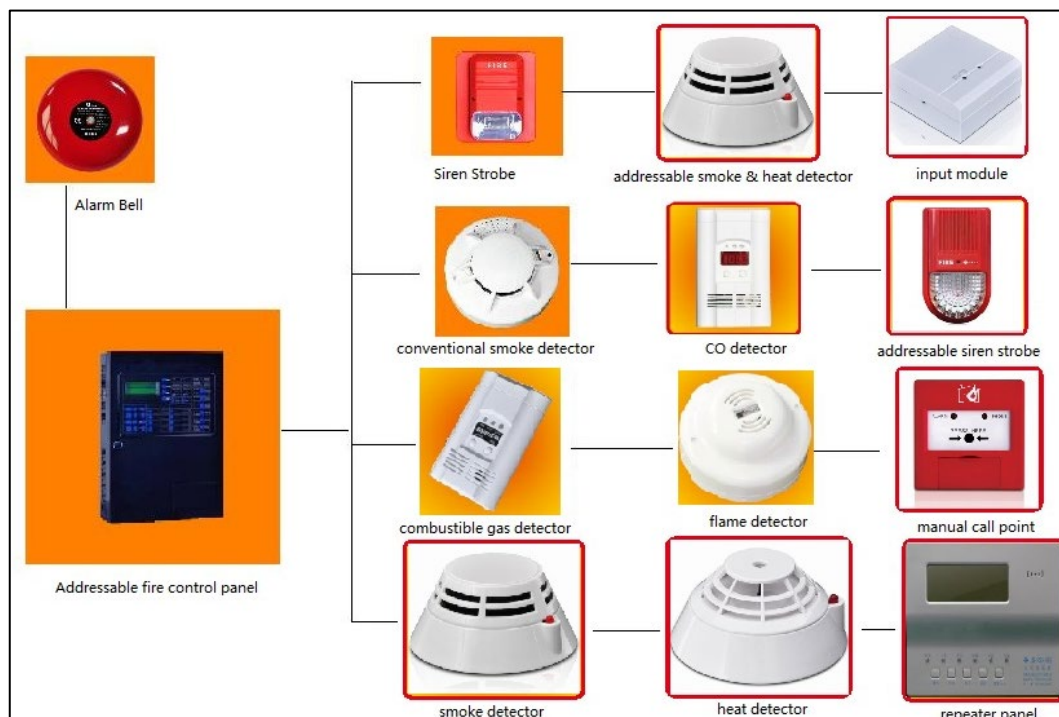


Figure 12 Typical components of a fire detection and alarm system

5.3.3.1 Fire Detection

A **conventional system** is a basic method of detecting a fire and are generally the most cost effective option. They are essentially simple switches that are either "on" or "off". They cannot distinguish between a real fire and the various non-fire phenomena that can trigger a false alarm such as cigarette smoke, dust and steam and they cannot indicate a specific location in that zone.

Analogue addressable fire alarm systems are in constant two-way communication with the fire control panel. Any abnormal rise in temperature or evidence of smoke is communicated to the fire panel which, after analysing the signals, then makes the decision to trigger the alarm and shows which detector is indicating a fire in a specific part of the building.

An analogue addressable system is usually installed in larger buildings where it is imperative to know the exact location of an alarm signal in a short period of time.

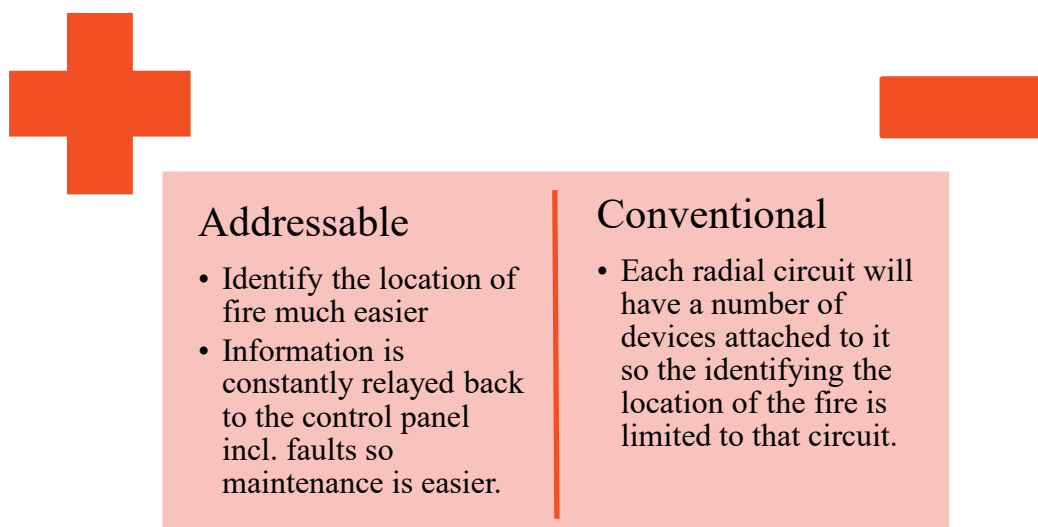


Figure 13 Key differences between an Addressable and Conventional alarm system

Due to their limitations, conventional systems should only be used for small, one storey building. For multi-storey buildings or facilities which require many detection points, an addressable system is more appropriate.

The type of fire detection system used for the building or space will be noted by the Assessor, as well as the coverage of the different detectors observed. When noting coverage, attention is to be given as to whether the spacing and location seems adequate for proper functioning of the system.

The Assessor will also note whether the detectors are local battery operated point detectors or whether they are wired to a power source, and the location of manual call points should be noted.

5.3.3.2 Fire Alarm

A critical part of the system is ensuring that once detection has occurred, all the occupants are alerted through audible and where necessary, visual devices.

This is normally through a sounder (bell or electronic sounder). In certain cases, voice alarm can be used but this is only really used in specialist circumstances where there is a large amount of members of the public. It must be noted that such Public Address (PA) system can be used but cannot be relied upon. Therefore, a sounder will be required even if a PA system is provided.

In addition, a PA system must not be confused with a Voice Alarm (VA) system. A VA system broadcasts speech messages and/or warning signals in an emergency only and is designed accordingly, with fire protected cabling and speaker boxes, so that it can be relied upon in such a case.

It is very important that alarm will be heard so the sounders should provide a minimum sound level usually around 65dB throughout the building but importantly 5dBA above any background noise. This is particularly important in noisy places such as factories or places where people may have ear protection. In some circumstances the sounders would need to be augmented with visual strobes.



Figure 14 Example automatic sounder (left) and visual notifier (right)

The system should incorporate at least two fire alarm sounders, even if the recommended sound pressure levels could be achieved with one sounder. At least one sounder should be provided in each fire compartment.

Visual alarm signals should be provided in areas where ambient noise levels exceed 90 dB(A) and in other areas where hearing protection is likely to be used under normal circumstances

The type of alarm should be noted – sounders, voice alarm speakers or visual alarms. The spacing of the alarms will be noted to assess whether they appear to provide the necessary decibel level to all parts of the building.

The Fire Assessor should note whether the alarm system is wired to operate automatically on fire detection, or whether only manual call points (MCPs) provided for manual activation of the alarm system.

5.3.3.3 Emergency Lighting

Factory occupants must be able to find their way to a place of final safety if there is a fire by using escape routes that are adequately illuminated.

In simple single storey premises, single ‘stand-alone’ escape lighting units may be sufficient and these can sometimes be combined with exit or directional signs. The level of general illumination should not be significantly reduced by the sign

In larger, more complex premises it is likely that a more comprehensive system of fixed automatic escape lighting will be needed to illuminate all the escape routes.

An efficient and effective method of illuminating escape routes in an emergency is by using spotlights. These are normally self-contained units consisting of a battery, switching mechanism and spotlights fitted to operate automatically on a circuit or mains failure. These self-contained units can be suspended from roofs, structural steelwork such as columns or beams, substantial fixed high racking or attached to walls, etc. and are capable of illuminating escape routes easily. They should be located at high level and point downward.

Emergency escape lighting (luminaires) can be stand-alone dedicated units or incorporated into normal light fittings.

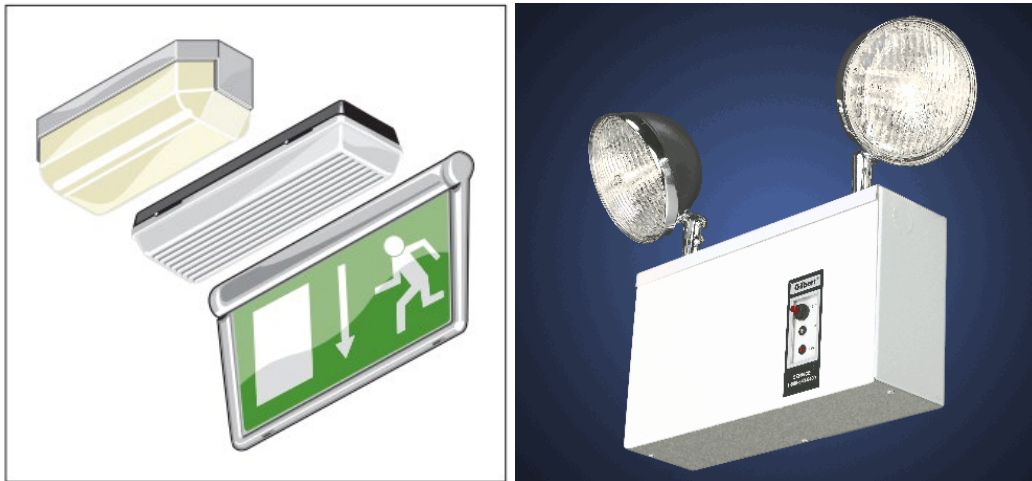


Figure 15 Example luminaire emergency escape lighting and illuminated escape sign (left) and stand-alone spotlight emergency light (usually battery powered)

The purpose of illumination of an escape route is to ensure safe evacuation or exit of people from the area and to enable them to locate fire protection and suppression equipment. In the case of aisles, the average illuminance level on the floor along the centre line of the aisle should be at least 2.5 lux.

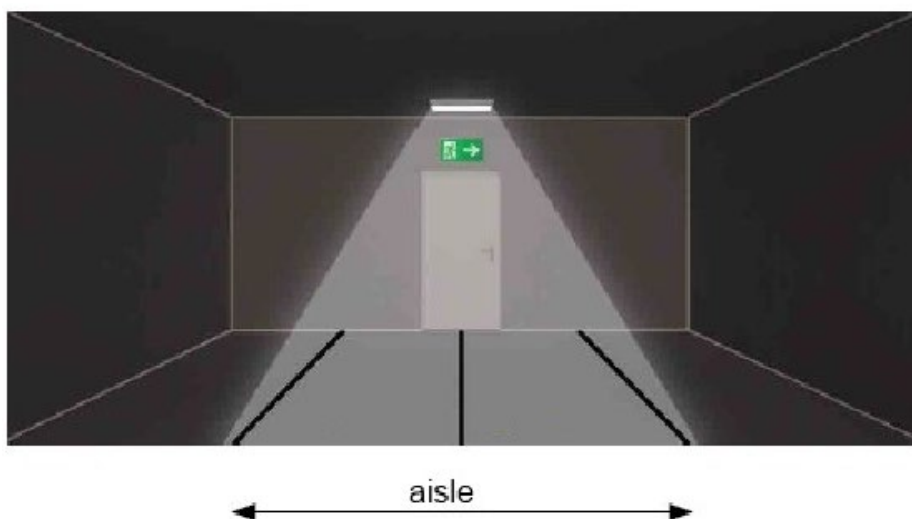


Figure 16 Illustration of escape route illumination

All other escape routes shall be illuminated with light with illuminance level not less than 10 lux.

If first aid points or firefighting equipment and fire alarm call points are not situated on the escape route or within the open area, they should be illuminated so that the illuminance level of at least 10lx is ensured on the floor close to these points.

Emergency lighting should be provided to provide a minimum lighting level along the entire escape route. The Fire Assessor will note whether emergency lighting is provided along the escape route and at the final Exits, or just at final Exits (which is a typical case).

5.3.4 Provisions for Firefighting

Internal firefighting systems will be concerned principally with the provision and distribution of hand-held fire extinguishers and fire hose systems. Externally the stored water and pump set for priming the fire hoses needs to be covered.

5.3.4.1 Water Supply

An adequate water supply is critical to:

- Ensure that standpipe and sprinkler systems have sufficient water to operate effectively
- Allow the fire brigade to suppress and extinguish a fire. The water supply may be used directly by the fire brigade using their own equipment, or where provided, via a standpipe system located inside the factory.

The Fire Assessor will ascertain whether there is a reliable supply of firefighting water available via the municipal mains systems. If this is not the case then all firefighting water will need to be provided by a storage tank on the premises. Note should be taken of the capacity of this reservoir to enable the Assessor to report later on the supply versus required demand.

Fire pumps should be located in a dedicated room built of non-combustible construction. The room should have easy access to the fire brigade from outside, via protected corridors and stairs.

Fire pumps are essential for the correct operation of the sprinkler and fire hose systems, and as such their correct functioning in an emergency needs to be guaranteed as far as possible. This is achieved as follows:

- Two pumps of equal capacity are to be provided, each one capable of delivering the required water flow and pressure required by the fire protection system on its own. These two pumps operate in a “run and standby” arrangement, such that if one pump fails, the other pump takes over.
- Typically, the run pump shall be electric.
- The standby pump may be electric also, but must be supplied with an emergency power supply from an emergency generator. Alternatively, a diesel engine drive pump may be provided as the standby unit.

Diesel engines have significant ventilation requirements which need to be considered, as well as the fuel supply system.

The type of pump set to supply the fire hoses with firefighting water from the stored water reservoir should be noted, particularly the types and condition of both main pump and backup pump.

It should also be noted whether the pumps are automatically activated on fire alarm, or whether they need to be manually activated.

5.3.4.2 Firefighting Systems

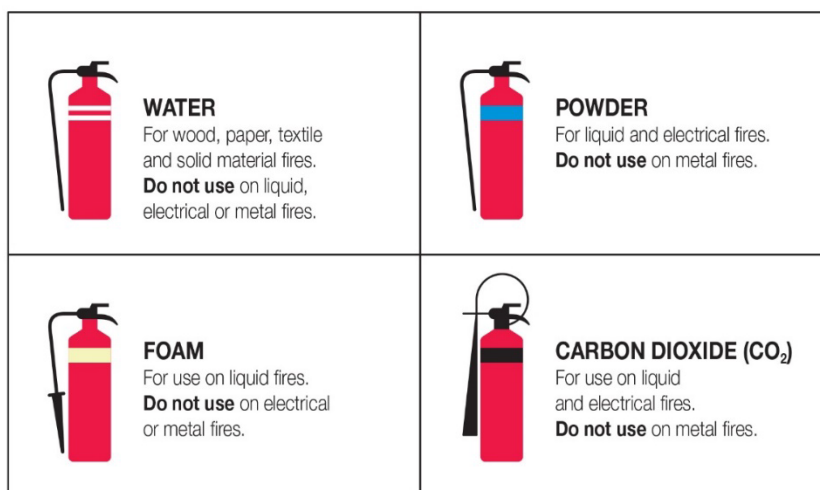
The Fire Assessor should note the type, location and condition of the fire hoses provided both internally and externally. These should be positioned close to the emergency Exits, as well as internally to provide full coverage of the building with the hose lengths provided.

Fire extinguishers provided should be appropriate to the specific risks found in the factory. The risks are typically grouped into different classes, based on the type of material that is likely to burn. These are described in the Table 1 below.

Table 1 Description of the different types of fire classes

Class of fire	Description
Class A	Class A fires are fires in ordinary combustible materials, such as wood, cloth, paper, rubber, and many plastics.
Class B	Class B fires are fires in flammable liquids, combustible liquids, petroleum greases, tars, oils, oil-based paints, solvents, lacquers, alcohols, and flammable gases.
Class C	Class C fires are fires that involve energized electrical equipment.
Class D	Class D fires are fires in combustible metals, such as magnesium, titanium, zirconium, sodium, lithium, and potassium.
Class K (aka. Class F)	Class K fires are fires in cooking appliances that involve combustible cooking media (vegetable or animal oils and fats).

The main types of extinguishers and their colour coding are shown in the image below – each extinguisher will cover different types of fire classes. Note: It is not safe to fight fires involving aerosols with fire extinguishers.



The contents of an extinguisher is indicated by a zon of colour on the red body.

Figure 17 Main types of extinguishers and their colour coding

The type and distribution of portable fire extinguishers should be noted, and notes made on the adequacy of the type of extinguisher for the use of the space.

If there are any automatic suppression systems provided in the building, the Fire Assessor will note the type and coverage of each suppression system. This will normally be an automatic sprinkler system or an automatic powder ‘bomb’ discharge system.

The Fire assessment should note the condition and coverage of the fire hose system and its link to the fire pump.

The build-up of smoke and heat as a result of a fire can seriously inhibit the ability of the fire service to carry out rescue and fire-fighting operations within a building.

Products of combustion from basement fires tend to escape via stairways, making access difficult for fire service personnel. Providing outlets for smoke can reduce this problem. Venting can improve visibility and reduce temperatures, making search, rescue and fire-fighting more effective.

There may be a smoke ventilation system provided to assist firefighting, and if this is the case, the Fire Assessor should make a note of it.

5.3.4.3 Access for Emergency Vehicles

Local conditions and facilities typically define the access requirements, as these are generally dependant on the type of vehicles used by the local firefighting crews. Such requirements include:

- Emergency vehicle widths
- Turning circles
- External hydrant requirements

The fire Assessor will make a note of the roadways provided around the perimeter of the building, to be able to make an assessment of whether the access for firefighting vehicles is adequate to allow the fire brigade sufficient proximity to the building to act effectively.

An estimation of the storage capacity should be made, and if the storage provided appears to be on the limit then accurate measurement of the storage reservoir may be required.

The Fire Assessor should inspect the internal roadways in the factory complex and note the extent of perimeter access provided for fire trucks and other emergency vehicles.

5.3.5 Maintenance and Housekeeping

5.3.5.1 Legal documents

It should be noted whether the factory has a Fire License, even though this may not reflect the observed condition of the buildings.

In most jurisdictions the factory should have an up-to-date Fire Police inspection report that indicates instructions for improvements to fire safety systems if required by the local authority.

5.3.5.2 Maintenance

The best manner for the Fire Assessor to make a judgement on the performance of the fire safety systems observed during the assessment is to request to see the maintenance and testing records for the Fire Alarm and Emergency lighting systems, and testing of the fire pumps and flow through the Fire Hoses.

The Fire Assessor will ask to see these records and make a note of the dates and regularity with which these have been undertaken.

Any automatic extinguishing system should also have records of the maintenance carried out on them by third parties, and the Fire Assessor should take note of these.

5.3.5.3 Emergency Plan

There should be a designated Fire Safety Director responsible for the development of the fire evacuation plan. The evacuation plan shall also include provisions to assist physically disabled persons.

Fire evacuation maps are to be posted to each exit stair and should clearly indicate:

- Correct calling procedure to fire and rescue services
- Emergency exits
- Primary and secondary evacuation routes

- Locations of fire extinguishers
- Fire alarm pull stations' location
- Assembly points
- Use of stairs in case of fire and not elevator

The factory should be able to produce an Emergency Plan for review by the Fire Assessor, and note should be taken of the training provided for the building occupants and the emergency duties assigned to selected personnel. These should ensure that all systems relying on manual activation are covered by personnel identified in the Emergency Plan.

Records of regular fire drills will also be requested to determine how well prepared the building occupants are in the event of an emergency.

5.3.5.4 Housekeeping

Good housekeeping is an essential element in fire safety management. It can reduce the chance of a fire starting, reduce the potential rate at which a fire can grow and the size it can reach, and ensures that the fire protection features in a building function as intended in the event of a fire.

There are two primary aspects to housekeeping which are:

- reducing the chances of a fire developing or starting, and
- protecting escape routes.

Regular safety inspections and associated remedial actions if any should ensure that the fire protection measures are available at all times.

Measures should be taken to control the risk from fire caused by the presence of combustible material, including as many of the following as are appropriate:

- Reduce the fire load, e.g. by reducing the amount of stock stored in a building.
- Alter the way goods are stored. A fire will grow significantly more quickly in goods stored vertically, such as pallets stacked on top of each other or in high bay storage, than goods stored over a greater horizontal area, such as on the floor of a warehouse.
- Only store goods and furnishings in an appropriate manner e.g. in dedicated store rooms.
- Ensure that all highly flammable substances are used and stored safely, and, if necessary, in appropriate storage containers.
- Control the amount and storage of rubbish, storing it in a safe location away from buildings, in a designated area.
- Remove redundant services, such as communication cables, particularly in voids, as these can constitute a significant fire load.
- Maintain or clean machinery and equipment adequately so that the build-up of dust and grease in equipment do not lead to ignition.

In order to ensure that escape routes are available for use at all times the following must be achieved:

- all escape routes, including refuges, shall be kept free and clear from obstruction at all times;
- goods, materials, unwanted furniture, etc. should not be stored within escape routes. Any obstruction should be removed immediately;
- fire doors that are intended to be kept closed should be closed and not obstructed;
- fire doors on hold-open devices should be operable and should not be obstructed;
- the exterior of the building should be inspected to ensure that final exits and routes to assembly points are not blocked.

The fire Assessor should make a note of the level of housekeeping throughout all areas during the Assessment. Things to note in particular would be the general order and tidiness in the factory, the condition of escape paths and whether there are random obstacles blocking pathways and/or stairways.

Combustible materials, offcuts and rags, stored close to or hard up against potential heat sources are another thing that should be noted.

5.3.6 Questions to Answer Before Leaving Factory

A list is given below of questions that the Fire Safety Assessors should ask themselves before leaving the premises, as a further check that the information recorded using the checklist has given them an adequate understanding of the Fire Safety issues related to the factory buildings:

1. Are there an adequate number of escape routes and are they continuous and adequately protected from all floor areas to an exit to outside?
2. Are there stairways that lead back into the building at discharge level and if so, into what sort of areas do they discharge?
3. Conditions on the perimeter of the building/s – can people easily move away from the building once they exit at ground level?
4. Have all high-risk areas been identified and the type of enclosure or lack of enclosure noted?
5. Have all vertical openings between floors been identified and noted whether effectively enclosed or not?
6. Are doors on escape routes easily openable in the direction of travel and free of lockable devices?
7. What is the condition of the factory regarding temporary storage and general tidiness; are there obstructions to paths of escape in corridors, stairwells, etc.?
8. Based on examination of the systems maintenance records, what is the level of maintenance and care shown by factory management?
9. What is the procedure for fire brigade call-out to the factory; is it automated or not?

10. Have you seen the Emergency Evacuation Plan and are there records of drills having been performed for staff training?

In addition, the following information will be required to complete the Assessment report and should be obtained for reference when producing the report:

- Architectural layouts that show the actual condition and use of the factory building/s and outbuildings
- Occupant numbers for all parts of buildings

5.4 Testing of Fire Safety Systems

The Fire Safety Assessor will not carry out any testing of systems as part of the Assessment procedure.

Functionality testing of a number of fire safety systems will be arranged by the Electrical Assessor, and the Fire Safety Assessor should liaise with the Electrical Assessor to ensure that they are present when the following tests are carried out:

- Activation of the Fire Alarm by detector activation or manual push button
- Activation of the Emergency Lighting system by cutting the main power supply
- Functionality demonstration of the fire pump set and activation procedure

The Electrical Assessment report will make observations on the results of these tests.

6 Electrical Assessment Methodology

6.1 General Points

The summary of the building electrical system, to be prepared as part of the assessment report, requires completion of key data, with which the Electrical Assessors should be familiar before commencing assessment work. The Assessor should establish the number and location of main items of electrical equipment (substations, generators, electrical panels). A logical route should be planned to walk the facility. For most facilities it generally helps to start at the utility power connection and follow the power into and around the building.

6.2 Assessment of the Building

When carrying out the Electrical Safety Assessment of a building it is important to understand the systems that are in the building; for example, how does the utility power enter the site, where are the generators located and what are their functions.

Documentation, if available, should align with what has been advised by Factory Management during the Factory Management Interview.

Suitably qualified factory personnel shall carry out all electrical works, opening or closing of electrical panels or equipment.

The assessor:

- Will visually inspect only the electrical installation.
- Will not remove or replace covers or open or close cabinets containing electrical equipment.
- Will not measure electric loads of the equipment.
- Will not touch any inspected equipment and will maintain a safe distance from such equipment.
- Will comply with the safety practices and rules of the end user and applicable national safety standards.

6.3 Electrical Safety in Substations and Switch Rooms

When entering any space containing electrical distribution equipment the inspecting engineer(s) shall check for abnormal conditions. Persons authorised to enter a substation or switch room must have an understanding of what to look for. If any danger is suspected, the Assessment in that area should be aborted and an investigation carried out by someone who has the necessary knowledge and experience to be able to determine what actions may be necessary. Abnormal warning signs are, but not limited to:

- high temperature in the building;

- presence of smoke;
- smell of ‘hot’ substances (oil, compound etc.);
- audible discharges or arcing;
- smell of rotten eggs;
- nauseous odour (potentially indicative of a release of SF6);
- signs of leaked oil in the vicinity of oil-filled equipment;
- signs of fresh compound leaks; and
- distortion of or evidence of soot on enclosures.

This is a non-exhaustive list and the Engineer must satisfy themselves that they are complying with their firm’s own and national / local health and safety requirements.

6.4 Substation

Using the checklist in Appendix F for guidance the Assessor should record data to enable reporting on the following issues:

- Is there adequate identification and labelling of substation?
- Is there adequate display of warning and danger notices in substation?
- Is the main incoming power supply adequate for the power requirements of the building?
- Substation in a suitable location?
- Transformer room ventilation provided?
- Transformer catch pit for oil provided and properly sized?
- There are no signs of water ingress?
- The room is clean, tidy and not being used as storage space
- Services (lighting, sockets) are working
- Doors and windows are secure and, when required, locked
- There are no signs of damage with the equipment or room
- The room is not overgrown with vegetation, and access is acceptable
- There are no signs of rodent activity
- Ventilation (ventilation shall be designed to comply with the recommendations of the equipment manufacturer)
- Emergency first aid signage and equipment
- Soak pit for transformer with more than 2000 litres of oil.

6.5 Thermographic Survey

Qualified and trained personnel who have an understanding of infrared technology and electrical equipment maintenance, should perform thermographic surveys and be aware of the safety issues involved.

The following equipment shall be included and recorded in the survey:

- Transformers
- All electrical panels in the facility

For each item of equipment listed above the following items shall be surveyed:

- All cable connections,
- All circuit protective devices cable connections
- Protective devices
- Ancillary equipment within the panels i.e. contactors.

Testing should be carried out while the switchgear is on load. Flash guards maybe installed in some or all panels. In the Pre-Assessment Checklist, the factory will have been asked to make arrangements for the flash guards to have been removed for the day of the assessment.

The survey shall be used to highlight over heating of components within the panels.

Where temperatures of components are $>20^{\circ}\text{C}$ the ambient temperature shall be noted in the report for the factory to investigate further.

Where temperatures of components are $>30^{\circ}\text{C}$ the ambient temperature shall be noted in the report for the factory to take immediate action.

6.6 Generator

Where generators are used to supply power to life safety systems in conjunction with normal services the following shall be checked:

- The generators ability to supply power to life safety services during a utility outage and
- The generators' condition and risk of starting or contributing to a fire
- Ambient temperature shall be taken as the temperature of the air surrounding the equipment being imaged.

Where the generator does not power life safety services the following shall be checked:

- The generators condition and risk of starting or contributing to a fire

Proper ventilation of the generator room is necessary to support the engine combustion process, reject the heat produced during operation (engine heat, alternator heat, etc.), and purge odours and fumes.

Using the checklist for guidance the Assessor should record data to enable reporting on the following issues:

- Check that the type of generator is clearly stated in documents and on equipment
- Check that the capacity of generator is the same as stated in the power balance
- Electrical distribution, safety interlocking, earthing and changeover facilities made?
- Check that fuel storage requirements are adequate for the use
- Check for earthing connection from generator frame
- Check fuel storage for leaks
- If the generator fuel deliver relies on a fuel pump check the power to the pump is backed up
- Check that the generator battery monitored (it can be done manually or automatically)
- Check for liquids leaking from generator, tank and pipework
- Check for signs of ventilation is adequate
- Check that fresh air inlets should be located as far from the sources of heat as practical and as low as possible.
- Check that ventilation air inlets and outlets should be positioned to prevent exhaust air from being drawn into the ventilation inlets (recirculation).

6.7 Supplies to Life Safety Services

Life safety sources are power sources for *life safety services*. Life safety services include:

- Emergency (escape) lighting
- Fire detection and alarm
- Fire pumps¹ (sprinkler pumps, hose reel (Ø25 mm))
- Fire rescues services lift
- Evacuation systems
- Smoke extract systems
- Industrial safety systems
- Fire services communications systems
- CO detection and alarm

This list is not exhaustive and consideration of other systems should be given and their impact on occupants' safety.

¹ Refer to LABS Standard for further details

A safety source is defined as:

- storage batteries,
- primary cells,
- generator sets independent of the normal supply.

In general, batteries will be used by most small systems (generally fire detection & alarm panels and emergency lighting). This section generally deals with systems where batteries are used as the life safety source (back up).

The following items shall be checked:

- Battery ventilation
- Battery charging functional
- Battery failure alarm i.e. if battery is disconnected from panel does panel display a fault and continue to operate

During the assessment, the testing should include switching off mains (primary) power to fire detection & alarm panels and emergency lighting to witness their function.

Functional testing of generator(s) does not need to form part of the assessment. However, if it is deemed beneficial and the Factory Management agree the generator can be tested.

Where generator support life safety system(s) they shall be tested

6.8 Earthing and Bonding

The entire installation shall be properly and effectively earthed and bonded, with protective earthing and main and supplementary equipotential bonding provided throughout.

- From the as-built schematics, determine the type of earthing system installed.
- During the review of the as-built documentation, a check of the protective conductors shall be carried out against Table A54.7 from IEC 60364-5-54. A sample check of 10% of all circuits should be carried out.

Cross-sectional area of line conductors S	Minimum cross-sectional area of the corresponding protective conductor	
	If the protective conductor is of the same material as the line conductor	If the protective conductor is not of the same material as the line conductor
(mm ²)	(mm ²)	(mm ²)
$S \leq 16$	S	$(k_1/k_2) \times S$
$16 < S \leq 35$	16	$(k_1/k_2) \times 16$
$S > 35$	$S/2$	$(k_1/k_2) \times (S/2)$

IEC 60364-5-54 Table A54.7

Minimum Cross-sectional Area of Copper Earth Conductors in Relation to the Area of Associated Phase Conductors

6.9 Earth Leakage Protection

The presence, rating and type of earth leakage protection shall be reviewed in each panel. It shall be recorded and actioned by the factory where earth leakage does not meet the LABS standard.

Confirm at each item of switchgear that an earth cable is installed and properly connected for each circuit.

Confirm bonding at each of the following:

- Main engineering services (gas & water pipes, HVAC ductwork, tanks, structural steel parts etc.) are bonded to the main earthing terminal.
- All tanks should be bonded using minimum 16mm² earth cable.
- Metal sinks, basins etc. (including pipes) shall be bonded to the earth terminal of the nearest 13A socket outlet using minimum 2.5mm² earth cable.
- Metal sinks, basins etc. (including pipes) shall be bonded to the earth terminal of the nearest 13A socket outlet using minimum 2.5mm² earth cable.
- Bonding conductors and connections shall be installed so as to be clearly visible and shall not be covered by lagging or be otherwise obscured

Functional testing of earthing system(s) does not need to form part of the assessment.

6.10 Switchgear

No functional testing of switchgear shall form part of the assessment. Evidence of regular maintenance and testing should be sought during the meeting with Factory Management.

6.11 Equipment Quality

Assessor to check for devices that do not comply with any recognised product standard. Use of this equipment can cause serious damage, fire or death.

6.12 Conductors

During the visual assessment, the following should be checked:

- Check that cables are supported correctly
- Check that the cables have been laid in accordance with design?
- Current carrying capacity of the cable is appropriate for the application?
- Is there adequate identification and labelling of all distribution boards?
- Is there adequate identification and labelling of all circuits in DBs?
- Is there adequate display of warning and danger notices in distribution boards?
- Is the protection of cable systems against other causes of damage and deterioration, e.g. heat, water adequate?
- Are any cables or conductors exposed due to damage, corrosion, missing covers etc.?
- Are there adequate barriers or enclosures against direct contact? Are those barriers or enclosures compromised, e.g. due to damage?
- Check for dust and lint in electrical panels
- Check for dust and lint on cables
- Are there damaged flexible conduits?
- Check for flammable material in electrical panels
- Are the cables properly segregated in cable trays?
- Load balance under normal conditions is provided?
- Load balance under emergency conditions is provided?
- Conductors shall be crimped or have cable sockets
- Conductors shall be crimped or have cable sockets

During the review of the single line diagram (SLD), a sample check of conductor sizes against protective device shall be carried out to give an indication if there are unprotected cables.

Functional testing of conductors shall not form part of the assessment.

6.13 Lighting Protection System

The existence of a lightning protection system (LPS) installation should be discussed and records of annual testing reviewed during the Factory Management meeting.

If in place, the following elements should be inspected:

- Roof-level air termination network. This is generally provided by means of a metallic roof covering to the building, tape mesh faraday cage conductors and/or vertical air rods.
- Are connections from the roof-level air termination network to dedicated down conductors?
- or
- Do the down conductors comprising structural steel columns or reinforcing steel within structural support columns and/or dedicated down tape conductors?
- Bonding the dedicated down conductors to adjacent earth electrode housings where earth rods shall be driven through to the earth source. Each down conductor shall have a separate earth termination.
- Check that test points are in place.
- Is bonding of all extraneous metalwork such as structural steelwork, metal gutters, down-pipes etc. and any roof mounted mechanical plant, boiler flues, AHUs, cable trays, railings, louvers, vent pipes etc. in place?
- Is there a connection via a test link to building main electrical earth bar?
- Are lightning protection installation layouts available and up to date?
- Check strike counter and number of strikes.

Functional testing of LPS shall not form part of the assessment.

6.14 Voltage Drop

Maximum allowable voltage drop limits for LV installations are given in IEC 60364-1. These generally are difficult to determine during an assessment visit and should not distract from other elements to be inspected. During the meeting with the Factory Management, they should be asked if there have been any times where equipment has malfunctioned or failed to start for unexplained reasons.

Where the safety of occupants relies on life safety services which have experienced issues described above, this should be noted in the assessment report for follow up action.

6.15 Testing of Fire Safety and Firefighting Systems

Functionality testing of a number of fire safety systems will be arranged by the Electrical Assessor, and the Fire Safety Assessor should liaise with the Electrical Assessor to ensure that they are present when the following tests are carried out:

TEST	EXPECTED OUTCOME
Activation of the Fire Alarm by detector activation or manual push button.	Alarm sounders are activated.

TEST	EXPECTED OUTCOME
During the test primary power to the alarm panel is switched off so that panel operates on backup power (usually batteries).	Sounders can be heard from all areas of the facility (this can be approximated by listening at a selected number of areas) Alarm continues to operate on backup power (usually batteries)
Activation of the Emergency Lighting system by cutting the main power supply.	Emergency lights switch on the area where primary power has failed. They remain on for a reasonable duration (suggest 10 minutes is sufficient for this test). ²
Functionality demonstration of the fire pump set.	The pumps operate on primary and secondary power supplies. The pump(s) can pump water to the furthest connection point on the pipework where suitable pressure is available.

The Electrical assessment report will make observations on the results of these tests.

6.16 Questions to Answer Before Leaving Factory

A list is given below of questions that the Electrical Safety Assessors should ask themselves before leaving the premises, as a further check that the information recorded using the checklist has given them an adequate understanding of the Electrical Safety issues related to the factory buildings:

1. Have you seen all substations?
2. Have you seen all generators?
3. Have you checked room ventilation?
4. Have all electrical panels and transformers been surveyed with a thermographic camera? Was this done with electrical equipment under load?
5. Do all life safety services have a primary and secondary source? Have these been checked?
6. Is there a lightning protection system? Has it been checked?

² Do not allow the test to continue beyond 10 minutes as batteries may be drained and may take some time to recharge and become functional again.

7 Overall Building Risk Classification – Colour Coding

7.1 Overview

The following sections provide guidance on an approach for assigning an overall building risk classification or colour code as a result of each of the Structural, Fire and Electrical Preliminary Safety Assessments. This is a valuable additional outcome from the Safety Assessments, which summarises the findings in a clear and understandable way. It will facilitate appropriate prioritisation of follow-up activities and ensure that serious safety issues are clearly identified, early in the process. It is a qualitative method, appropriate to the rapid assessment nature of the Preliminary Safety Assessment programme and is not a highly definitive quantitative method.

Building risk classification by colour coding is a well-established approach for appraisal of existing buildings and we propose to adopt it here.

Guidance is provided on assigning the overall building risk classification colour coding. However, the Engineer/Assessor may come across situations where one safety issue is so critical to life safety in itself, or combined with a number of other issues, the building merits a high risk category even though the guidance does not indicate this. The Engineer/Assessor should use his/her judgement in these cases to adjust the risk category appropriately.

Before finalising the risk classification of the building, the Engineer/Assessor should use his/her judgement to assess whether the scoring reflects the perceived life safety condition of the building. If the classification indicates a different level of life safety to that perceived by Engineer/Assessor from the observations on site, then the building should be given a colour category that corresponds to the perceived condition.

This methodology entirely relies on three components:

- Using appropriately experienced engineers as defined in Section 3.1.1 who use engineering judgement to form a view on the building risk classification.
- Training of the team of Engineers/Assessors and providing guidance to enable them to make informed decisions
- Ongoing QA/QC and updating of the methodology based on feedback

7.2 Factories with Multiple Buildings

Where factories comprise more than one significant building, these should be individually categorised following the classification system included here. The overall factory categorisation should be most critical individual building categorisation. The Executive Summary should include details of the individual building categorisation.

7.3 Structural Risk Classification

Codes for Overall Assessment (of an individual factory building or factory building within a factory complex)		Prioritised Action	
Black	Unable to complete full assessment and/or reasonable conclusions due to lack of access, lack of co-operation, inability to see structure particularly at base/ground floor levels etc.	Priority 1:	Not Applicable
		Priority 2:	Important (arrange for complete survey to be made)
		Priority 3:	Not Applicable
Red	Immediate closure of factory building or significant part of building recommended. Closure in accordance with protocol. Due to Critical stress levels in structural members, concern with progressive collapse and/or visible defects resulting in immediate danger to structure and workers. There is at least one Priority 1 issue found	Priority 1:	Critical: close factory immediately
		Priority 2:	Important
		Priority 3:	Longer term/Maintenance
Red/ Amber	If the QSEC deems that there are important IMMEDIATE actions required to maintain an Amber designation, the report may be designated as Amber with Red actions. The Red actions must be completed in two weeks or the overall factory designation will become Red. There is at least one Priority 1 issue found	Priority 1:	Critical e.g. localised closure of space; load reductions
		Priority 2:	Important
		Priority 3:	Longer term/Maintenance
Amber	No reason to suspend operations in the facility but action may be required locally. Significant stress levels in structural member, concerns with potential for progressive collapse or visible defects with no immediate danger to structure or workers. Production may continue subject to agreement to further assessments and testing and actions to address issues raised with prioritised actions in report. There is at least one Priority 1 issue found	Priority 1:	Critical e.g. localised closure of space
		Priority 2:	Important
		Priority 3:	Longer term/Maintenance
Yellow	Limited concerns but have questions on structural arrangements and details, limited visible defects with no immediate danger to structure or workers. Production may continue subject to agreement to address issues raised and prioritised action in report. Priority 2 issues are the highest level found.	Priority 1:	Not Applicable
		Priority 2:	Important
		Priority 3:	Longer term/Maintenance
Green	Generally, all clear subject to agreement to address prioritised comments. No critical visible defects or structures and no visible immediate risk to workers. Production can continue. Priority 3 issues are the highest level found.	Priority 1:	Not Applicable
		Priority 2:	Not Applicable
		Priority 3:	Longer term/Maintenance

Timing of Priority Actions	Priority 1:	Immediate Action
	Priority 2:	Within 6 weeks
	Priority 3:	Within 6 months and longer term actions (maintenance)

7.4 Fire Risk Classification

The Priorities given to each Observation and Action (FP-1 to FP-3) are used to determine the Risk Classification of each significant building in the factory. As guidance ‘significant building’ could be considered as all Production buildings, Storage buildings greater than 1,500m² total area, and any others considered significant by the Assessor. The Risk Classification is assigned a colour based on the number of FP-1 priority items as shown in the table below. These are then used to determine the appropriate Fire Risk classification for the factory; the Risk Classification colour assigned to the building with highest risk becomes the risk classification for the Factory complex.

Codes for Overall Assessment (of an individual factory building or factory building within a factory complex)		Prioritised Action	
Black	Unable to complete full survey and/or make reasonable conclusions due to lack of access, lack of co-operation, etc.	Priority 1:	Not Applicable
		Priority 2:	Important (arrange for complete survey to be made)
		Priority 3:	Not Applicable
Red	Immediate closure of factory building or significant part of building recommended. Closure in accordance with protocol.	Priority 1:	>15: Critical – close factory immediately
		Priority 2:	Any number
		Priority 3:	Any number
Red/ Amber	If the Assessor deems that there are important IMMEDIATE actions required to maintain an Amber designation, the report may be designated as Amber with Red actions. The IMMEDIATE actions identified by the Assessor in the Executive summary of the report must be completed in two weeks or the overall factory designation will become Red.	Priority 1:	7 < n ≤ 15 – Critical e.g. localised closure of space
		Priority 2:	Any number – Important
		Priority 3:	Any number – Longer term/Maintenance
Amber	No reason to suspend operations in the facility but action may be required locally. Production may continue subject to the IMMEDIATE actions identified by the Assessor in the Executive summary of the report being completed in two weeks.	Priority 1:	0 < n ≤ 7 – Critical e.g. localised closure of space
		Priority 2:	Any number – Important
		Priority 3:	Any number – Longer term/Maintenance
Yellow	Limited concerns but have questions on fire arrangements and details. Production may continue subject to agreement to address issues raised and prioritised action in report.	Priority 1:	0
		Priority 2:	Any number - Important
		Priority 3:	Any number – Longer term/Maintenance
Green	Generally, all clear subject to agreement to address prioritised comments. No critical visible defects and no visible immediate risks to workers. Production can continue.	Priority 1:	0
		Priority 2:	0
		Priority 3:	Any number – Longer term/Maintenance

Timing of Priority Actions	Priority 1:	Immediate Action
	Priority 2:	Within 6 weeks
	Priority 3:	Within 6 months and longer term actions (maintenance)

The purpose of this fire safety risk classification is to orientate the Assessor in assigning a risk classification of the building, but as stated earlier the Engineer/Assessor should use his/her judgement to assess whether the scoring reflects the perceived life safety condition of the building.

7.5 Electrical Risk Classification

Codes for Overall Assessment (of an individual factory building or factory building within a factory complex)		Prioritised Action	
Black	Unable to complete full survey and/or make reasonable conclusions due to lack of access, lack of co-operation, etc.	Priority 1:	Not Applicable
		Priority 2:	Important (arrange for complete survey to be made)
		Priority 3:	Not Applicable
		Priority 4:	Not Applicable
Red	Immediate closure of factory building or significant part of building recommended to close. Closure in accordance with protocol. Priority 1 items found across the in major sections of the building, therefore actions are required throughout the building.	Priority 1:	Critical: Close factory immediately
		Priority 2:	Important
		Priority 3:	Less important
		Priority 4:	Longer term/Maintenance
Red/ Amber	If the Assessor deems that there are important IMMEDIATE Priority 1 actions in limited or localised areas.	Priority 1:	Critical e.g. localised closure of space to protect workers
		Priority 2:	Important
		Priority 3:	Less important
		Priority 4:	Longer term/Maintenance
Amber	No reason to suspend operations in the facility but action may be required locally. Priority 2 items are the highest level found.	Priority 1:	Not Applicable
		Priority 2:	Important
		Priority 3:	Less important
		Priority 4:	Longer term/Maintenance
Yellow	Limited concerns but have questions on electrical arrangements and details. Priority 3 items are the highest level found.	Priority 1:	Not Applicable
		Priority 2:	Not Applicable
		Priority 3:	Important
		Priority 4:	Longer term/Maintenance
Green	Generally, all clear subject to agreement to address prioritised comments. No critical visible defects and no visible immediate risks to workers. Production can continue. Priority 4 items are the highest level found.	Priority 1:	Not Applicable
		Priority 2:	Not Applicable
		Priority 3:	Not Applicable
		Priority 4:	Longer term/Maintenance

Timing of Priority Actions	Priority 1:	Immediate Action
	Priority 2:	Within 2 weeks
	Priority 3:	Within 4 weeks
	Priority 4:	Within 2 months

8 Preliminary Safety Assessment Reports

8.1 Overview

Factory reports should be succinct, with an emphasis on graphical output with limited detailed text. The reports should follow the same format for all assessments and include specific text describing the assessment, requirements for follow on actions and outlining assessment limitations.

Prior to issue of the final report to LABS, a review shall be carried out by another suitable senior engineer and then approved by the Project Director. A proposed flowchart identifying the key steps in the quality and checking process is included in Appendix M.

8.2 Structural Safety Assessment Reports

A number of guidance documents are available for the preparation of the Structural Safety Assessment reports:

- Structural Safety Assessment Checklist (Appendix D)
- Structural Issues Categorisation and Prioritisation (Appendix G).
- Structural Safety Assessment Report - Template (Appendix J1) which is a blank template to be used in developing the report
- Structural Safety Assessment Report – Sample (Appendix K1) for reference and guidance on how the template should be used.

Reports will contain the following sections and a description for report writing based on a completed assessment is outlined below:

- Cover Sheet
- Contents page
- Executive Summary
- Description of the Factory Extents
- Description of the building structure
- Observations
- Priority Actions
- Summary of Priority Actions
- Detailed Engineering Assessment (if required)
- Limitations and Assumptions

8.2.1 Cover Sheet

The cover sheet should contain the name, address and coordinates of the Factory. Once the report is completed and prior to checking review the colour

classification should be indicated. The names of the assessment team, date of the assessment and a photograph of the building should also be included. On completion of the review, the revision number, date and names of checker and approver will be added by the checking engineer. Where more than one building is assessed and given a colour classification, the most onerous of the colour classifications is the one that should appear on the cover sheet for the factory.

8.2.2 Contents Page

The report contents will be standard for all reports, but a list giving the main report headings will be given with corresponding page numbers. Page numbers will have to be entered manually given that the FFC Actions PDF report has to be inserted under the 'Priority Actions' heading.

8.2.3 Executive Summary

The executive summary should include a description of the assessment activities, observations and priority actions. The following format should be adopted:

- On DAY XXth Month Year Name Name of Assessment Firm Name carried out a visual structural assessment of the Factory Name factory at the address and coordinates given on the cover page of this report.
- Describe Building Use.
- Describe what we did and did not inspect.
- Comment on status of drawings/reports provided – permit, architectural, engineer, As-built, other.
- Comment on validity of drawings –are they close to the as built condition?
- If a factory contains a number of buildings provide a brief description of each. Label each building for ease of reference in the report. The overall structural colour coding for the report will be based on the worst case building on the site.
- Comment on the factory colour code: “The overall colour code category of this factory is Colour Code. This means that there are at least some actions which must be addressed within Time Period.”
- Where multiple buildings occur in a factory the individual categories should be recorded here as follows:

“The colour code categories for the significant individual factory buildings assessed are outlined below:

Building 1 : Colour Code

Building 2 : Colour Code

Building 3 : Colour Code
- List of key concerns noted: Highest priority concerns should be noted first. If there is a concern raised that brings a report to Category Amber or higher this

should be highlighted in bold. This should be contained within the first two pages of the report. Then provide a schedule of additional concerns

- Comment on the level of housekeeping and maintenance demonstrated in the factory, based on the key concerns listed and other documentary evidence presented
- If a Detailed Engineering Assessment is required in a multi-building factory, be explicit about which building requires this. Also remember that a DEA must be for an entire building.
- General comment on Seismic performance : “We have carried out a seismic assessment in accordance with the LABS methodology, with no significant findings arising. Further seismic assessment is not required as part of LABS Initiative. As this was not a code compliance check in accordance with the Vietnamese Construction Regulations, the factory management may wish to consider this separately”– change as appropriate
- Comment on need to suspend factory operations in part or all of factory if safety issues determined
- Comment on actions ‘Further actions with associated priorities and timeframes are given at the end of this report. Please note that these actions should be completed as soon as practically possible and certainly within the timeframe noted. ‘
- Comment on Limitations - ‘Our Limitations and Assumptions are also noted at the end of this report.’

8.2.4 Factory Extents

This section of the report should contain a graphical description of the building(s) and the extent of the assessed factory floors within the site. Google Maps images can be useful to provide a site plan for indicating the building extents. These images can be supplemented with site photographs, sketches and text to describe the following:

- Number of storeys
- Approximate year of construction
- Phased development
- Movement and Construction Joints
- Floors occupied by the Factory in multi use building
- Vertical or Horizontal extensions
- Status of Permit identification of unpermitted development
- Validity of drawings
- Any other features of note.

8.2.5 Structural System

This section of the report should contain a graphical description of the structure of the building(s). The structural system is likely to vary, especially in buildings where floors and extensions have been added. However, it should be possible to give a high level summary of each individual building with one page per building.

It is not necessary to provide very detailed descriptions of non-critical support buildings which do not accommodate significant numbers of people.

Each system should be described to provide a summary of the following information:

- Structure Type – beam & slab / Flat slab / other
- Stability System – moment frame / shear wall / bracing / other
- Number of storeys
- Grid dimensions
- Typical column size at lower levels or critical areas
- Typical beam size
- Slab thickness
- Foundation type (if available)
- Position of joints
- Any other features of note.

8.2.6 Observations

This section should contain a graphical representation of observations using a combination of photographs and sketches to describe the issues of concern. Each observation should be described separately, numbered sequentially from STR 1 to STR *n*. Where relevant and useful, a location for the observation should be provided by means of a marked up drawing, sketch or photograph.

The observations should be ordered in priority of highest concerns first (e.g. high working stress on columns at ground floor) followed by secondary issues of lesser concern.

8.2.7 Priority Actions

This section of the report is prepared through FFC, which is the database platform being used by LABS to collate all of the observations and actions in each factory. Separate training is being provided to assessors in the detail of how this is done.

For each observed item an action list should be prepared to identify the specific required follow up actions and prioritised as follows:

- Priority 1 (SP1) - Immediate Action, e.g. full or partial evacuation, cease construction, remove load etc (red, amber action)

- Priority 2 (SP2) - Action to be completed within 6 weeks
- Priority 3 (SP3) – Action to be complete within 6 months.

The assessment team should consult with the colour coding table and Appendix G2 when assigning priorities.

All actions are also to be categorised into issue and sub-issue type in accordance with the guidance provided in Appendix G1. Relevant clause numbers from the LABS Standard should also be included for reference to identify the relevant clause under which the action is being included.

The assessment teams will prepare the section entirely through FFC and use the PDF output report to insert into this section of the report.

If a Detailed Engineering Assessment (DEA) is required to establish a more in-depth check on the structure, a page describing the standard requirements for this work should be included at the end of this section. The standard text is included in the LABS Standard and it should not be altered. DEAs should included as actions in cases where the Structural Engineer has one or more observations which, on their own or in aggregate, raise serious concerns in relation to the structural safety of the building. A DEA should only be requested where this is the case.

8.2.8 Summary of Priority Actions

This is a one-page summary of the actions to be undertaken by the factory management, including the timelines. It is generated automatically from FFC as a table, which is to be inserted into the report.

8.2.9 Limitations and Assumptions

Our standard text on the assessment limitations and assumptions should be included at the end of the report. This text should not be modified.

In addition, the following disclaimer text from LABS should be included:

LABS disclaimer

*This report is the result of an assessment conducted applying the Methodology for Preliminary Safety Assessment for Vietnam (the “**Methodology**”) and the LABS harmonized reference standard and protocol (“**LABS Standard**”).*

The LABS Standard and the Methodology describe the requirements for addressing life safety in factories with respect to structural, electrical and fire safety, but LABS Foundation is not responsible for, nor can it guarantee that factories have fully ensured structural, electrical and fire life safety. LABS Foundation is not responsible for assuring that the factories and/or inspection companies conducting assessments conform to the requirements of the LABS Standard and/or the Methodology.

The inspection company conducting assessments must interpret and adapt the LABS Standard and Methodology as necessary to each specific factory and the local context where an assessment takes place. The inspection company is solely responsible for the assessment and the outcomes of such assessment, such as, but not limited to, this report. In connection with this report or any part thereof, LABS Foundation does not owe duty of care (whether in contract or in tort or under statute or otherwise) to any person or party to whom the report is circulated and LABS Foundation shall not be liable to any party who uses, relies or acts on this report. LABS Foundation is not responsible and cannot be held liable for any losses and/or any damages suffered by factories, inspection companies and/or any third party involved caused by or in connection with structural, electrical and fire life safety in factories, the LABS Standard, the Methodology, assessments, reports, outcomes of assessments and/or consequences of assessments, unless the factory, inspection company or any third party proves the willful misconduct or gross negligence of LABS Foundation.

By reading the report the reader of the report shall be deemed to have accepted the terms mentioned hereinabove.

8.2.10 FFC Uploads

In addition to uploading the Structural Safety Assessment Report to FFC, the following should also be uploaded:

- Column capacity checks
- FEMA 154 RVS
- Seismic shear capacity checks (where relevant)

8.3 Fire Safety Assessment Report

A number of guidance documents are available for the preparation of the Fire Safety reports:

- Fire Safety Assessment Checklist (Appendix E)
- Fire Issues Categorisation, Prioritisation & Standard Actions document (Appendix H). An excel version of this document titled 'Fire categorisation-actions.xlsx' is also available to assist with compiling the report.
- Fire Safety Assessment Report - Template (Appendix J2) which is a blank template that can be used in developing the report
- Fire Safety Assessment Report – Sample (Appendix K2) for reference and guidance on how the template should be used.

The factory building data noted by the Fire Safety Assessor following the checklist prompts, can be used together with the Fire Safety Report template and 'Fire categorisation-actions.xlsx' spreadsheet to complete the report.

Reports will contain the following sections and a description for report writing based on a completed Assessment is outlined below:

- Cover Sheet
- Contents Page
- Executive Summary
- General Factory and Building Information
- Description of the Fire Safety measures
- Observations
- Priority Actions
- Summary of Priority Actions
- Limitations and Assumptions

Each of these sections is covered in more detail below by making reference to the prompts and tables provided in the Fire Safety Assessment Report – Template. Guidance as to what data is required in which tables, and some comment on the relevance of this data *is given in italics in the tables extracted from the template.*

8.3.1 Cover Sheet

The cover sheet should contain the name, address and coordinates of the Factory. Once the report is completed and prior to review the colour classification should be indicated. Where more than one building is assessed and given a colour classification, the most onerous of the colour classifications is the one that should appear on the cover sheet for the factory.

The names of the Assessment team, date of the Assessment and a photograph of the building should also be included. On completion of the review, the revision number, date and names of checker and approver will be added by the checking engineer.

8.3.2 Contents Page

The report contents will be standard for all reports, but a list giving the main report headings will be given with corresponding page numbers. Page numbers will have to be entered manually given that the FFC Actions pdf report has to be inserted under the ‘Priority Actions’ heading.

8.3.3 Executive summary

The executive summary should include a description of the Assessment activities, observations and actions. The following format should be adopted:

- On DAY XXth MONTH YEAR Name Name of Assessment Firm Name carried out a visual electrical Assessment of the Factory Name factory at the address and coordinates given on the cover page of this report.
- Describe Building Use.
- Describe what we did and did not inspect.

- Comment on status of drawings/reports provided – permit, engineer, as built, other.
- Comment on validity of drawings – are they close to the as built condition?
- If a factory contains a number of buildings provide a brief description of each. Label each building for ease of reference in the report. The overall Fire Safety colour coding for the report will be based on the worst case building on the site.
- Comment on the factory colour code: “The overall colour code category of this factory is Colour Code. This means that there are at least some actions which must be addressed within Time Period.”
- Where multiple buildings occur in a factory the individual categories should be recorded here as follows:
 “The colour code categories for the significant individual factory buildings assessed are outlined below:
 Building 1 : Colour Code
 Building 2 : Colour Code
 Building 3 : Colour Code
- List of key concerns noted: Highest priority concerns should be noted first. If there is a concern raised that brings a report to status Red-Amber this should be highlighted in bold.
- Comment on need to suspend factory operations in part or all of factory if safety issues determined.
- Comment on whether there are immediate actions required on Priority 1 issues which should be dealt with within 2 weeks, such as removing locks from Final Exit doors.
- Comment on the level of housekeeping and maintenance demonstrated in the factory, based on the key concerns listed and other documentary evidence presented.
- Comment on Limitations - ‘Our Limitations and Assumptions are also noted at the end of this report.’

8.3.4 General Factory and Building Information

The information required for the General building description is common to all Structural, Fire Safety and Electrical Assessments, and may be obtained jointly before inspecting the buildings, at the initial factory management meeting.

8.3.4.1 General Factory information

A table is given indicating the minimum data to be noted for ‘General factory Information’, and is self-explanatory.

8.3.4.2 General Building Information

The General Building Information aims to capture all information about each building relevant to the Fire Safety Assessment of the factory. This information is captured in the following table:

Number of Buildings	<p><i>The number of buildings that will be assessed and given a Risk Category rating.</i></p> <p><i>Generally, this will include as a minimum all Production Buildings and some Storage Buildings.</i></p> <p><i>As guidance Storage buildings with over 50 occupants or greater than 1.500m² total (based on design density factor of 30m²/person) shall be assessed and given a Risk Category.</i></p> <p><i>There will normally be other ancillary buildings (Generator, Transformer, Boiler, 1st Aid, Creche, Pump rooms, small Stores, etc.) on the site, that will form part of the Fire Safety Assessment and which should be mentioned later. For these buildings, as well as Storage buildings less than 1.500m² in area, the assessors can use their discretion as to whether they should be given a Risk Categorisation or not.</i></p>	
Building Designation and Uses in Building/s	<i>Production xx</i>	<i>Give each building a label for future reference in the report and identify the use or uses of the building</i>
	<i>Production yy</i>	<i>ditto</i>
	<i>Storage xx</i>	<i>ditto</i>
	<i>Other zz</i>	<i>ditto</i>
Basement Floors	<p><i>State whether there is/are basement/s</i></p> <p><i>Indicate all buildings where basements are present using building labels identified above</i></p>	
Mezzanine floors	<p><i>State whether there is/are mezzanine floor/s</i></p> <p><i>Indicate all buildings where mezzanines are present, and at which floor levels</i></p>	
Storeys above grade	<i>Production xx</i>	<i>Number of storeys n; Ground +(n-1)</i>
	<i>Production yy</i>	<i>ditto</i>
	<i>Storage xx</i>	<i>ditto</i>
	<i>Other zz</i>	<i>ditto</i>
Height of Buildings (m)	<i>Production xx</i>	<i>Height (m) of top occupied floor above Fire Brigade access level</i>
	<i>Production yy</i>	<i>ditto</i>
	<i>Storage xx</i>	<i>ditto</i>

	<i>Other zz</i>	<i>ditto</i>
°Floor Dimensions/ Areas	<i>Production xx</i>	<i>Width x length = area (m²) for each building</i>
	<i>Production yy</i>	<i>ditto</i>
	<i>Storage xx</i>	<i>ditto</i>
	<i>Other zz</i>	<i>ditto</i>
Occupant Numbers	<i>Production xx</i>	<i>This needs to be broken down into occupancy by floor</i> <i>For large areas floor occupancy may need to be broken down into occupancy per area/use</i>
	<i>Production yy</i>	<i>ditto</i>
	<i>Storage xx</i>	<i>ditto</i>
	<i>Other zz</i>	<i>ditto</i>
Number of Work Shifts	<i>State number of works shifts, and shift hours if appropriate</i>	
Year of Construction	<i>Year of construction for each building</i>	
Type of Construction	<i>Production xx</i>	<i>Reinforced concrete, structural steel, timber or describe combination, for each building</i>
	<i>Production yy</i>	<i>ditto</i>
	<i>Storage xx</i>	<i>ditto</i>
	<i>Other zz</i>	<i>ditto</i>
Additions/ Renovations	<i>Note any additions/alterations to the building and the year in which they were made</i>	
Floor Plans provided	<i>Production xx</i>	<i>Architectural drawings, Factory Assessors layouts, Planning layouts, or any other used as reference in the report.</i>
	<i>Production yy</i>	<i>ditto</i>
	<i>Storage xx</i>	<i>ditto</i>
	<i>Other zz</i>	<i>ditto</i>

Permits provided	<p><i>Note the permits that management could produce on the day of the Assessment.</i></p> <p><i>This should include items such as:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Planning Authority License to construct the factory buildings, with approval date</i> - <i>Fire Police report, with latest inspection date</i> - <i>Fire License, with validity date</i>
Other Comments	<p><i>Any other characteristics not picked up in the table that may have relevance to the Fire Safety Assessment should be noted here.</i></p>

A graphical description of the buildings should also be presented here by making use of:

- Schematic layout of factory premises, in which the buildings being assessed could be indicated and labelled
- Typical floor plans obtained prior to the inspection or at the management meeting. The different areas or uses that will be referred to in the report should be indicated and labelled on these.
- Sections in which the different uses on each floor should be identified and labelled.

8.3.5 Fire Safety measures

The description of the Fire Safety measures for buildings can be done by filling in the data noted during the Assessment in the tables corresponding to the checklist prompts (see Appendix H and 'Fire categorisation-actions.xlsx' spreadsheet).

The report headings and sub-headings use the 'Issue Type' and 'Sub-Issue Type' headings from the checklist.

Use of Photos

The Fire Safety Report template provides some boxes under 'Fire Safety measures' in which Photos can be inserted to illustrate some of the descriptive text in the tables. The location or number of Figures used is left up to the discretion of the authors of the report - they can be inserted in any of the subsections above, but it is not essential here to insert any photos.

To save time in producing the report the amount of photos could be minimised in this section. It is expected that when 'Observations' are discussed in a later section most of the observations noted will be accompanied by photos to illustrate the descriptions.

Tip on inserting photos: If using Word to produce reports, convert all photos to smaller size format or use the Windows Snipping Tool to insert them easily into boxes provided.

8.3.5.1 Occupancy Classification

The Occupancy Classification determines the fire safety measures that the LABS Standard requires, and should be identified for each significant building documented in the report, e.g.:

Production buildings - General Industrial Occupancy (Group G Industrial)

Warehouse buildings - Ordinary Hazard Storage (Group H Storage)

Canteen buildings – Assembly

Dormitory buildings - Residential

8.3.5.2 Means of Escape

This section follows a sequence of provisions for horizontal escape, vertical escape and then final escape to outside and away from the building.

It is recommended that at least two diagrams are provided at the beginning of this section to make the description that follows easier:

- A diagram indicating Floor Exits from Typical Floor/s of Building/s. This diagram should also distinguish between room/area exits and Floor Exits, as requirements for each are different.
- A diagram indicating Final Exits from Ground Floor of Building/s. This diagram should also distinguish between room/area exits and Final Exits, as requirements for each are different.

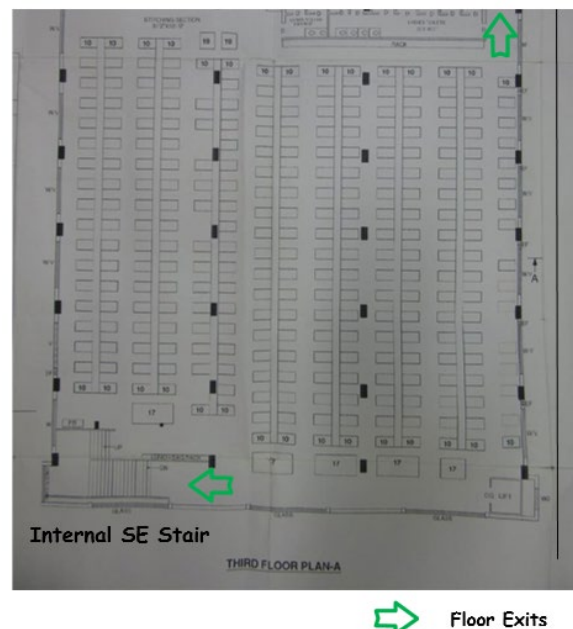


Figure xx Schematic showing Floor Exits from Typical Floor/s of Building/s

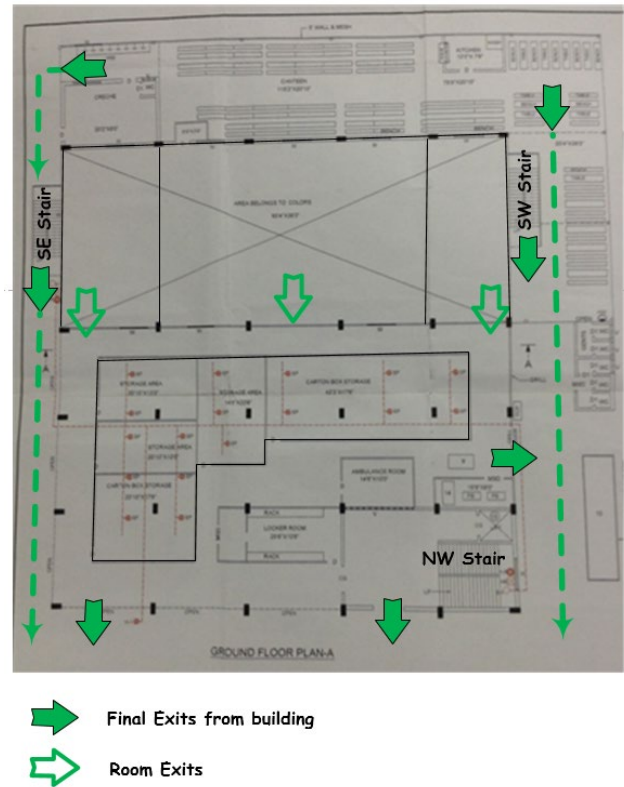


Figure xx Schematic showing Final Exits from Ground Floor of Building/s and route away from building

For a single storey building, this data can be shown on one drawing. These diagrams can be created quickly by using floor layouts collected during the Assessment and marking up relevant data.

These diagrams should also be used for labelling areas, stairs, exit numbers that can be referred to in the descriptions given in the data boxes.

The data tables from the Fire Safety Report template are reproduced below, with a short description of what information should be recorded here and for what purpose:

Floor Exits

This table aims to set out the data needed to assess whether the number and width of Exit Doors from any floor is adequate for the floor occupancies

Building/Floor/ Area	Occupancy	Door width required	No. Exits provided	Total Door Width	Door Capacity provided
Where there is more than one building each	Greater of occupants noted on Assessment	Occupancy x 5mm/pers	No.	Sum of door widths	Total door width

<i>building should be identified separately. For multi-storey buildings data for each floor of the building needs to be recorded</i>	<i>(factory data or observed) and calculated using density factor x floor area</i>				<i>provided / 5mm/pers</i>
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Further points to note:

- When recording data for Ground Floor the contribution from occupants from any stairs discharging internally must be taken into account in assessing door capacities.

Following this the same exercise is carried out to assess whether the number and width of Exit Stairs from any floor is adequate for the floor occupancies and floor exits provided. Some points to note:

Building/Floor/ Area	Occupancy	Stair width required	No. Stairs	Total Stair Width	Stair Capacity provided
<i>As above</i>	<i>As above</i>	<i>Occupancy x 7.6 mm/person</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Sum of stair widths</i>	<i>Total stair width provided / 7.6mm/pers</i>

Once this data has been set out the report provides a table that looks at the travel distances to exits:

Alternative routes for escape provided from all areas	<i>Record either 'Yes' or indicate where there are areas where only one direction of travel is possible.</i>
Excessive travel distance to nearest floor exit	<p><i>Are there points where travel distances to the nearest exit exceed 61m (or 76m sprinklered)?</i></p> <p><i>Note also any travel paths that have components of travel greater than 15m (30m sprinklered) where only one direction of travel is possible (common path) before divergence to alternate routes</i></p>
Escape from Mezzanines	<i>One or more exits off mezzanines, and common path distance on mezzanine. Consider also the total distance from mezzanine to floor exits</i>

Escape Paths to Floor Exits

The aim of this section is to record the condition of the horizontal escape routes from all points on the floors to the floor exits.

It is not generally necessary to record this data on a floor-by-floor basis for the following sections, but if observations are noted that apply to only one particular area or building, the building/ floor/ area should be noted.

Escape paths of adequate widths from all areas	<i>Generally talking about aisles between workstations. Note any aisles on any part of the escape path of inadequate width (less than 915mm)</i>
Excessive dead ends to aisles or corridors	<i>Note whether there are any dead-end deviations of travel paths that exceed 15m</i>
Pathways clearly indicated on floor	<i>Condition of floor markings</i>
Escape paths clear of temporary obstacles	<i>Refers generally to uncontrolled storage, workstations invading aisles, or other items that could be addressed by better housekeeping</i>
Escape paths free of any permanent obstacles	<i>Permanent obstructions such as columns, machinery, heavy furniture that reduce the effective width aisles to less than allowable</i>
Doors on exit paths swing correctly in travel direction	<i>Doors between any point on the floor and the Floor Exit (Floor Exit doors covered later)</i>
Doors on exit paths easily openable, no locking devices	<i>If there are locking devices they must have lock override devices to allow opening from direction of travel.</i>

Exit Signage

This section deals with the signage provided to indicate paths to the Floor Exits from all points on the floor.

Clear floor signage indicating all escape paths	<i>Is floor signage provided, and condition of floor markings</i>
Evacuation pathways correctly sign posted	<i>Does the signage provided lead people correctly to the Floor Exits?</i> <i>Is there overhead signage provided at the end indicating changes of direction (normally at end of aisles between workstations)?</i>
Illuminated exit signs at all emergency exits	<i>Exit signs above all Floor Exit doors. Comment also on the size of these signs; are they appropriate to the size of the space?</i>

Signage consistent on all exit paths	<i>Is signage consistent on any one floor and throughout the building</i>
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Floor Exit doors

This section deals with the doors to the Floor Exits, which are the doors leading to stairs, protected corridors or ramps providing exits from upper floors.

The aim of this section is to examine all Floor Exit doors at the upper levels. At Ground Floor level these doors may also be the Final Exit doors, which are dealt with later.

Floor exit door width, height adequate	<i>Comment on widths will be based on Door capacity data tabulated earlier; any other door dimension remarks to be noted here</i>
Floor exit doors swing correctly in travel direction	<i>Side swing doors or other types (sliding, shutters, etc.)</i>
Floor exit doors easily openable, no locking devices	<i>Can the doors be locked, and if so are they equipped with lock override device from inside?</i>

Exit Stairs

The report now assesses the 2nd component, the vertical part of the escape route, which generally comprises the stairwells:

Stair width adequate	<i>Comment on widths will be based on Stair capacity data tabulated earlier; any other stair dimension remarks to be noted here</i>
Tread/riser consistent and not too steep	<i>Note here whether there are any notable differences in steps in any one flight, and whether the stair tread/riser relationship makes the stair too steep (greater than 45°)</i>
Handrails provided both sides in all stairways	<i>Note whether provided or not</i>
All stairways lead directly to outside at discharge level	<i>Note whether there are stairs discharging internally or not. If they discharge into covered areas, that could be affected by fire/smoke inside the building, they do not discharge to outside and this should be flagged up</i>

Number of stairs discharging inside building, unprotected distance from Final Exit	<i>The number of stairs that discharge into the accommodation at Ground level (permissible to have up to 50% discharging internally under certain conditions). If they do discharge inside, note use of area and distance to Final Exit.</i>
Stairs discharging inside lead into a protected corridor	<i>Note whether stairs discharging inside enter into a protected area before exiting to outside</i>

Final Exits

The last component of the means of escape is the Final Exits to outside. This is treated separately to the Floor Exits because even though there are many common issues, the conditions and requirements differ.

Final Exit doors swing correctly in travel direction	<i>Side swing doors or other types (sliding doors, shutters, security gates, etc.)</i>
Final Exit doors easily openable from inside, override any security locking devices	<i>Can the doors be locked, and if so are they equipped with lock override device from inside?</i> <i>Generally, at Ground level there will be a security requirement for lockable doors, so a pushbar or similar arrangement will be required, which overrides any lock from inside.</i>
Final Exit doors open to outside	<i>Similar to that mentioned for stair discharge, do the exits lead to outside or into a covered area that could be affected by fire/ smoke inside the accommodation</i>
From Final Exit door, can people move safely away from the building	<i>Can people move directly away from the building subject to fire, or does it lead into a confined space such as an open corridor or alleyway that leads people in close proximity (less than 3m) to the façade for some distance before they can move away from the building.</i>
Protection of escape route outside required	<i>Where the escape path outside keeps people within 3m of the building facade, is it a solid fire rated façade barrier or are there unprotected façade openings along the route?</i>

8.3.5.3 Fire Safety Construction

The aim of this section is to identify construction requirements for fire rated protection of escape paths, compartmentation to limit the size of a fire and fire rated separation of high risk areas from other usable space.

Protection of Vertical Openings

The most common types of openings that need to be assessed are the vertical openings between floors to accommodate stairs, lifts or services ducts.

Stairs connecting more than 2 floors need to be protected as a ‘place of relative safety’ in the vertical component of means of escape.

Enclosure of internal Stairs connecting more than 2 floors	<i>Indicate which stairs this applies to and the extent of enclosure with fire rated construction.</i>
Self-closing doors to protected stairs	<i>The doorways into the stair enclosures need to be fire rated doors, opening in the direction of travel and with self-closing devices. Where there are no enclosures, there will be no doors; for existing enclosures the data on doors should be noted here.</i>
Unsealed penetrations in stair enclosures	<i>Where existing enclosures are present, this item notes the condition of the openings through the wall enclosure for ducts, electrical services or other penetrations. Are these openings properly sealed around the services with adequate fire stopping products?</i>
Protection of external stair from fire in interior	<i>External exit stairs also need protection from a fire inside the building. Note any openings in the façade wall with 3m of the path of the external stair all the way to ground. Doors to these stairs would also need to be fire rated and self-closing</i>
Protection of vertical service shafts passing through floors	<i>Shafts for vertical connection of services are common, and enclosed in fire rated walls. Access openings to these shaft ducts should also be fire rated.</i>
Fire rated separation of lifts shafts	<i>Lift shafts constitute other common vertical openings through floors, and need to be enclosed with fire rated construction</i>
Other vertical openings through compartment floors	<i>Other vertical openings should be noted (garment chutes, atrium, etc.) as well as the</i>

	<i>level of fire rated enclosure to prevent fire and smoke spread via these openings.</i>
Protection of basement with FR lobby, walls and self-closing doors	<i>Basements need to be separated from the above ground floors with fire rated construction, and with lobbies to stair openings regardless of building height.</i>

Separation of Occupancies

The main occupancy categories of the buildings are identified in 8.3.3.1 above.

Where there are other occupancies, such as Offices or Dining areas, then where these do not meet the requirements for ‘incidental occupancies’ they should be identified here.

Storage areas are treated separately in the next section.

Use of space with area too great to be considered an 'incidental occupancy'	<i>Identify whether there are any areas of use on the production floor that, due to the use and area of that space, do not classify as 'incidental occupancies'. Such areas would need to be separated from the main occupancy with fire rated construction.</i>
Fire rated separating walls between different occupancies	<i>State whether other occupancy uses need to be separated from the main occupancy by fire rated construction</i>
Unsealed penetrations through separating walls	<i>Where fire rated enclosures are provided between occupancies, identify penetrations through these separating walls (doors, windows, ductwork, gaps between top of wall and ceiling, etc.) and state how these penetrations are protected.</i>

Storage Areas

Storage areas are much more prevalent in garment factories and subject to more variables to provide a more flexible approach to facilitate the production process and maximise the amount of unseparated storage allowed in existing buildings.

This section distinguishes between dedicated storage areas, which usually occupy significant floor areas, and temporary or ‘in-process’ storage that is more distributed over the production floor.

There are multiple factors that affect the amount of storage that can be accommodated in any one area, and the following table captures the information required to guide the Assessor as to whether remedial actions are required or not:

Storage Location	Approx. area Storage (m ²)	Total Floor area (m ²)	FR enclosure	Sprinklered Floor
<i>Building</i>			<i>Yes/No</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Floor - location</i>			<i>Yes/No</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>

In-process or temporary storage can be left open to the production floor, subject to restrictions on the amount of accumulated storage in any one area. Where in

process storage has been identified as not meeting these requirements, but where in the opinion of the Assessor measures could be implemented to make it comply and avoid having to enclose it with fire rated construction, a description of these cases should be noted in the following table:

Location	Description
<i>Building</i>	
<i>Floor - location</i>	<i>e.g. 'In-process' storage far exceeding 23m² in a non-sprinklered area along corridor adjacent to the Finishing area on the S side of 2nd Floor. Estimated total area 60m².</i>

Other High Risk Areas

There are a number of uses that require fire rated separation from the production areas and escape paths under all circumstances.

If they are located inside the building, they must always be contained within a fire rated enclosure, if located outside the building a fire rated separation is required where there is not at least 3m clear of any façade openings or clear of the required width of escape path.

The data for these areas is recorded in the following table:

Installation	Type	Location	Separated from Production Area	Separated from Exit Path
Generator	<i>Electric, Diesel, Gas</i>	<i>Describe location</i>	<i>Yes, how separated or No</i>	<i>Yes, how separated or No</i>
Boiler	<i>ditto</i>	<i>ditto</i>	<i>ditto</i>	<i>ditto</i>
Transformer	<i>ditto</i>	<i>ditto</i>	<i>ditto</i>	<i>ditto</i>
Compressor	<i>ditto</i>	<i>ditto</i>	<i>ditto</i>	<i>ditto</i>
Chemicals Storage	<i>ditto</i>	<i>ditto</i>	<i>ditto</i>	<i>ditto</i>
Other	<i>ditto</i>	<i>ditto</i>	<i>ditto</i>	<i>ditto</i>

Structure and Finishes

Protection of the structure is more relevant to steel structures than to concrete structures.

Structural Fire Protection	<p><i>For RC structures it is assumed that the concrete cover to the reinforcement provides sufficient fire protection to the structure.</i></p> <p><i>For steel structures a note should be made as to whether fire protection is observed or not, and what type if possible</i></p>
Wall Finishes	<p><i>Normally brickwork, plaster/ paint</i></p> <p><i>Record if any wall finish appears to be flammable and that may not meet the fire spread requirements of the LABS Standard for wall finishes</i></p>
Ceiling finishes	<p><i>Normally brickwork, plaster/ paint</i></p> <p><i>Record if any wall finish appears to be flammable and that may not meet the fire spread requirements of the LABS Standard for ceiling finishes</i></p>

8.3.5.4 Fire Safety Systems

In the Fire Safety Report, the type and coverage of the Detection and Alarm systems are recorded. More detail of the wiring and back-up supply will be covered by the Electrical Report.

Any variations across different buildings, floors or areas should be noted:

Fire Detection types	<p><i>Typical types to note here would be Point Detectors (battery operated), Smoke Detectors, Beam Detectors, Heat Detectors, etc.</i></p>
Fire Detector coverage	<p><i>Does coverage of detectors appear sufficient to meet LABS Standards spacing requirements.</i></p> <p><i>Note whether detection provided in enclosed spaces within the main floor area</i></p>
Fire Alarm types	<p><i>Typical types to note here would be Sounders, Sounder with Visual, Voice Alarm, etc.</i></p>
Fire Alarm coverage	<p><i>Does coverage by alarms provided appear sufficient to meet LABS Standards spacing requirements?</i></p> <p><i>Based on test carried out on the system, comment on audibility throughout the area tested.</i></p> <p><i>Are there enclosed areas, or areas with high background noise that would need additional alarms?</i></p>
Fire Detection and Alarm back-up power	<p><i>State what was learned during the Assessment, refer to Electrical report for more detail</i></p>
Emergency Lighting at Exits	<p><i>Record whether all Floor Exits and Final Exits were equipped with emergency lighting that illuminated the path in the vicinity of the exit</i></p>
Emergency Lighting of escape paths	<p><i>Comment on distribution of the emergency lights remote from the exits and state whether the distribution appeared to be sufficient to provide adequate lighting on all parts of the escape paths.</i></p> <p><i>A test of the emergency lighting will be carried out, but that will not provide meaningful information of lux levels</i></p>

Emergency Lighting back-up power	<i>State what was learned during the Assessment, refer to Electrical report for more detail</i>
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8.3.5.5 Provisions for Fire Fighting

Water Supply		<p><i>Municipal network, Site storage or a combination.</i></p> <p><i>Is the storage amount reduced by depending on a guaranteed municipal supply or is municipal supply only used for topping up site storage?</i></p>
Water Storage		<p><i>State what volumes of water for firefighting are stored on site, and location of storage</i></p> <p><i>Where there is ground level as well as roof level storage, volume available at Roof level must be given.</i></p> <p><i>The fire hose reel system is considered as part of the life safety systems and therefore the Assessor needs to determine whether there is enough water (with associated pumping facilities) for this system</i></p>
Fire Pumps	Type	<p><i>Mention the type of pumps provided:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>to get water into high level storage</i> - <i>booster or jockey pumps to maintain pressure in hydrant, hose reel and sprinkler system (if installed)</i>
	Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>record capacity of pump; flow (lpm) and pressure (kPa)</i>
	Back-up	<p><i>State what was learned during the Assessment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>back up pumps at low and high level</i> - <i>refer to Electrical report for more detail on wiring, activation of pumps</i>
Hydrants		<p><i>Refers to external hydrants at ground level, and outlets for hydrant hoses inside the building, normally near exits or stairs, on landings or half-landings.</i></p> <p><i>State locations and approx. diameters (normally ~75mm)</i></p> <p><i>Do they appear sufficient to give full floor coverage?</i></p>
Fire Hoses		<p><i>Fire Hoses should be connected to water supply and under pressure. Try and note a pressure reading on the system</i></p> <p><i>State locations and approx. diameters</i></p> <p><i>Fire Hoses are considered a part of the life safety measures so they should be connected to a system with a stand-by pump supply.</i></p> <p><i>State what was learned during the Assessment, refer to Electrical report for more detail on wiring, back-up to pumps</i></p>

Handheld Fire Extinguishers (HHFE)	<p><i>State type of extinguishers observed and whether tags show recent maintenance Assessment dates.</i></p> <p><i>Comment on the observed distribution of the extinguishers and state whether the distribution appeared to be sufficient to comply with LABS Standard requirements for fire extinguisher coverage</i></p>
Automatic suppression system	<p><i>Note type and location of any automatic extinguishing systems</i></p> <p><i>Where provided, mention whether there is full floor coverage or only partial coverage. If partial coverage, is protected area separated from non-protected areas with fire rated separating enclosure?</i></p>
Access for Fire Fighting vehicles	<p><i>Mention perimeter access provided for fire tenders; access with sufficient clear width and height required for fire tender access</i></p> <p><i>Note where internal hydrant connection points are at Ground level, and access for the Fire Services to those points</i></p>

8.3.5.6 Management and Housekeeping

The aim of this section is to record how well the facility appears to be managed, and the rigour with which maintenance of fire safety systems is carried out.

Legal Documents	<p><i>It should be noted whether the factory has a Fire License, even though this may not reflect the observed condition of the buildings..</i></p> <p><i>In most jurisdictions the Fire Police report should indicate instructions for improvements to fire safety systems given by the local authority.</i></p>
Emergency Plan	<p><i>Each factory should have an Emergency Plan in which responsibilities for different actions in the event of an emergency are assigned.</i></p> <p><i>Note things such as the existence of this Emergency Plan and whether responsibilities have been assigned.</i></p> <p><i>Emergency layout panels posted at each floor exit could also be mentioned, and information from the Emergency Plan contained on these panels such as (phone numbers, responsible person for floor, etc.)</i></p>
Fire drills	<p><i>Note whether Fire Drills have been documented, which employees participated and the date of the last recorded fire drills</i></p>
Fire Safety Training	<p><i>Note what training has been provided to staff for 1st Aid fire fighting, and whether people responsible for actions identified in the Emergency Plan receive training to carry out those actions.</i></p>
Maintenance records for fire safety systems	<p><i>Maintenance and testing records of the Fire Safety systems are to be noted here for the following systems as well as dates for last documented tests:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Alarm and Detection system</i> - <i>Emergency lighting system</i> - <i>Water pumps</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Back-up power activation</i> <p><i>Cause and effect testing should also be noted e.g. test that activates detector to see that alarms and pumps are activated automatically</i></p>
Housekeeping	<p><i>Any other documentation that the factory may provide to demonstrate how all fire safety measures are implemented or maintained.</i></p> <p><i>Mention also the general state of housekeeping observed during the Assessment:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Are escape routes generally clear of obstacles</i> - <i>Are escape stairs kept free of stored goods</i> - <i>Is storage maintained in designated areas or untidily distributed around the production floor</i>

8.3.6 Observations

This section should describe observations using a combination of text, photographs and sketches. Each observation should be described separately, numbered sequentially from FIRE-1 to FIRE-n. Where relevant and useful, a location for the observation should be provided by means of a marked up drawing, sketch or photograph.

Non-compliances that were noted during the Assessment will be noted under Observations in the formatted table, and the first line provides boxes for the Observation Reference No., Issue Type and Sub-Issue Type.

The next line provides space to describe the Observation and boxes are provided below to insert photos to assist with the description and location of the issue.

A sample Observations table is given below, with some tips on how to go about entering the data:

Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Issue Type
FIRE-xx <i>Use sequential numbering</i>	<i>From column C in the 'Fire categorisation actions' excel spreadsheet choose the relevant Issue Type</i>	<i>From column E in the 'Fire categorisation actions' excel spreadsheet choose the relevant Sub-Issue Type</i>
Observation		Building <i>Give Building/s reference/s here (for buildings identified for Risk Categorisation)</i>
<p><i>In many cases, you should find relevant text in column F in the 'Fire categorisation actions' excel spreadsheet under Sub-Issue Detail that provides a broad description of the Sub-Issue.</i></p> <p><i>This can be inserted into the Observation Description box, and then elaborated on to describe the observation as it relates to this factory.</i></p>		

<i>If no appropriate text is found in the 'Fire categorisation actions' excel spreadsheet then the observation can simply be described based on what was observed.</i>	
Figure xx <i>Each figure to be given a descriptive title</i>	Figure xx <i>Each figure to be given a descriptive title</i>

8.3.7 Priority Actions

This section of the report is prepared through FFC, which the database platform being used by LABS to collate all of the observations and actions in each factory. Separate training is being provided to assessors in the detail of how this is done.

Guidance is given in the appendix, for the way in which these actions and prioritisations will be recorded.

In Appendix H tables are given in the 'Fire Issues Categorisation, Prioritisation & Standard Actions' document for each Issue Type and Sub-Issue Type for Fire Safety issues, and then possible typical actions that may be needed to address these issues are given. All actions are also to be categorised into issue and sub-issue type in accordance with the guidance provided in Appendix H.

An excel version of this document titled 'Methodology Fire checklist Actions and Scoring.xlsx' is also available to assist with compiling the report, which provides standard text for many of the typical actions likely to be needed.

Alongside each action listed is a Priority that can be used as guidance for each action, for the building or space under consideration. The basis for the priorities given in the table are based on the following principles:

- Priority 1 (FP1) - Actions that are perceived to immediately affect the ability of people to evacuate the building safely in the event of fire, and attention should be given to addressing them from the outset. Immediate Action e.g. partial/full closure, localised closure of space, etc.
- Priority 2 (FP2) – Actions that are perceived to have a delayed or lesser effect on people evacuating the building safely in the event of fire. Actions to be completed within 6 weeks.
- Priority 3 (FP3) – issues that are perceived to have less of an impact on their own to evacuate the building safely in the event of fire. Actions to be completed within 6 months.

The Fire Safety Assessor must always be aware that some issues, in a typical case may be given a lesser priority rating, but under other circumstances may be more critical. It is left to the Assessor's engineering judgement to modify any priority rating if it does not appear to reflect the impact that the deficiency may cause.

A list of actions must be developed for each building that will get a risk categorisation (those buildings defined in the first table of the report), as the risk classification is calculated from the number and priority of actions assigned to each building. The assessment teams will prepare the section entirely through FFC and use the PDF output report to insert into this section of the report.

The actions given in the appendix, are not an exhaustive list of actions corresponding to all issues that may be identified by the Fire Safety Assessor, but rather a list of typical issues and remedial actions. This will serve to standardise the way in which actions are recorded as far as possible, which will assist in the recording and tracking of actions over a large number of factories.

The Fire Safety Assessor will be responsible for judging the adequacy of the actions to address the non-compliances observed, and should add their own actions to this list of 'typical remediation actions' if and as necessary.

The final Risk Category for the Factory will be that of the building that gets the highest Risk Category eg. a factory with two Production Buildings getting a 'Yellow' and 'Amber/Red' classification, and one Warehouse Building getting an 'Amber' classification, the Factory would be 'Amber/Red'.

8.3.8 Summary of Priority Actions

This is a one-page summary of the actions to be undertaken by the factory management, including the timelines. It is generated automatically from FFC as a table, which is to be inserted into the report.

8.3.9 Limitations and Assumptions

Our standard text on the Assessment limitations and assumptions should be included at the end of the report. This text should not be modified.

In addition, the following disclaimer text from LABS should be included:

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8.4 Electrical Safety Assessment Report

A number of guidance documents are available for the preparation of the Electrical Safety Assessment reports:

- Electrical Safety Assessment Checklist (Appendix F)
- Electrical Issues Categorisation and Prioritisation (Appendix I).
- Electrical Safety Assessment Report - Template (Appendix J3) which is a blank template to be used in developing the report
- Electrical Safety Assessment Report – Sample (Appendix K3) for reference and guidance on how the template should be used.

Reports will contain the following sections and a description for report writing based on a completed assessment is outlined below:

- Cover Sheet
- Contents Page
- Executive Summary
- Description of the Factory Extents
- Description of the building electrical systems
- Observations
- Priority Action List
- Summary of Priority Actions
- Limitations and Assumptions

8.4.1 Cover Sheet

The cover sheet should contain the name, address and coordinates of the Factory. Once the report is completed and prior to checking review the colour classification should be indicated. The names of the assessment team, date of the assessment and a photograph of the building should also be included. On completion of the review, the revision number, date and names of checker and approver will be added by the checking engineer. Where more than one building is assessed and given a colour classification, the most onerous of the colour classifications is the one that should appear on the cover sheet for the factory.

8.4.2 Contents Page

The report contents will be standard for all reports, but a list giving the main report headings will be given with corresponding page numbers. Page numbers will have to be entered manually given that the FFC Actions pdf report has to be inserted under the 'Priority Actions' heading.

8.4.3 Executive Summary

The executive summary should include a description of the assessment activities, observations and actions. The following format should be adopted:

- On DAY XXth September 2017 Name of Assessment Firm Name carried out a visual electrical assessment of the Factory Name factory at the address and coordinates given on the cover page of this report.
- Describe Building Use.
- Describe what was and was not inspected.
- Comment on status of drawings/reports provided – permit, engineer, as built, other.
- Comment on validity of drawings –are they close to the as built condition?
- If a factory contains a number of buildings provide a brief description of each. Label each building for ease of reference in the report. The overall structural colour coding for the report will be based on the worst case building on the site.
- Comment on the factory colour code: “The overall colour code category of this factory is Colour Code. This means that there are at least some actions which must be addressed within Time Period.”
- Where multiple buildings occur in a factory the individual categories should be recorded here as follows:

“The colour code categories for the significant individual factory buildings assessed are outlined below:

Building 1 : Colour Code

Building 2 : Colour Code

Building 3 : Colour Code

- List of key concerns noted: Highest priority concerns should be noted first. If there is a concern raised that brings a report to status amber this should be highlighted in bold. This should be contained within the first 2 pages of the report. Then provide a schedule of additional concerns
- Comment on the level of housekeeping and maintenance demonstrated in the factory, based on the key concerns listed and other documentary evidence presented
- Comment on actions ‘Further actions with associated priorities and timeframes are given at the end of this report. Please note that these actions should be completed as soon as practically possible and certainly within the timeframe noted. ‘
- Comment on need to suspend factory operations in part or all of factory if safety issues determined
- Comment on Limitations - ‘Our Limitations and Assumptions are also noted at the end of this report.’

8.4.4 Factory Extents

This section of the report should contain a graphical description of the building(s) and the extent of the assessed factory floors within the site. Google maps images can be useful to provide a site plan for indicating the building extents. These images can be supplemented with site photographs, sketches and text to describe the following:

- Number of storeys
- Approximate year of construction
- Phased development
- Number of substation and general location
- Number of generators and general location
- Floors occupied by the Factory in multi use building
- Validity of drawings
- Any other features of note.

8.4.5 Electrical Systems

This section of the report should contain a graphical description of the building(s) electrical systems. The following headings should be used in the report:

- Supplies to Life Safety System
- Earthing and Bonding
- Generators
- Substations

- Distribution

8.4.6 Observations

This section should contain a graphical representation of observations using a combination of photographs and sketches to describe the issues of concern. Each observation should be described separately, numbered sequentially from Elec-1 to Elec-*n*. A location for the observation should be provided by means of a marked up drawing, sketch or photograph. A summary of the actions required should also be provided (more detailed information will be provided in the priority actions section of the report).

8.4.7 Priority Actions

This section of the report is prepared through FFC, which the database platform being used by LABS to collate all of the observations and actions in each factory. Separate training is being provided to assessors in the detail of how this is done.

For each observed item an action list should be prepared to identify the specific required follow up actions and prioritised as follows:

- Priority 1 (EP1) - Immediate Action, e.g. full or partial shut down of equipment,
- Priority 2 (EP2) - Action to be completed within 2 weeks
- Priority 3 (EP3) – Action to be complete within 4 weeks.
- Priority 4 (EP4) – Action to be complete within 2 months.

The assessment team should consult with the colour coding table and Appendix I2 when assigning priorities.

All actions are also to be categorised into issue and sub-issue type in accordance with the guidance provided in Appendix I1. Relevant clause numbers from the LABS Standard should also be included for reference to identify the relevant clause under which the action is being included.

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8.4.8 Summary of Priority Actions

This is a one-page summary of the actions to be undertaken by the factory management, including the timelines. It is generated automatically from FFC as a table, which is to be inserted into the report.

8.4.9 Limitations and Assumptions

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Appendix A

Pre-Assessment Preparation

A1 LABS Initiative Safety Assessment Questionnaire

Structure, Fire and Electrical Assessment Factory Pre-Assessment Questionnaire

LABS Initiative

Introduction

Dear Sir/Madam, we plan to visit your factory, in the near future, to study the structural, fire and electrical condition of the building(s) and assess all areas of the building(s).

The visit will be carried out by Structural, Fire and Electrical Engineers representing the LABS initiative.

We would appreciate if you could please answer the following questions in this pdf form below and return to us within 5 working days of the proposed visit.

If there are a number of buildings in the factory compound, please copy this form and fill out Sections 2 & 3 for EACH building. Please number or name each building.

Questions

Section 1: Factory Address, Ownership and Number of Buildings

Your Factory Name:

Full Address of Factory:

Factory Coordinates: (see guidance)

Telephone No.:

Email:

Are you the Owner of Building or a Tenant?

If a tenant, please indicate the type of tenancy in the building ☐ Single tenancy building ☐ Multiple tenancy building

Building Owner Name:

Telephone No.:

Email:

Section 1: (Continued)

Number of Buildings in the Factory
Compound?

(Where more than 1 building is in the Factory Compound, a Site Plan in PDF shall be returned with this Questionnaire, identifying all of the individual buildings recorded below.)

Building 1:

Name/Use of Building:

Number of floors:

Plan Area of Typical
Floor Plate (sq metres)

Building 2:

Name/Use of Building:

Number of floors:

Plan Area of Typical
Floor Plate (sq metres)

Building 3:

Name/Use of Building:

Number of floors:

Plan Area of Typical
Floor Plate (sq metres)

Building 4:

Name/Use of Building:

Number of floors:

Plan Area of Typical
Floor Plate (sq metres)

Building 5:

Name/Use of Building:

Number of floors:

Plan Area of Typical
Floor Plate (sq metres)

Building 6:

Name/Use of Building:

Number of floors:

Plan Area of Typical
Floor Plate (sq metres)

Building 7:

Name/Use of Building:

Number of floors:

Plan Area of Typical
Floor Plate (sq metres)

Building 8:Name/Use of Building: Number of floors: Plan Area of Typical
Floor Plate (sq metres) **Building 9:**Name/Use of Building: Number of floors: Plan Area of Typical
Floor Plate (sq metres)

If there are a number of buildings in the factory compound, please copy this form and fill out Sections 2 & 3 for EACH building. Please number or name each building.

Section 2: Factory Details

Building Number or Name:

No. of Basements:

No of Floors: (including
ground floor and roof [if used])

Do you occupy all floors?

If not, who occupies
the other floors and
what do they do:

Are all floors accessible for
survey:

If not, why:

For each floor, please
describe the activities on that
floor: (e.g. Level 1 - 3 Lines of
Sewing, Cutting and Storage)

Section 3: Factory Documentation

What is the permitted use of the building?

Is planning permit in place?

Permit Number / Details:

Is construction permit in place?

Permit Number / Details:

Is occupation permit in place?

Permit Number / Details:

Number of Floors Permitted:

Are all floors designed for factory use?

If not, please explain:

Will planning permit and approval details be available by the survey date?

Will construction permit and approval details be available by the survey date?

Will occupation permit and approval details be available by the survey date?

Have there been any recent additions or refurbishments, extensions, addition of floors or are any planned?

If yes, please explain:

Have you carried out any structural repair work after construction? (i.e. cracking repair, re-plastering work)

If yes, please explain, and highlight these areas during the survey:

Name of Original Structural Engineer:

Telephone No.:

E-mail:

Can Original Structural Engineer attend Site during our Site Visit?

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Name of Original
Electrical Engineer:

Telephone No.:

E-mail:

Can Original
Electrical Engineer
attend Site during our
Site Visit?

.....

Name of Building
Architect::

.....

Your Name:

Your Role:

Date:

Note: Please save this PDF Form using your Factory Name and Building Number / Name (where appropriate) as the file name and return by e-mail. Thank you for your cooperation.

A2 LABS Initiative Safety Assessment Checklist

Structure, Fire and Electrical Assessment Factory Pre-Assessment Checklist

LABS Initiative

Documentation Checklist

Please have the following documents available at the factory for the Assessment Team. Please also issue electronic copies As- Built drawings in PDF when returning the Pre-Assessment Questionnaire (5 working days in advance of proposed visit).

- | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---|
| Architect As - Built Drawings | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 no. copies at full scale or A3
(1 copy for the assessment team to take away) |
| Structural and Electrical As - Built Drawings | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 no. copies at full scale or A3
(1 copy for the assessment team to take away) |
| Site Plans: | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12 no. copies at full scale or A3 |

Please ensure that the Building Engineer has visited the factory to ensure the As-Built Drawings represent the as constructed state of the building.

- | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---|
| All Relevant Permits: | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 no. copy of each permit |
| Material Test Certificates
(Concrete Cube Tests, Reinforcing Steel Tests, Structural Steel material certificate, Weld Testing certificates etc...) | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 no. copy at A4 or A3 |
| Soil Investigation Report: | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 no. copy at A4 for assessment team to take away |
| Declaration of Building Safety/Loading Certificate: | <input type="checkbox"/> | Signed by Building Engineer |
| Previous Building Inspection Reports: | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 no. copy at A4 per inspection |
| Fire safety Occupational Reports: | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 no. copy at A4 per inspection |

Structural Information

Loading Plans and Loading Information:

Please be prepared to share any information and answer questions on the following issues

- ☐ Structural / Sketches / Calculations indicating allowable loading on each floor (Load Plans).
- ☐ All areas of loading heavier than workshop, sewing, cutting and general operative activities e.g. material storage, pre-order delivery storage areas, temporary and permanent water tanks, generators, boilers etc.
- ☐ Please advise on how floor loading is controlled. By limiting height or load zones?
- ☐ Please advise on any fuel storage areas in the building to fire.

Fire Information

Please be prepared to share any information and answer questions on the following issues

- ☐ Fire Safety Annual Inspection Reports
- ☐ Fire Systems Maintenance Records
- ☐ Municipal water supply from mains
- ☐ Advise on water storage supply facilities for premises
- ☐ Advise on backup power supply for emergency systems
- ☐ Nearest Fire Station and expected response time for Fire Brigade
- ☐ Emergency Evacuation drills
- ☐ Please advise on any fuel storage areas in the building.

Electrical Information

Please be prepared to share any information and answer questions on the following issues

- ☐ Automatic Fire Alarm System inspection and maintenance records
- ☐ Inspection and/or testing records for;
 - ☐ Lightning Protection
 - ☐ Switchgear
 - ☐ Transformer
 - ☐ Generator
 - ☐ Earthing

Assistance Required from Factory:

- Provision of safe access to all areas of factory
- Provision of suitable A-frame ladder
- Attendance by competent person to provide access to electrical panels and equipment We draw the Factory's attention to the risk posed by electric shock and arc flash and the requirements of NFPA 70E.
- One day prior to the visit all flash guards in electrical panels shall be safely removed. This shall normally be done while the panel is isolated (switched off). No works shall be carried in or on panels while flash guards are removed. All flash guards to be removed to enable full thermographic survey to be carried out. After the visit all flash guards to be reinstalled.
- Possible lifting of ceiling tiles locally by factory staff
- Removal of small areas of render to concrete elements by factory staff (hammer and chisel will be required)
- Removal of small areas of paint to steelwork elements by factory staff (paint scraper and blow torch will be required)

Note: These documents should be available for all buildings in the Factory Compound.

A3 LABS Initiative Safety Assessment – Pictorial Guide

**A GUIDE TO
BUILDING
SURVEY
ACTIVITIES**

Meet the factory owner



Review the questionnaire and engineer's drawings



Make assessments from outside

With a camera and binoculars



Take photos of the building



Measure the building with:

A laser measure



A laser level



A tape measure



Inspect the bottom of slabs

Lift ceiling tiles if needed



Check reinforcement

With a Ferro Scanner



With a Cover Meter



Check concrete

Make a small opening in the mortar



Test with the Rebound Hammer



Thermographic Scanning

Using an Infra--Red camera, scan electrical equipment, operating at normal conditions.



Identify connections operating at a higher than normal temperature.

Appendix B

Assessment Testing Equipment

B1 Ferrosan

Ferroskan

This equipment if used carefully can give an indication of what steel reinforcement is inside a concrete element.

We are using the latest technology, PS250 from Hilti which allows us to estimate on a single concrete face:-

- number and location of bars
- bar diameter
- concrete cover

Note that the results are estimates and should be interpreted using your sound engineering judgement.

Outline guide on using this equipment follows.....





Create horizontal guide lines on surface of concrete using the lugs on the scanning device (150mm apart)

Tips:-

- When scanning columns, scan as high as you can to avoid long starter bars / laps (which will distort bar diameter readings)
- Using “Image Scan” you will scan four rows horizontally

Step 1 Horizontal Guidelines





Mark vertical guide lines on surface of concrete

Tips:-

- For narrow column as shown here, a single vertical scan is sufficient to pick up the shear link steel
- The vertical main steel is picked up by the horizontal scan

Step 2 Vertical Guidelines



- I. Turn on the machine using the  button
- II. Select the “Image Scan” option as shown in the photo by using the arrow buttons and the 


Tips:-

- “Image Scan” is recommended as it allows 4x4 scan grid (600x600mm area) and gives details for bar size and cover
- “Quick scan” is a single row and gives indication of steel with cover, but not diameter
- The third option is a collection of 9 image scans to cover an area of 1.8mx1.8m



Step 3 “Image Scan”




- I. Place the scanner such that
 - the centre is in line with the outside face of the column (there is a plastic lug at the centre on the top face of the scanner which indicates where the scan starts)
 - the plastic lug on the side of the scanner is lined up with the guideline (see photo below)
- II. Press the  button to hear the “beep” which starts the scan. Roll the scanner carefully sideways travelling from left to right over the column (take ~5 seconds to scan 600mm)




Step 4 Horizontal Scan Row 1 START



Roll off the column. If you have scanned 600mm the scanner will stop automatically. If not you should press the  button to hear to “Beep” which stops the scan.

Tips:-


- If you are not happy with your scan (i.e. you didn't keep the wheels straight to the guideline, you can cancel that row by pressing the  button, and starting Step 4 again

Step 5 Horizontal Scan Row 1 END




Repeat for rows 2, 3, and 4,
following the guidelines carefully

Tips:-


- On completion of the first row, the scanner sets itself automatically for the next row scan, you need to press the  button to start the scan when you are ready to roll.

Step 6 Complete Horizontal Scans



The scan strip is indicated by a 
Repeat the same process as for
horizontal scans for each strip
travelling from top to bottom


Tips:-

- If you only want to scan a single row down the middle of the column, press the  button twice to skip a row



Step 7 Vertical Scans

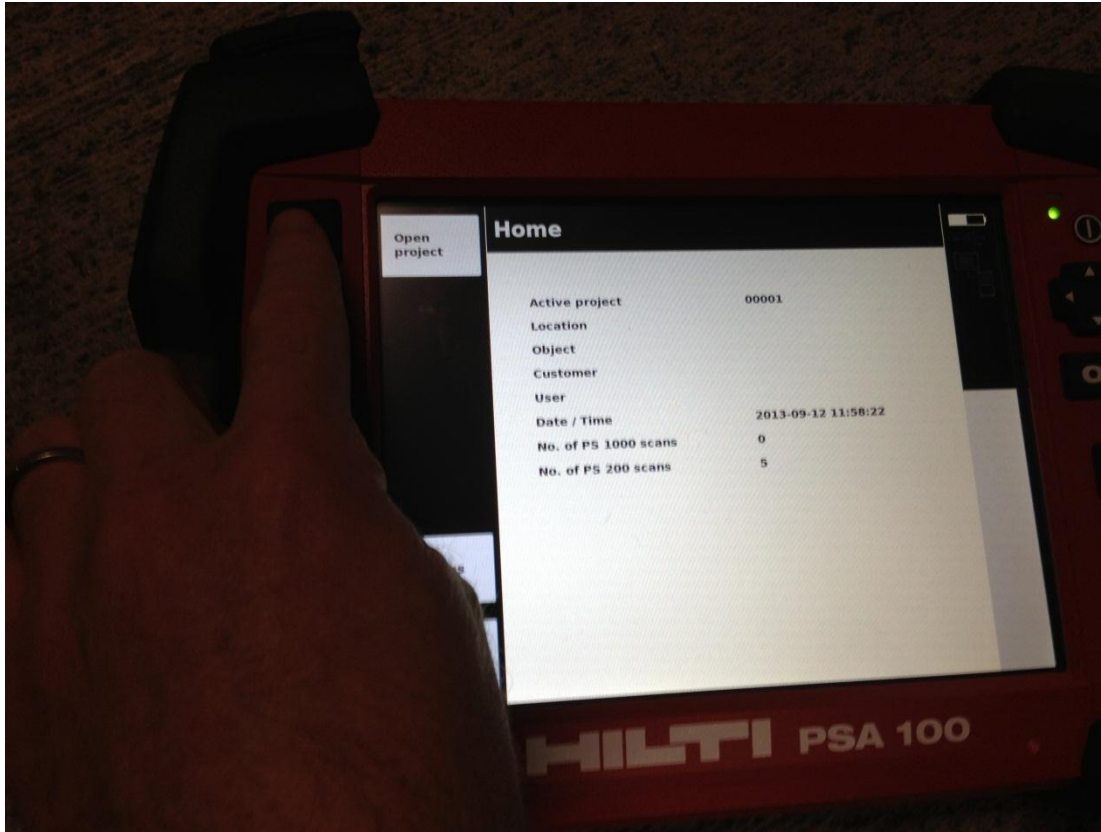


On completion of all rows and strips, press the  button to complete image scan.

You will then be back at the home screen where you will see you scan has registered as one of nine (capacity of scanner)



Step 8 Complete Scan

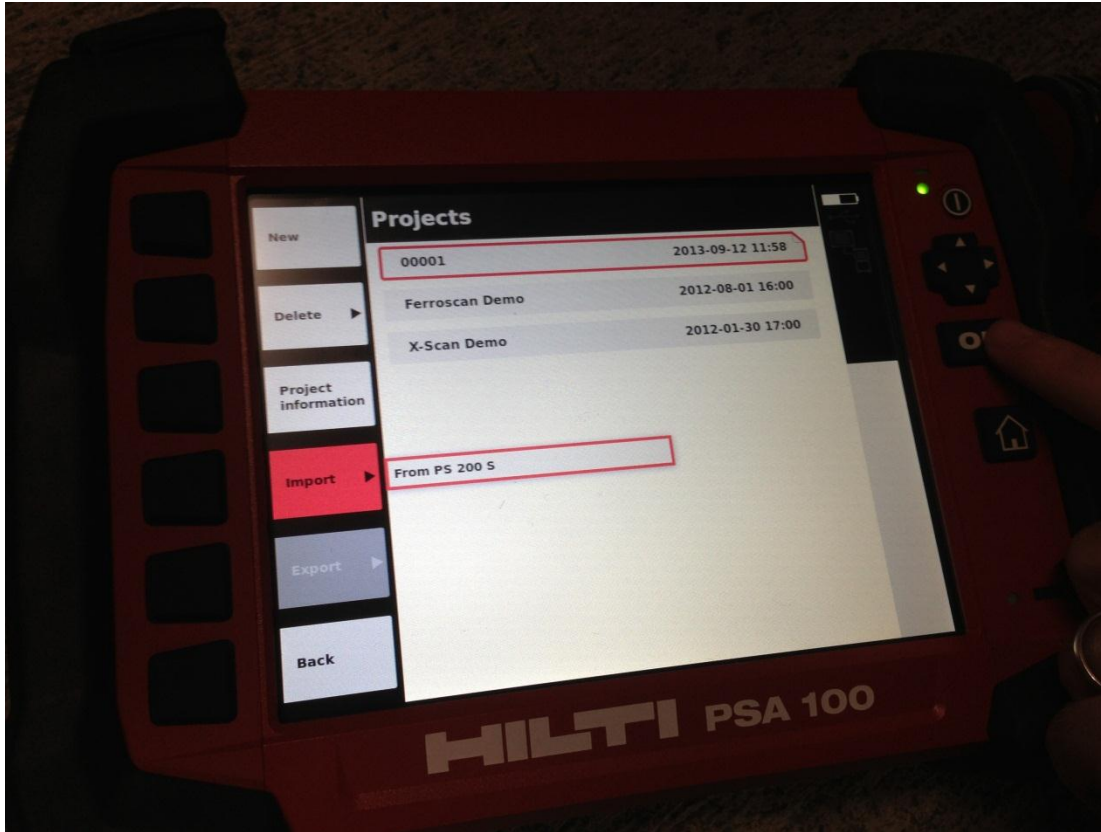


From the home screen, select “Open Project” and select or create your project

Tips:-

- Monitor is not touch screen – use controls on either side!

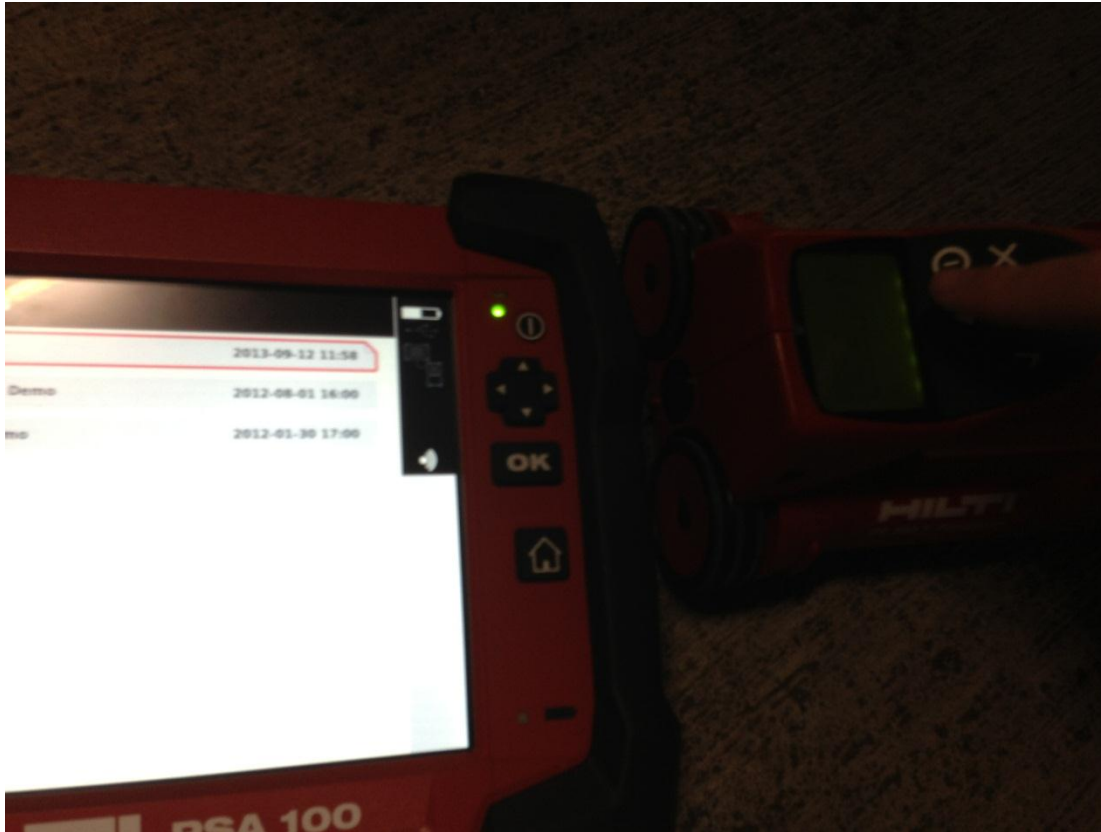
Step 9 Transfer Scan to Monitor




From the projects screen, select “Import” and then “OK”



Step 9 Transfer Scan to Monitor

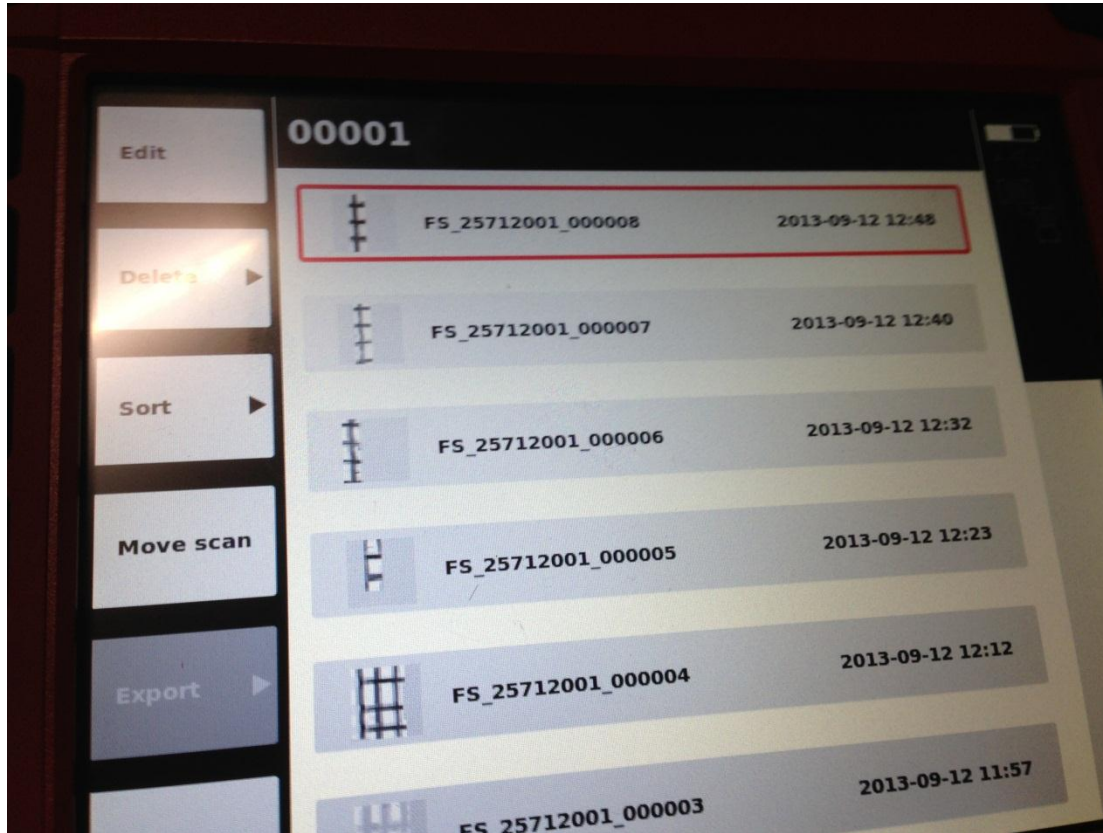


- I. Line up the infrared ports of the scanning device and the monitor
- II. On scanning device, press the  button to start the file transfer

Tips:-

- It is easy to do this on the floor or table top to free you hands

Step 9 Transfer Scan to Monitor



When the transfer is complete, it should appear in the scans list under your project automatically. You can see it organised by date and time.

Press “OK” to select the scanned image

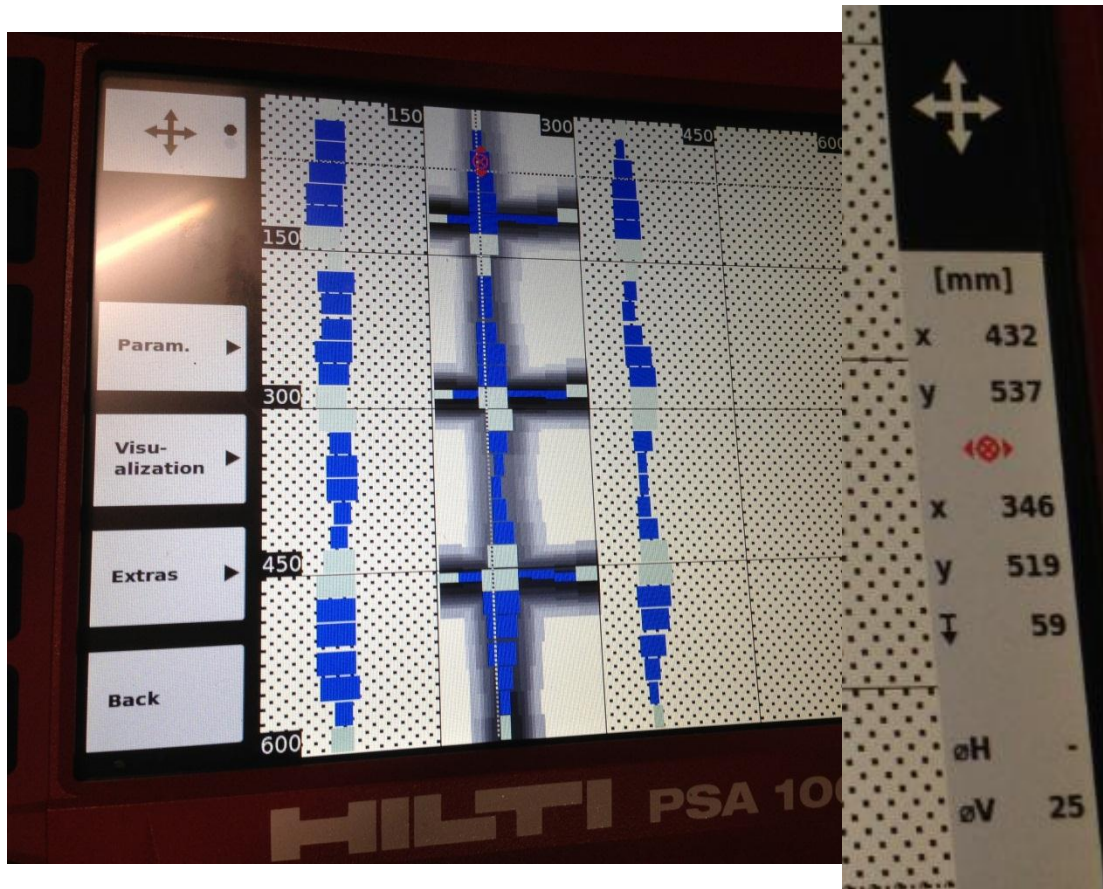
Tips:-

- The scanning device should also register a successful scan, see below



Step 9 Transfer Scan to Monitor

Blue shows steel.



- I. Use the Arrow keypad to navigate around the image to select different bars to give coordinates and diameters.
- II. Photograph any useful images using the IPAD to get them directly into the PDF site survey record

Tips:-

- Spacing can be estimated from the grid, or measured from the coordinates
- Bar diameter is to nearest standard bar size with some error allowance. An estimation should be made based on average readings and considering any possible lap locations

Step 10 Interpret Image

B2 Schmidt Hammer

The Schmidt or Rebound Hammer measures the surface hardness of concrete. If correctly calibrated it can give an indication of in-situ compressive strength but it should be understood that the surface hardness can be influenced by a number of factors. The Schmidt Hammer is not to be used as an absolute measurement of compressive strength.

The Schmidt Hammer still has a useful role in aiding experienced structural engineers undertaking the assessments. The process of removing the render ensures that the engineer identifies the aggregate type and in preparing the surface for the Schmidt Hammer test the engineer gets to 'feel' the concrete. This process provides invaluable information to aid engineering judgement.

Step 1. Select column

- I. Walk the entire factory first. Identifying columns that will be suitable for testing. Removal of render is a dusty process and this needs to be communicated to the factory owner.
- II. Columns where the render is already damaged is likely to be accepted more readily by the owner.
- III. If there is a column where there is evidence that a core has been previously taken, locate a Schmidt Hammer test here.
- IV. Removing render during lunch breaks can be favourable as the process will attract lots of attention from workers.
- V. Choose a typical column at the lowest possible level.
- VI. Choose a typical column at an upper floor.
- VII. If time permits or if tests are very low or variable, select other columns.
- VIII. Carbonation increases the hardness of concrete. Thus external columns without render will likely return higher results than internal columns that have been rendered.



Step 2. Remove render

- I. Mark out a square using the Ferro scan crayon approximately 150mm by 150mm.
- II. Wear gloves and eye protection provided in the kit bag.
- III. Using the geological hammer or hammer and chisel break off the surface render.
- IV. Note that you will not be able to 'grind' the surface right to the edge of the 'breakout'.



You are aiming to have a prepared surface of at least 100mm x 100mm.

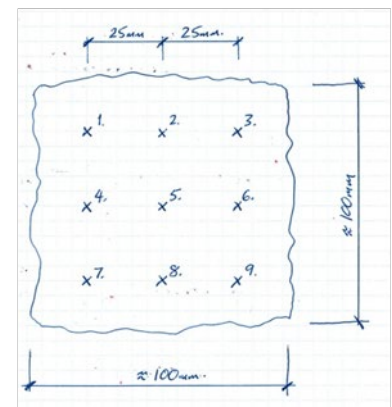
Step 3. Preparation of the exposed concrete surface

- I. Wear gloves and the dust mask provided in the kit bag (use a new mask each day).
- II. Using the abrasive stone, grind heavily textured or soft surfaces, or surfaces with loose mortar, until they are smooth and free of loose material over an area of at least 100mm by 100mm. If lots of aggregate is visible, a larger area may need to be prepared. Smooth-formed or trowelled surfaces may be tested without grinding.
- III. Using the brush provided in the kit bag remove surface dust.
- IV. Remove any water present on the surface of the concrete.



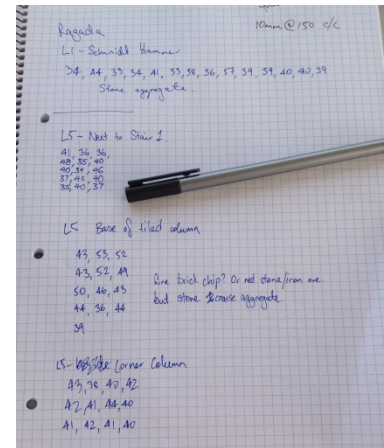
Step 4. Schmidt Hammer use

- I. Take a minimum of nine valid readings to obtain a reliable estimate of the rebound number for a test location.
- II. Ensure that no two impact points are closer than 25 mm and none are within 25 mm of an edge (hence the prepared area must be at least 100mm square).
- III. Hold the hammer firmly in a position that allows the plunger to impact perpendicularly to the surface being tested.
- IV. Gradually increase the pressure on the plunger until the hammer impacts.
- V. Hold in position and read out the result displayed on the slide scale. Alternatively press the button on the side of the hammer to lock the reading so that the hammer can be lifted from the surface.
- VI. Examine each impression made on the surface after impact and if the impact has crushed or broken through a near-to-surface void, discount the result.
- VII. Avoid placing the hammer directly on aggregate, as this will return a false result.



Step 5. Record results

- I. Write down the results in notebook or directly into tablet app. Photograph results with iPad
- II. After the assessment, add the results to the master database.



SCREENSHOT OF THE OBSERVATION APP INTERFACE:

DETAIL

bored beam

TESTING CARRIED OUT

Coring

Schmidt Hammer

YUTING

Other Beam

ENGINEERING CHECK REQUIRED YES NO

PROPERTY ONE ACTION REQUIRED YES NO

PROPERTY TWO ACTION REQUIRED YES NO

PROPERTY THREE ACTION REQUIRED YES NO

GENERAL NOTES

BIET took a core sample here.
 Our Schmidt hammer results on the same column give us:
 46, 38, 44, 52, 40, 40, 45, 55, 33, 36, 45, 36, 37, 34

EXPORT **LOCATE** **CANCEL** **SAVE**

Appendix C

Garment Factory Loading Guidance

C1 Garment Factory Loading Guidance

Concrete density

The densities of brick-aggregate and stone-aggregate concrete are listed below.

Concrete aggregate	Density (kN/m ³)
Stone aggregate	25.0

Live Loads

Most floor areas observed in a garment factory will consist of cutting and sewing operations. The basic occupational usage may appear relatively light (workstations comprising tables and sewing machines or irons). Typically, sewing and cutting floors have an occupancy load of 1-2kN/m². The LABS Standard requires that a minimum **live load of 2kN/m²** be adopted for these areas for the purposes of visual assessments.

Please note that in these areas where observed live loading is in excess of this, the observed load should be used in any follow-up calculations.

Storage Loads

Pay attention to locations used for storage, which may or may not be visible at the time of the assessment. Typical storage comprises stacking of raw materials (fabric, cardboard boxes etc.). Multi-storey factories may often be arranged such that the raw material is delivered and initially stored at the lowest factory level. The material will then work its way up the factory levels as it is cut and joined. Finished garments are then washed and finally boxed for shipping. As a result, the top most factory floors may house heavy washing and drying equipment (see below) and these floors may also be stacked full of boxed garments.

Some typical densities of stored materials are included here. Due to the range of possible densities, it is recommended that measurements be taken on site to determine typical densities of materials in the layouts encountered in factories.

Fabric	Density (kN/m ³)
Cardboard	2.5
Unworked Fabric (e.g. cotton bales, denim bales, wool)	3.5
Finished garments, packed	2.0
Finished garments, loose piles	1.5

Machinery and Dynamic loads

Attention should also be given to plinths on which the equipment may be founded and the effects of vibration from the machinery.

Loading Examples

Examples of loading types that have been observed in factories already inspected are shown below.

<p>6.3kN/m² (1.8m High)</p> <p>1.8m high stack of rolled denim</p> <p>Assume density of unworked fabric i.e. 3.5kN/m²/m height</p> <p>Stack height of 1.8m Equivalent area load of 6.3kN/m²</p> <p>Watch access to perimeter areas</p> <p>Assume denim roles are 55kg each in calculations</p>	
<p>2.7kN/m² (1.5m High)</p> <p>1.5m high disordered bundles</p> <p>Assume density of loose clothing i.e. 1.8kN/m²/m height</p> <p>Stack height of 1.5m Equivalent area load of 2.7kN/m²</p>	

<p>Can be up to 4.0kN/m² (2.0m High) depending on contents of boxes</p> <p>Denim factory Boxes are 45cm x 37cm x 11cm</p> <p>Assume density of packed clothing i.e. 2.0kN/m²/m height</p> <p>Stack height of 2.0m Equivalent area load of 4.0kN/m²</p> <p>Check box weights and dimensions and carry out calculations to determine storage load</p>	
<p>2.5kN/m²(2.0m High)</p> <p>Stacked flat cardboard up to 2m high</p> <p>Assume density of packed cardboard i.e. 1.25kN/m²/m height</p> <p>Thus, 2m high stack = 2.5kN/m²</p> <p>Alternative measurement:- Density = 125kg/m³ This was determined by weighing a sample of cardboard 8cm x 14cm x 0.5cm thick (7g). Stacked 2m high the equivalent area load is 2.5kN/m².</p>	
<p>Heavy Machinery Measure weight on site</p>	

10 kN/m²/m height

Measure height of plinths and calculate weight

Record tank capacities and consider total load on slabs, beams or columns



Appendix D

Structural Safety Assessment Checklist

D1 Structural Safety Assessment Checklist

No.	Prompt questions for Structural Engineers	Yes	No	Comment
S1	Vertical Structural System (Gravity loads)			
	Is the vertical support system apparent and logical?			
	What is the type of structure system used?			
	How many floors are in the structure?			
	What is the measured structural grid?			
	What are the measured floor to ceiling heights?			
	Do columns and walls extend directly from roof to ground floor/foundation level or are transfer structures provided?			
	Is a design check required to verify column capacity? Consider if floor areas with high loading are vertically stacked resulting in locally high column stresses.			
	Identify areas that are not accessible or are concealed by finishes.			
	Is the building in shared occupancy or under the control of the factory management only? Are any floors inaccessible?			
	Are the roof and floor structural systems apparent and logical?			
	Do the roof and floor structural systems comprise one or two way spanning slabs?			
	What is the typical floor thickness?			
	Do the roof and floor structural systems comprise flat slab construction? Ensure that depth of flat slab (excluding finishes) is measured. Is punching shear at column head a concern in heavily loaded areas? Is a design check required on punching shear?			
	Are 'Allowable Floor Loading Plans' available for all suspended floors and roof areas (if readily accessible)?			
	What is the observed live loading at each level?			
	Are there any water tanks at suspended or roof levels with locally high loads?			
	Are floor loads and any roof loads well managed and compliant with allowable floor design loads?			
	Are built up floors/screed and finishes present in any areas?			
	What is the floor finishes depth?			
	Are mezzanine floors of concrete construction, steel flooring or timber decking in a satisfactory condition?			

No.	Prompt questions for Structural Engineers	Yes	No	Comment
	Where are the movement joints located, if provided?			
	If building movement joints are provided, do floor slab cantilevers result in additional loads to columns adjacent to these joints?			
S2	Lateral Structural System (Wind and Seismic Loads)			
	Is the lateral support system apparent and logical?			
	Does the lateral support system have redundancy?			
	For steel buildings; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is bracing provided in the plane of the roof in each direction AND if bracing is not provided in any of the two directions, is the steel frame acting as a moment frame in that particular direction? - Is vertical bracing provided, to transfer loads to foundation level, consistent with the location of the roof bracing? - Are all bracing systems complete, fully bolted and appropriately tensioned? 			
	For concrete buildings; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is lateral stability provided by floor and roof slab diaphragm action with concrete shear walls within concrete stairs/elevator cores? - If concrete shear walls are not provided, check if the lateral stability system is then provided by moment frame action of the concrete frame. Is this moment frame action assisted by substantial roof and floor beam/column connections? - If floors are of flat slab construction and shear walls are not provided, is there any evidence of structural distress due to lateral movement? Check at junctions of concrete structure and block/brick walls. 			
	If building movement joints are present – check and record the lateral support system provided to each section of the building.			
	Do block/brick walls form part of the lateral stability system?			
	Identify areas that are not accessible or are concealed by finishes.			
S3	Key Elements			
	What are the column sizes (without plaster) at lowest levels and critical areas?			
	What are the typical downstand beam dimensions?			
	Identify if there are any key structural elements - i.e. elements whose collapse would result in a disproportionate extent of damage.			
	Estimation of reinforcement in critical concrete elements (Ferro scanner)			

No.	Prompt questions for Structural Engineers	Yes	No	Comment
	Estimated concrete strength – any observations following removal of plaster to columns and use of the Schmidt Hammer.			
	Are there any transfer slabs or beams where the point of application of column loads is transferred?			
	Are there any slender columns - double height in entrance areas or at material in/out where impact loads from vehicles may be a consideration?			
	Identify areas with floor slab cantilevers; consider if design check is required on cantilever or columns due to cantilever and perimeter wall loading. Is there significant imposed loading on cantilever areas?			
	Is Seismic bracing provided to all non-structural members to ensure that, in a seismic event, falling non-structural elements do not create a life safety hazard?			
S4	Foundation Performance			
	Is there any evidence of foundation settlement - such as cracking in ground floor slab adjacent to columns/walls?			
	Is there any evidence of differential movement of elements of structure such as columns and adjacent walls?			
S5	Visible Distress in Structural Members			
	Is there any evidence of cracking in structural elements? If so, what are the likely causes?			
	Is there any evidence of torsion, twisting or excessive deflection in structural elements? If so, what are the likely causes?			
S6	Visible Distress in Non-Structural Members			
	Are there any signs of distress in non-structural members which may indicate movement issues? E.g. façade cracking, internal wall cracking and weathering/structural deterioration. If so, what are the likely causes?			
S7	Performance of Extensions/Additions			
	Are all extensions (horizontal and vertical) included on the structural documents provided?			
	Are any of the structural additions non-engineered?			
	Is there evidence that any sections of the building have previously been demolished or that provisions are included for possible building extensions which are not included in the original design?			
S8	Structural Documentation			
	Are previous structural audit reports available from factory management? Check that any actions highlighted on these reports have been completed.			
	What is the status and date of documentation provided?			
	Is a Soils report available and has the recommended foundation type been shown on the drawing?			
	Are allowable Loading Plans available for floors and accessible roof areas?			

No.	Prompt questions for Structural Engineers	Yes	No	Comment
	Are the structural drawings provided generally in agreement with the in-situ structure as inspected? What areas do not match?			
S9	Maintenance			
	Are there any signs of a lack of maintenance which will eventually result in structural problems?			
	Any corrosion to structural steelwork?			
	Is there any ponding of water at roof or other levels which could give rise to deterioration of the structure?			

Appendix E

Fire Safety Assessment Checklist

E1 Fire Safety Assessment Checklist

No		Sub-Category	Observation	Building/ Space Description		
1		Means of Egress				
	1-1	Floor Exits	Insufficient number of floor exits			
			Total width of Exit doors insufficient			
			Alternative directions for escape not provided			
			Travel distance to alternative exit excessive			
			Inadequate means of escape from Mezzanine			
			Inadequate means of escape from basement			
	1.2	Escape Paths	Escape path width inadequate			
			Internal doors on escape paths not side swing and/or with lockable devices			
			Escape paths not clear of temporary obstacles			
			Escape paths not free from permanent obstacles			
			Excessive dead ends to aisles or corridors			
			Insufficient height of doors, bulkheads on escape path			
	1.3	Exit Signage	Escape paths not clearly indicated on floor			
			Evacuation pathways not correctly sign posted			
			Illuminated exit signs at emergency exits are missing or not adequate			
			Inconsistent graphics and/or colours for Exit signs			
	1.4	Exit doors	Exit doors not side hung to swing correctly in direction of escape			
			Exit doors not always easily openable, doors have locking devices			
			Other Exits			
	1.5	Exit stairs	Inadequate width of stairs and entry doors			
			Tread/riser relationship inconsistent on stairway			
			Stair too steep for emergency escape			
			Inadequate or no handrails to stairs			
			No protected route from stairs to outside			
	1.6	Final Exits	Total width of Ground Floor exits inadequate			

No		Sub-Category	Observation	Building/ Space Description		
			People not able to move safely away from the building directly on exiting to outside			
			Other exits			
2		Fire Safety Construction				
	2.1	Protection of openings	Lack of enclosure of Stairs connecting more than 2 floors			
			No FR self-closing doors to protected stairs			
			Unprotected penetrations in stair enclosures			
			Inadequate protection of External Stairs from fire in interior			
			Inadequate protection of vertical service shafts passing through floors			
			No FR separation of lifts shafts			
			Other vertical openings through compartment floors			
			Protection of basement with FR lobby, walls and self-closing doors			
	2.2	Separation of occupancies	Use of space with area too great to be considered an 'incidental occupancy'			
			Separation of different occupancies not provided or incomplete			
	2.3	Storage areas	Designated storage areas not separated with FR construction			
			Storage areas facing onto exit pathways			
			Excessive areas of non-sprinklered 'in-process' storage open to production areas			
			Excessive areas of sprinklered 'in-process' storage open to production areas			
			Excessive areas of 'in-process' storage open to production areas			
			Other storage (e.g. under or on stairs)			
	2.4	Other high risk areas	Generator enclosure inadequate			
			Boiler Room enclosure inadequate			
			Large Compressor without enclosure			
			Transformer enclosure inadequate			
			Chemical Store enclosure inadequate			
			Others			

No		Sub-Category	Observation	Building/ Space Description		
	2.5	Structure & Finishes	Fire Protection of the Structure			
			Non-compliant Wall Finishes			
			Non-compliant Ceiling finishes			
3		Fire Safety Systems				
	3.1	Fire Detection	Unsuitable Fire Detector type			
			Inadequate Fire Detector coverage			
			Incorrect Fire Detector positioning			
			Inadequate back-up power to Detectors			
	3.2	Fire Alarm	Unsuitable Fire Alarm type (audio, visual)			
			Inadequate Fire Alarm coverage			
			Incorrect or no automatic Fire Alarm activation			
			Inadequate back-up power to Fire Alarms			
	3.3	Emergency Lighting	Insufficient Emergency Lighting for escape pathways			
			Emergency Lighting at Exits			
			No emergency Lighting provided			
			Inadequate back-up power to Emergency Lighting			
			Wiring configuration of emergency lighting system incorrect			
4		Provisions for Firefighting				
	4.1	Water supply	No municipal main water supply			
			Insufficient water storage on premises for firefighting systems			
			No or inadequate water pump-set			
			Water storage insufficient for fire hose reel given the pump system provided			
			Pump-set back-up and/or water storage insufficient			
			Manual activation of fire pumps			
	4.2	Firefighting Systems	Inadequate fire hydrant/ wet riser system			
			No or inadequate internal fire hose reel system			
			Insufficient portable fire extinguishers			

			Portable extinguishers not signposted			
			Portable extinguishers not checked and tagged			
			No automatic extinguishing system			
	4.3	Access	Inadequate access for Fire Fighting vehicles			
			Other issues			
5		Maintenance and Housekeeping				
	5.1	Legal Documents	Fire NOC; does the factory have one and what information is given in the Annex			
			Other Fire Authority documentation			
	5.2	Maintenance records	Inadequate maintenance records for Alarm system			
			Inadequate maintenance records for Emergency lighting			
			Inadequate maintenance records for Pumps & Fire hose			
			Inadequate extinguishing system maintenance records			
	5.3	Emergency Plan	Inadequately documented or no Emergency Plan			
			Responsible persons designated and assigned tasks documented			
			Emergency layouts posted at Exits on each floor			
	5.4	Fire Safety Training	No evidence of personnel training and emergency duties			
			Inadequate records of regular fire drills			
	5.5	House-keeping	Stored goods, obstacles on evacuation pathways			
			Stored goods, obstacles on stairways			
			Combustible goods stacked near heat/electrical sources			
			Other			

Appendix F

Electrical Safety Assessment Checklist

F1 Electrical Safety Assessment Checklist

No	Sub-Category	Observation	Building/ Space Description		
1	Supplies to Life Safety Systems				
		Voltage drop for emergency equipment given on SLD?			
		Check the primary and secondary power supplies to the fire alarm panel			
		Check the primary and secondary power supplies to the emergency lighting			
		Check battery ventilation			
		check that battery charging is functional			
		Check that there is a battery failure alarm i.e. if battery is disconnected from panel does panel display a fault			
2	Earthing and Bonding				
		Check bonding connection of metalwork (machines, structure, metallic piped services) to earth			
		Check that the neutral connection is not broken throughout the site.			
		Are there broken or disconnected Earthing systems?			
		Schematic of main earth bar and connections available?			
		Earth electrode impedance correct?			
		Are residual current devices used correctly			
		Check size of main equipotential bonding conductors			
		Are earth loop impedance measurements provided?			
		General condition of the LPS: Damaged or unfixed conductors and components found?			
		General condition of the LPS: Corrosion found?			
		Check structure that are not covered by the LPS.			
		Equipotential bonding for all systems where items are directly connected to the LPS			
		Lightning protection calculations provided?			

		Type and detail of lightning protection provided?			
3	Generators				
		Check that the type of generator is clearly stated in documents and on equipment			
		Check that the capacity of generator is the same as stated in the power balance			
		Electrical distribution, safety interlocking, Earthing and changeover facilities made?			
		Check that fuel storage requirements is adequate for the use			
		Check for Earthing connection from generator frame			
		Check fuel storage for leaks			
		If the generator fuel deliver relies on a fuel pump check the power to the pump is backed up			
		Check that the generator battery monitored (it can be done manually or automatically)			
		Check for liquids leaking from generator, tank and pipework			
		Check for signs of ventilation is adequate			
		Check that fresh air inlets should be located as far from the sources of heat as practical and as low as possible.			
		Check that exhaust air should be at the highest point possible, preferably directly over the engine.			
		Check that ventilation air inlets and outlets should be positioned to prevent exhaust air from being drawn into the ventilation inlets (recirculation).			
4	Substations				
		Check that electrical rooms are not used for storing material or equipment			
		Is there adequate identification and labelling of substation?			
		Is there adequate display of warning and danger notices in substation?			
		Is the main incoming power supply adequate for the power requirements of the building?			
		Substation location proper?			
		Transformer room ventilation provided?			
		Transformer catch pit for oil provided and properly sized?			
		There are no signs of water ingress?			

		Type and detail of lightning protection provided?			
		The room is clean, tidy and not being used as storage space			
		Services (lighting, sockets) are working			
		Doors and windows are secure and, when required, locked			
		There are no signs of damage with the equipment or room			
		The room is not overgrown with vegetation, and access is acceptable			
		There are no signs of rodent activity			
		Ventilation (ventilation shall be designed to comply with the recommendations of the equipment manufacturer)			
		Warning Signage are in place			
		Emergency first aid signage and equipment			
		Soak pit for transformer with more than 2000 litres of oil.			
5	Distribution				
		Check that cables are supported correctly			
		Check that the cables have been laid in accordance with design?			
		Current carrying capacity of the cable is appropriate for the application?			
		Is there adequate identification and labelling of all distribution boards?			
		Is there adequate identification and labelling of all circuits in DBs?			
		Is there adequate display of warning and danger notices in distribution boards?			
		Is the protection of cable systems against other causes of damage and deterioration, e.g. heat, water adequate?			
		Are any cables or conductors exposed due to damage, corrosion, missing covers etc.?			
		Are there adequate barriers or enclosures against direct contact? Are those barriers or enclosures compromised, e.g. due to damage?			
		Check for dust and lint in electrical panels			
		Check for dust and lint on cables			
		Are there damaged flexible conduits?			
		Check for flammable material in electrical panels			

		Type and detail of lightning protection provided?			
		Are the cables properly segregated in cable trays?			
		Load balance under normal conditions is provided?			
		Load balance under emergency conditions is provided?			
		Conductors shall be crimped or have cable sockets			
6	Drawings				
		Does the factory have electrical single line diagram (SLD)?			
		Does the factory have updated Earthing diagram?			
		Does the factory have updated fire alarm diagram?			
		Does the factory have updated electrical distribution layout?			
		Does the factory have updated small power layout?			
		Does the factory have updated lighting and emergency lighting layout?			
		Does the factory have updated fire alarm layout?			
		Does the factory have updated lightning protection layout?			
		Does the factory have updated Earthing layout?			
		Does the factory have updated power balance schedule?			
		Are diagram of electrical network placed on wall in substation?			
		Are diagrams of each switchboards placed inside DBs?			
		Cross-sectional areas of cables given on SLD?			
		Protection requirements given on SLD?			
		Cable sizes shown given on SLD?			
		Prospective short-circuit currents shown on SLD?			
		Fault levels - short-circuit current rating of low voltage distribution boards and breakers shown on SLD?			
		Breaker types shown on SLD?			
7	Maintenance and Records				

		Type and detail of lightning protection provided?			
		Maintenance records to be requested for Generator(s)			
		Maintenance records to be requested for transformers			
		Maintenance records to be requested for high voltage switchgear			
		Maintenance records to be requested for low voltage switchgear			
		Building(s) Power Balance / Load Estimate (at original construction or at last major project on site?)			
		Maintenance / Assessment records to be requested for Lightning protection system			
		Records for previous Thermographic survey reports			
		Maintenance records to be requested for Earthing System			
8	Thermographic Scanning				
		All cable connections			
		All circuit protective devices cable connections			
		Protective devices			
		Ancillary equipment within the panels			
9	Lightning Protection				
		Roof level air termination network. Generally provided by means of a metallic roof covering to the building, tape mesh faraday cage conductors and/or vertical air rods.			
		Are Connection from the roof air termination network to dedicated down conductors?			
		Do the down conductors comprising structural steel columns or reinforcing steel within structural support columns and/or dedicated down tape conductors?			
		Bonding the dedicated down conductors to adjacent earth electrode housings where earth rods shall be driven through to the earth source. Each down conductor shall have a separate earth termination.			
		Check that test points are in place.			
		Is bonding of all extraneous metalwork such as structural steelwork, metal gutters, down-pipes etc. and any roof mounted mechanical			

		Type and detail of lightning protection provided?			
		plant, boiler flues, AHUs, cable trays, railings, louvers, vent pipes etc. in place?			
		Equipotential connection via test link to building main electrical earth bar.			
		Are lightning protection installation layouts available and up to date?			
		Check strike counter and number of strikes.			

Appendix G

Structural Issues Categorisation and Prioritisation

G1 Structural Issues Categorisation

The table below provides the appropriate categories for assigning actions in FFC.

Issue Type	Sub Issue
S1: Vertical structural system	
	Vertical support system not apparent/logical
	Transfer structures
	High column stress
	Areas not accessible/concealed by finishes
	Areas/floors not accessible - shared building
	Roof and floor structural systems not logical/appropriate
	Punching shear
	'Allowable Loading Plans' not available
	Water tanks on suspended floors/roof
	Heavy point loads on suspended floors/roof
	Uncontrolled floor loading
	Heavy floor finishes/screeds
	Condition of mezzanine floors
	Additional column loads at movement joints
S2: Lateral structural system	
	Lateral structural system not apparent/logical

	No redundancy in lateral structural system
	Steel buildings: Bracing missing/incomplete
	Steel buildings: apparent insufficient capacity in moment frames
	Concrete buildings: apparent insufficient capacity in moment frames
	Concrete buildings: distress in flat slab system due to lateral movement
	Lateral structural systems not present in all areas of building
	Non-engineered masonry walls part of lateral stability system
	Areas not accessible/concealed by finishes
	Seismic bracing not provided to all non-structural members
S3: Key elements	
	Key structural elements
	Transfer structures
	Slender/double height columns
	Overloaded floor slab cantilevers
S4: Foundation Performance	
	Foundation settlement
	Differential movement

S5: Visible Distress in Structural Members	
	Cracking
	Torsion, twisting or excessive deflection
	Poor quality structural connections
	Concrete Spalling
	Poor quality structural materials
	Damage
S6: Visible Distress in Non-Structural Members	
	Cracking
	Torsion, twisting or excessive deflection
	Damage
S7: Performance of Extensions/Additions	
	Structural documents
	Non-engineered structural additions
	Provisions for possible building extensions
	New openings in Structural elements
S8: Structural Documentation	
	No documentation available
	Documentation status
	Soils report

	Allowable Loading Plans
	Structural drawings not in accordance with as-built structure
S9: Maintenance	
	Lack of maintenance
	Structural steelwork corrosion
	Ponding
	Water ingress/dampness

G2 Prioritisation of Structural Safety Actions

As the Preliminary Structural Safety Assessment is largely based on judgement of the condition of the existing building and various evidence-based indicators of performance of the structure, it is not possible to provide a definitive prioritisation for each issue on the Structural checklist.

This forms an important part of the training of the assessment firms. Examples of typical actions associated with the principle issues which are likely to be found and guidance on their prioritisation can be provided at that time.

However, the following guidance is provided to assist suitably qualified engineers to determine the most appropriate priority level for a particular finding. This should be read in conjunction with the principles set out in Section 7.1.

SP3: 6 month actions

Issues which typically may be categorised in this way include:

- Column stresses at levels indicated in Section 4.6
- Seismic findings as indicated in Section 4.7
- Local damage to structural elements which merits repair but does not significantly impact on overall structural performance in the short term
- Corrosion which has minimal impact on structural performance in the short term
- Individual structural elements or parts of structure which require design check but which have demonstrated performance over time. This would include extensions/ additions or modifications. Examples may include a slab or beam carrying water tanks or heavy equipment, an external steel staircase which has been added, a new steel roof structure
- Alterations or absence of local element of a designed lateral stability system where there is a credible alternative load path
- Structural elements which are at a low risk of impact from vehicles
- Differential settlement issues which do not appear to be ongoing
- Cracking in non-structural elements
- Dampness/ water ingress which is not related to severe structural degradation
- Non-engineered structures which require design checks – low risk/ low occupancy or have demonstrated performance over time
- Lack of as-built drawings or loading plans
- Drawings not in accordance with as-built situation

A building with only EP3 findings has an overall Green colour code.

Green: Generally, all clear subject to agreement to address prioritised comments. No critical visible defects or structures and no visible immediate risk to workers. Production can continue.

SP2: 6 week actions

Issues which typically may be categorised in this way include:

- Column stresses at levels indicated in Section 4.6
- Seismic findings as indicated in Section 4.7
- Flat slab structures where there is a concern about the punching shear capacity
- Local damage to structural elements which may impact on overall structural performance in the short term
- Cracking in structural elements which is evidence of non-performance or over-stress in the structure
- Individual structural elements or parts of structure which require design check and which have associated signs of non-performance. Examples may include a slab or beam carrying water tanks or heavy equipment which has cracking, deflection or distortion which could be deemed to be associated with the application of those loads.
- Non-engineered structures which require design checks. These include higher risk or occupancy structures or those with specially identified deficiencies. These may include roof structures where the roof sheeting is at risk of falling off,
- Corrosion which impacts on structural performance in the short term
- More significant alterations or absence of local elements of a designed lateral stability system where there is a credible alternative load path. This may be associated with evidence of overall lateral movements
- Structural elements which are at a credible risk of impact from vehicles. This would include columns in delivery areas, where the damage to the column could lead to a local building failure
- Structural columns which are at risk from induced vibration from heavy machinery
- Differential settlement issues which appear to be ongoing
- Cracking in non-structural elements where the cracking is severe enough to affect the stability of the non-structural element
- Dampness/ water ingress which is related to severe structural degradation
- Lack of loading plans in a situation where there is a concern over extensive areas of high load or where there is a likelihood of significant loading changes in the short term

A building with SP2 findings at worst has an overall Yellow colour code.

Yellow: Limited concerns but have questions on structural arrangements and details, limited visible defects with no immediate danger to structure or workers. Production may continue subject to agreement to address issues raised and prioritised action in report.

SP1: Immediate Actions

- Column stresses at levels indicated in Section 4.6
- Seismic findings as indicated in Section 4.7
- Lack of a credible lateral stability system or lack of robustness of the lateral stability system
- Local damage to structural elements which may lead to local failure of the element
- Cracking in structural elements which is evidence of significant non-performance or over-stress in the structure. Vertical column cracking would always be an immediate action item, unless there are very good mitigating factors. Cracking to the top surface of a slab in the vicinity of a column in a flat slab structure would also be an immediate action item
- Individual structural elements or parts of structure which require design check and which have associated significant signs of non-performance. Such examples would also include potential brittle failure mechanisms
- Non-engineered structures which require immediate intervention to reduce the risk of collapse.
- Corrosion which makes the structural element ineffective i.e. corrosion has reduced cross sectional area of the structural element
- Significant settlement issues which appear to be ongoing and impact the overall stability of the building
- Cracking in non-structural elements where the cracking is severe enough that the element is likely to collapse
- Dampness/ water ingress which has rendered the structural element ineffective

A building with SP1 findings at worst may have the following colour codes.

Amber: No reason to suspend operations in the facility but action may be required locally. Significant stress levels in structural member, concerns with potential for progressive collapse or visible defects with no immediate danger to structure or workers. Production may continue subject to agreement to further assessments and testing and actions to address issues raised with prioritised actions in report.

Red/Amber: If the QSEC deems that there are **important IMMEDIATE actions required to maintain an Amber designation**, the report may be designated as Amber with Red actions. The Red actions must be completed in two weeks or the overall factory designation will become Red. An example of this may be where column stresses are so critically high that immediate load reduction is necessary and feasible to remove the immediate risk to life safety.

Red: Immediate closure of factory building or significant part of building recommended. Closure in accordance with protocol. Due to Critical stress levels

in structural members, concern with progressive collapse and/or visible defects resulting in immediate danger to structure and workers.

Appendix H

Fire Issues Categorisation, Prioritisation and Typical Actions

H1 Prioritisation of Fire Safety Actions

H1.1 Means of Egress

No.	Issue Type	No.	Sub-Issue Type	Sub-Issue Detail	Typical Recommended Actions	Priority
1	Means of Escape	1.1	Floor Exits	Insufficient number of floor exits	a. Provide additional floor exit/s to comply with Cl. 6.6 of the LABS Standard	FP1
					b. Reduce occupant load on the floors in question to ensure the minimum number of exits based on population numbers complies with Cl. 6.6 of the LABS Standard	FP1
				Total width of Exit doors insufficient	a. Provide additional floor exit/s to comply with Cl. 6.5 of the LABS Standard	FP2
					b. Reduce occupant load on the floors in question to ensure capacity of means of egress matches the occupancy number to comply with Cl. 6.5 of the LABS Standard	FP2
					c. Increase width of existing exit/s to comply with Cl. 6.5 of the LABS Standard	FP2
			Alternative directions for escape not provided	Travel distance to alternative exit excessive	a. Provide additional floor exit/s to ensure alternative paths of travel where single direction escape distance is excessive to comply with Cl. 6.6 and 6.7 of the LABS Standard	FP1
					a. Provide additional floor exit/s to ensure that escape distances are not excessive to comply with Cl. 6.7 of the LABS Standard	FP2
			Inadequate means of escape from Mezzanine		a. Provide additional stair from mezzanine to ensure that escape distances are not excessive, in accordance with Cl. 3.13 and 6.6 of the LABS Standard	FP2
			Inadequate means of escape from basement		a. Provide additional exit from basement to comply with Cl. 6.6.2 of the LABS Standard	FP1
		1.2	Escape Paths	Escape path width inadequate	a. Increase width of escape paths to comply with the requirements of Cl. 6.5 of the LABS Standard	FP3
				Internal doors on escape paths not side swing and/or with lockable devices	a. All doors in a means of egress shall be of the side-hinged swinging type and shall not be locked in the direction of egress under any conditions in accordance with Cl. 6.9 of the LABS Standard	FP1
				Escape paths not clear of temporary obstacles	a. Ensure pathways on exit routes clear of all temporary storage and other obstacles in accordance with Cl. 6.3 of the LABS Standard	FP1
				Escape paths not free from permanent obstacles	a. Divert pathways around permanent obstacles or create new paths to emergency exits to comply with the requirements of Cl. 6.5 of the LABS Standard	FP2
				Excessive dead ends to aisles or corridors	a. Create new paths to exits to comply with Cl. 6.7 of the LABS Standard and avoid excessive dead-ends	FP2
				Insufficient height of doors, bulkheads on escape path	a. Demolish lintel above opening and re-instate to ensure headroom complies with minimum height specified in Cl. 6.3 of the LABS Standard	FP2
		1.3	Exit Signage	Escape paths not clearly indicated on floor	a. Mark up on floor or make clearer escape paths, or provide adequate overhead signage to clearly indicate paths to emergency exits in accordance with Cl. 6.8 of the LABS Standard	FP3
				Evacuation pathways not clearly or correctly sign posted	a. Correct floor markings and/or overhead signage to clearly indicate paths to emergency exits in accordance with Cl. 6.12 of the LABS Standard	FP3
					b. Provide signage at end of long aisles to indicate directional change in escape route to nearest floor exit in accordance with Cl. 6.12 of the LABS Standard	FP3

No.	Issue Type	No.	Sub-Issue Type	Sub-Issue Detail	Typical Recommended Actions	Priority
		1.3	Exit Signage (cont.)	Illuminated exit signs at emergency exits are missing or not adequate	a. Provide illuminated exit signs above each emergency exit door in accordance with Cl. 6.12 of the LABS Standard	FP2
					b. Provide illuminated exit signs above each emergency exit door of sufficient size to be easily identified from any location in the factory building in accordance with Cl. 6.12 of the LABS Standard	FP3
				Inconsistent graphics and/or colours for Exit signs	a. Provide consistent graphics to all emergency exit signage in accordance with Cl. 6.12 of the LABS Standard	FP3
		1.4	Exit doors	Exit doors not side hung to swing correctly in direction of escape	a. Replace doors with side hung doors that open in the direction of escape in accordance with Cl. 6.1, 6.3 and 6.9 of the LABS Standard	FP1
					b. Provide side hung door panel in sliding door leaf to ensure exit doors available that that swing in the direction of travel in the event of the sliding door being closed in accordance with Cl. 6.1, 6.3 and 6.9 of the LABS Standard.	FP1
				Exit doors not always easily openable, and/or doors have locking devices	a. Replace outside locks with locking mechanisms that allow easy opening from inside without the use of a key in accordance with Cl. 6.1 and 6.9 of the LABS Standard	FP1
					b. Replace locks on inside of doors with locking mechanisms that allow easy opening from inside without the use of a key in accordance with Cl. 6.1 and 6.9 of the LABS Standard	FP1
				Other Exits	a. Describe other exits that could be used as part of the escape route even though they pass through other areas on the way to outside	
		1.5	Exit stairs	Inadequate width of stairs and/or entry doors	a. Provide additional stairs to comply with Cl. 6.5 and 6.10 of the LABS Standard	FP2
					b. Reduce occupant load on the floors in question to ensure stair capacity matches the occupancy number to comply with Cl. 6.5 of the LABS Standard	FP1
					c. Increase width of stairs to comply with Cl. 6.5 and 6.10 of the LABS Standard	FP2
				Tread/riser relationship inconsistent on stairway	a. Where there is a large inconsistency in stair risers in any one flight that could make the stair unsafe for use in an emergency escape, remove signage indicating the stair as part of the emergency evacuation path. Use Cl. 6.10 of the LABS Standard as guidance on stair riser/tread relationship	FP2
				Stair too steep for emergency escape	a. Where the stair is too steep for safe use in an emergency, remove signage indicating the stair as part of the emergency evacuation path. Use Cl. 6.10 of the LABS Standard as guidance on stair riser/tread relationship	FP3
				Inadequate or no handrails to stairs	a. Provide handrails to stairs to comply with Cl. 6.10 of the LABS Standard	FP3
				No protected route from stair discharge to outside	a. Provide protected route from the stair discharge to the exit to outside in accordance with Cl. 6.17 of the LABS Standard.	FP1
		1.6	Final Exits	Total width of Ground Floor exits inadequate	a. Provide additional floor exit/s to comply with Cl. 6.5 of the LABS Standard	FP2
					b. Reduce occupant load on the floors in question to ensure capacity of means of egress matches the occupancy number to comply with Cl. 6.5 of the LABS Standard	FP1
					c. Increase width of existing exit/s to comply with Cl. 6.5 of the LABS Standard	FP2
				People not able to move safely away from the building directly on exiting to outside	a. Remove obstacles preventing occupants from moving away from the building on they discharge to outside, in accordance with Cl. 6.17 of the LABS Standard	FP2
					b. Provide a fire rated barriers to protect occupants from the effects of a fire in the building where they cannot move directly away from the building, in accordance with Cl. 6.17 of the LABS Standard	FP1
				Other exits	a. Describe other Final Exits that could be used as part of the escape route	

H1.2 Fire Safety Construction

No.	Issue Type	No.	Sub-Issue Type	Sub-Issue Detail	Typical Recommended Actions	Priority
2	Fire Safety Construction	2.1	Protection of vertical openings	Lack of enclosure of Stairs connecting more than 2 floors	a. Provide fire rated protective enclosures to the stairs to comply with Cl. 4.8, 4.10 and 6.14 of the LABS Standard	FP2
				No fire rated self-closing doors to protected stairs	a. Provide self-closing devices to doors in accordance with Cl. 4.5 of the LABS Standard	FP1
				Unprotected penetrations in stair enclosures	a. Openings in stair enclosures to be protected with protective opening assemblies that comply with Cl. 4.6, 4.7 and 6.14 of the LABS Standard	FP1
				Inadequate protection of External Stairs from fire in interior	a. Exterior exit stairs to be protected from the building interior with fire rated construction in accordance with cl.6.3.1 and 6.10 of the LABS Standard	FP1
				Inadequate protection of vertical service shafts passing through floors	a. Services shaft passing through compartment floors to have fire rate enclosure in accprdance with Cl. 4.4 and 4.7 of the LABS Standard	FP2
				No adequate fire rated separation of lifts shafts	a. Elevator (lift) shafts to be enclosed with fire rated construction in accordance with Cl. 4.8 and 5.11 of the LABS Standard	FP2
				Other vertical openings through compartment floors	a. The atrium connecting floors is to be separated from the adjacent spaces using one of the methods provided in Cl. 4.12 of the LABS Standard	FP2
				Protection of basement with FR lobby, walls and self-closing doors	a. The connection between Basement and Ground floor to be separated with fire rated construction including vestibule, in accordance with Cl. 4.4.5 and 6.14 of the LABS Standard	FP1
		2.2	Separation of occupancies	Use of space with area too great to be considered an 'incidental occupancy'	a. Provide 1-hour fire rated partition wall with 45-minute self-closing fire rated doors between area and main use category in accordance with Cl.3.10 and 3.11 of the LABS Standard	FP2
				Separation of different occupancies not provided or incomplete	a. Provide 1-hour fire rated partition wall with 45-minute self-closing fire rated doors between occupant areas in accordance with Cl.3.10 and 3.11 of the LABS Standard	FP2
					b. Extend partition wall up to roof level with 1-hour fire rated construction to separate the different occupancies in the building in accordance with Cl.4.4 of the LABS Standard	FP2
					c. Block up the openings in wall separating occupancies with fire rated construction, and/or install fire rated doors to openings in the compartment wall in accordance with Cl.4.4 and 4.10 of the LABS Standard	FP2
					d. Seal the penetration openings in wall separating occupancies with fire stop systems in accordance with Cl.4.11 of the LABS Standard	FP2
		2.3	Storage areas	Designated storage areas not separated with fire rated construction	a. Separate storage areas from adjacent areas by means of 1-hour fire rated construction in accordance with Cl. 3.10 and 3.11 of the LABS Standard	FP2
				Storage areas facing onto exit pathways	a. Storage area to be separated from stair shaft or protected corridor with 1-hour fire rated construction and vestibule in accordance with Cl. 6.14 of the LABS Standard	FP1
				Excessive areas of non-sprinklered 'in-process' storage open to production areas	a. Re-arrange temporary storage into 'blocks' no greater than 23m ² area, 2,45m high and 3m separation between adjacent 'blocks' in accordance with Cl. 3.11.5.6 of the LABS Standard	FP2
				Excessive areas of sprinklered 'in-process' storage open to production areas	a. Re-arrange temporary storage into 'blocks' no greater than 93m ² area, 3.66m high and 7.62m separation between adjacent 'blocks' in accordance with Cl. 3.11.5.6 of the LABS Standard	FP2
				Excessive areas of 'in-process' storage open to production areas	a. Reduce the amount of temporary storage in 'blocks' to ensure that the accumulated area of temporary storage not to exceed 25% of total floor area in accordance with Cl. 3.11.2 of the LABS Standard	FP2

No.	Issue Type	No.	Sub-Issue Type	Sub-Issue Detail	Typical Recommended Actions	Priority
		2.3	Storage areas	Excessive areas of 'in-process' storage open to production areas	b. Separate storage areas from adjacent areas by means of 1-hour fire rated construction in accordance with Cl. 3.11 of the LABS Standard	FP2
				Other storage (eg. under or on stairs)	a. Storage to be removed from stair enclosure or separated with 1-hour fire rated construction in accordance with Cl. 3.11.5.4 of the LABS Standard	FP2
		2.4	Other high risk areas	Generator enclosure inadequate	a. Generator sets to be separated from all other occupancy areas by a minimum 2-hour construction in accordance with Cl. 3.11.5.3 of the LABS Standard	FP2
				Boiler Room enclosure inadequate	a. Boiler room to be separated from all other occupancy areas by a 1-hour fire rated construction with an automatic suppression system, or 2-hour construction in accordance with Cl. 3.11.5.2 of the LABS Standard	FP2
				Large Compressor without enclosure	a. Compressor to be separated from all other occupancy areas by a minimum 1-hour fire rated construction in accordance with Cl. 3.11.5.4 of the LABS Standard	FP2
				Transformer enclosure inadequate	a. Transformers to be separated from all other occupancy areas by a minimum 1-hour construction in accordance with Cl. 3.11.5.4 of the LABS Standard	FP2
				Chemical Store enclosure inadequate	a. Chemical store to be separated from all other occupancy areas by a minimum 1-hour construction in accordance with Cl. 3.11.6.3 of the LABS Standard	FP2
				Others	a. Other hazardous areas to be separated from all other occupancy areas by fire rated construction in accordance with Cl. 3.11.5.4 of the LABS Standard	FP3
		2.5	Structure & Finishes	Fire Protection of the structure	a. Provide steel structure with fire protection for a period defined in Cl. 3.12.3, 3.13.4 and 4.3 of the LABS Standard according to type of construction	FP3
				Non-compliant Wall Finishes	a. Partition finishes to be removed and replaced with material meeting the fire spread characteristic requirements of Cl. 6.3.2 of the LABS Standard	FP3
				Non-compliant Ceiling finishes	a. False ceilings to be removed and replaced with finish meeting the fire spread characteristic requirements of Cl. 6.3.2 of the LABS Standard	FP2

H1.3 Fire Safety Systems

No.	Issue Type	No.	Sub-Issue Type	Sub-Issue Detail	Typical Recommended Actions	Priority
3	Fire Safety systems	3.1	Fire Detection	Unsuitable Fire Detector type	a. Replace fire/ smoke detectors with detectors suited to the type of environment of the space in accordance with Cl.5.9 of the LABS Standard	FP2
				Inadequate Fire Detector coverage	a. Provide detectors to all enclosed areas to ensure compliance with Cl.5.9 of the LABS Standard	FP2
				Incorrect Fire Detector positioning	a. Location of fire/ smoke detectors are not in accordance with specification of distance from ceiling/ spacing between detectors/ avoidance of obstructions. Upgrade detector system to comply with requirements of Cl.5.9 of the LABS Standard	FP2
				Inadequate back-up power to Detectors	a. Back-up power for the Fire Detection system to be provided in accordance with Cl.5.13 of the LABS Standard	FP1
		3.2	Fire Alarm	Unsuitable Fire Alarm type (audio, visual)	a. Provide a Fire Alarm system to comply with Cl.4.12, 5.2.4 and 5.9 of the LABS Standard	FP1
				Inadequate Fire Alarm coverage	a. Provide a Fire Alarm system to comply with cl.5.9 of the LABS Standard	FP1
					b. Test decibel levels of alarm sounders in all areas. Add sounders for all areas where the alarm decibel level is not sufficient in accordance with Cl.5.9 of the LABS Standard.	FP2
				Incorrect or no automatic Fire Alarm activation	a. Provide a Fire Alarm activation mechanism to comply with Cl. 5.9 of the LABS Standard	FP1
				Inadequate back-up power to Fire Alarms	Back-up power for the Fire Alarm system to be provided in accordance with Cl.5.13 of the LABS Standard	FP1
		3.3	Emergency Lighting	Insufficient Emergency Lighting for escape pathways	a. Provide emergency lighting in compliance with Cl.6.8 of the LABS Standard on all escape paths	FP2
				No Emergency Lighting provided	a. Provide emergency lighting in compliance with Cl.6.8 of the LABS Standard on all escape paths	FP1
				Inadequate back-up power to Emergency Lighting	a. Backup power for Exit Signs and Emergency Lighting to escape paths must be provided in accordance with Cl.6.8.3 of the LABS Standard	FP1
				Wiring configuration of emergency lighting system incorrect	a. Re-configure wiring of the emergency lighting system to ensure that the lighting activates when power is lost in the affected zone in accordance with Cl.6.8 of the LABS Standard	FP1

H1.4 Provisions for Firefighting

No.	Issue Type	No.	Sub-Issue Type	Sub-Issue Detail	Typical Recommended Actions	Priority
4	Provisions for Fire Fighting	4.1	Water supply	No municipal main water supply	a. Provide on site water storage and fire pumps in accordance with Cl.5.7.2 of the LABS Standard	FP2
				Insufficient water storage on premises for firefighting systems	a. Check water demand for all fire fighting systems and provide adequate water storage on site in accordance with Cl.5.7 of the LABS Standard.	FP2
				No or inadequate water pump-set	a. Provide adequate fire water pumps with capacity required by Cl.5.7 of the LABS Standard	FP1
					b. Provide new pumps that meet the pressure and flow capacity requirements of LABS Standard Cl.5.3, 5.5 & 5.6	FP2
					c. Check pressure and flow capacities of fire pumps to ensure they can meet the requirements given in LABS Standard Cl.5.3, 5.5 & 5.6	FP2
				Water storage insufficient for fire hose reel given the pump system provided	a. Provide water storage sufficient to serve hose reel system and sprinklers if any to meet flow and duration requirements Cl.5.7 of the LABS Standard	FP2
				Pump-set back-up not provided or insufficient	a. Provide pump-set back-up for hose reel system and sprinklers if any to meet flow and duration requirements of LABS Standard Cl.5.7	FP2
				Manual activation of fire pumps	a. Ensure clear procedure for manual activation of fire pumps, with assigned responsible persons identified in an Emergency Plan, in accordance with Cl.5.7 of the LABS Standard	FP2
					b. Link fire pumps to an automatic backup power supply that is activated on activation of the Fire Alarm in accordance with Cl.5.7 of the LABS Standard	FP3
		4.2	Fire fighting systems	Inadequate fire hydrant/ wet riser system	a. Provide a fire hydrant system with sufficient outlets to ensure full coverage of all parts of the building in accordance with Cl.5.6 and 5.7 of the LABS Standard	FP2
					b. Provide additional connection points to the fire water system to ensure full coverage of all parts of the building in accordance with cl. 5.7.4 of the LABS Standard	FP3
				No or inadequate internal fire hose reel system	a. Provide internal fire hose reel system in accordance with cl. 5.5 of the LABS Standard or justify omission on the basis of alternative fire fighting provisions	FP1
					b. Replace existing deteriorated hoses with hoses that are fit for purpose in accordance with Cl.5.5 & 5.6 of the LABS Standard	FP3
				Insufficient portable fire extinguishers	a. Provide sufficient fire extinguishers of the correct type and distribution, as required by Cl.5.8 of the LABS	FP2
				Portable extinguishers not signposted	a. Provide signposting for portable fire extinguisher locations so that they are clearly by occupants from their workstations in accordance with Cl.5.8 of the LABS Standard	FP3
				Portable extinguishers not checked and tagged	a. Carry out regular maintenance of all fire extinguishers and ensure that inspections are recorded adequately in accordance with Cl.5.8 of the LABS Standard	FP3
				No automatic extinguishing system	a. An automatic sprinkler system to be installed in accordance with Cl.5.3 of the LABS Standard	FP3
		4.3	Access	Inadequate access for Fire Fighting vehicles	a. Access for fire fighting vehicles to be provided in accordance with Cl.5.12 of the LABS Standard	FP3
				Other issues		

H1.5 Maintenance and Housekeeping

No.	Issue Type	No.	Sub-Issue Type	Sub-Issue Detail	Typical Recommended Actions	Priority
5	Maintenance and Housekeeping	5.1	Legal Documents	Fire Police inspection report; does the factory have one and what information is given in the Annex	a. Obtain Fire Police Inspection report or similar document from Local Fire Authority for presentation at the factory in accordance with Cl. 3.3 of the LABS Standard	FP2
				Other Fire Authority documentation	a. Obtain regulatory licenses, permits or similar for presentation at the factory in accordance with Cl. 3.3 of the LABS Standard	FP3
		5.2	Maintenance records	Inadequate maintenance records for Alarm system	a. Carry out maintenance of the Fire Alarm system in accordance with CL.12.8 and 12.10 of the LABS Standard and ensure that records are kept of all maintenance activities for future inspection	FP2
				Inadequate maintenance records for Emergency lighting	a. Carry out maintenance of the Emergency Lighting system in accordance with 12.10 & 12.11 of the LABS Standard and ensure that records are kept of all maintenance activities for future inspection	FP2
				Inadequate maintenance records for Pumps & Fire hose	a. Testing and maintenance to be carried out on the Fire Hose system in accordance with Cl.5.7 of the LABS Standard	FP3
				Inadequate extinguishing system maintenance records	a. Testing and maintenance to be carried out on the Sprinkler system in accordance with Cl.5.3 of the LABS Standard	FP3
		5.3	Emergency Plan	Inadequately documented or no Emergency Plan	a. Emergency Plan to be produced/updated and documented for inspection in accordance with Cl. 12.1 and 12.3 of the LABS Standard	FP3
				Responsible persons designated and assigned tasks documented	a. Emergency Plan to be produced/updated and documented for inspection in accordance with Cl. 12.1 and 12.3 of the LABS Standard	FP3
				Emergency layouts posted at Exits on each floor	a. Emergency Plan to be produced/updated and documented for inspection in accordance with Cl. 12.1 and 12.3 of the LABS Standard	FP3
		5.4	Fire Safety Training	No evidence of personnel training and emergency duties	a. Personnel training and emergency duties to be set out in the Emergency Plan in accordance with Cl. 12.1 to 12.3 of the LABS Standard	FP3
				Inadequate records of regular fire drills	a. Fire drills to be carried out and recorded in accordance with Cl.12.2 of the LABS Standard, with frequency as dictated by the Fire Police permit	FP3
		5.5	House-keeping	Stored goods, obstacles on evacuation pathways	a. In-process storage, storage awaiting shipment loading and other miscellaneous items to be properly managed in accordance with Cl. 12.6 and 12.7 of the LABS Standard	FP1
				Stored goods, obstacles on stairways	a. In-process storage and other miscellaneous items to be properly managed in accordance with Cl. 12.6 and 12.7 of the LABS Standard	FP1
				Combustible goods stacked near heat/electrical sources	a. All combustible goods to be properly managed in accordance with Cl. 12.6 and 12.7 of the LABS Standard	FP2
				Other		

H2 Prioritisation of Fire Safety Actions

Colour Category	Green	Yellow	Amber	Amber/Red	Red
Priority 1 Observations	0	0	$0 < n \leq 7$	$7 < n \leq 15$	>15
Priority 2 Observations	0	Any number	Any number	Any number	Any number
Priority 3 Observations	Any number	Any number	Any number	Any number	Any number
Notes on Factory colour coding for Fire Safety					
The scoring system given above to determine the factory colour coding should be used only as a guide for prioritising the urgency of addressing the fire safety aspects of the factory.					
The Fire Inspector may come across situations where one item on the checklist is so deficient that the particular issue in itself, or that issue combined with a few other issues, merits a high risk category even though the scoring system above does not produce a high score. The Inspector should use his/her judgement in these cases to adjust the risk category.					
Before finalising the colour category of the building the Fire Inspector should use his/her judgement to assess whether the scoring reflects the perceived fire safety condition of the building. If the scoring indicates a different level of safety to that perceived by the Fire Inspector from the observations on site, then the building should be given a colour category that corresponds to the perceived condition					

Appendix I

Electrical Issues Categorisation and Prioritisation

I1 Categorisation of Electrical Issues

Issue Type	Sub Issue
E1: Supplies to Life Safety Systems	
	Life safety system
	Fire detection and alarm
	Emergency Lighting
	Fire Water Pump
	Equipment Condition
	Other
E2: Earthing and Bonding	
	Insufficient bonding of equipment
	Break in neutral connection
	Broken/disconnected earthing conductor
	Residual current device
	Main equipotential bonding conductors
	General condition of the LPS: damaged/unfixed conductors and components found
	General condition of the LPS: corrosion found
	No LPS installed
	Details of lightning protection unknown

	Other
E3: Generators	
	Generator type not stated in documents/on equipment
	Generator capacity
	Interlocking and changeover
	Fuel storage
	Generator earthing
	Fuel leaks
	Fuel pump not on life safety supply
	Fuel Monitoring
	Generator Battery
	Ventilation
	Housekeeping
	Equipment condition
	Other
E4: Substations	
	Housekeeping
	Warning/danger signage
	Main incoming power supply
	Substation location

	Oil bunding
	Water ingress
	Substation services
	Substation access
	Ventilation
	Equipment condition
	Other
E5: Distribution	
	Cable support / Installation
	Cable current carrying capacity
	Cable / Circuit identification
	Lint / dust present
	Damaged cables / conduits
	Combustible/flammable materials
	Load balancing
	Housekeeping
E6: Drawings	
	None or outdated Single Line Diagram
	None or outdated earthing diagram
	None or outdated electrical layout drawing

	None or outdated power balance schedule
	Switchboard diagrams not available
E7: Maintenance and Records	
	Maintenance Schedule
	Maintenance Record
E8: Thermographic Scanning	
	No survey / Incomplete due to access issues
	Cable connection / termination
	Circuit breaker
	Other device

I2 Prioritisation of Electrical Safety Actions

As the Electrical Safety Assessment is largely based on judgement of the condition of the existing building and various evidence-based indicators of performance of the various electrical and life safety systems, it is not possible to provide a definitive prioritisation for each issue on the Electrical checklist.

This forms an important part of the training of the assessment firms. Examples of typical actions associated with the principle issues which are likely to be found and guidance on their prioritisation can be provided at that time.

However, the following guidance is provided to assist suitably qualified engineers to determine the most appropriate priority level for a particular finding. This should be read in conjunction with the principles set out in Section 7.1.

EP1: Immediate Actions

EP1 actions shall be reserved and applied where the electrical assessor has determined that a server risk to life safety or fire exists.

Some observations / actions that would generally be considered to result in an EP1 may be:

- High temperatures within electrical equipment, cables or connections
- Exposed live conductors within reach of people or close to flammable material

A building with SP1 findings at worst may have the following colour codes.

Red/Amber: If the QEEC deems that there are **important IMMEDIATE actions required to maintain an Amber designation**, the report may be designated as Amber with Red actions. The Red actions must be completed in two weeks or the overall factory designation will become Red. The most critical actions need to be limited in their number. An example of this may be where high temperatures were observed in a limited number of panels.

Full production may be affected.

Red: Immediate closure of factory building or significant part of building recommended. Closure in accordance with protocol. This is where **IMMEDIATE actions** are numerous and / or found across entire systems. Full production may be affected.

EP2: 2 Week Actions

EP2 can be applied to actions where the risk of fire and risk to life is lower than EP1.

EP2 can be used where human intervention or another event is required for the risk to be harmful. Some observation / actions that would generally be considered to result in an EP2 may be:

- Unsecured substation or electrical room

The risk only presents itself where an unauthorised or untrained person enters the space:

- Poor or taped joints on cables
- Faults on fire alarm panel
- Faults on primary or secondary power supplies to life safety services
- Significant levels of lint/dust where high temperatures were recorded in other panels in the same facility.

This coupled with mediate to high temperature on the same equipment presents a risk of fire.

Amber: No reason to suspend operations in the facility but action may be required locally. Production may continue subject to agreement to further assessments and testing and actions to address issues raised with prioritised actions in report. Issues need to be addressed in the next 2 weeks. Production can continue.

EP3: 4 Week Actions

EP3 can be applied to actions where the risk to life safety and fire is low. These may include actions that required multiple (safety) systems to fail at the same time. Examples that could be given an EP3:

- Bonding of extraneous metalwork.

This requires unbonded metalwork to become live and for someone to come into direct contact to affect a person.

- Maintenance overdue on a fire alarm system.

A building with only EP3 findings has an overall yellow colour code.

Yellow: Generally, all clear subject to agreement to address prioritised comments. Could include requirements for maintenance to be carried out on LIFE SAFETY SYSTEMS. No critical visible system or component defects no visible immediate risk to workers. Production can continue.

EP4: 2 Month Actions

These are items that if not addressed within the time may deteriorate and develop into a more significant risk.

EP4 can also be applied where maintenance is required to be carried out on an ongoing basis. For example:

- Labelling of electrical equipment is missing or incorrect
- No maintenance has been carried out or documented for electrical equipment
- Lower levels of lint/dust within panel that shows no signs of overheating.

A building with only EP4 findings has an overall Green colour code.

Green: Generally, all clear subject to agreement to address prioritised comments. Could include requirements for maintenance to be carried out on systems. No critical visible system or component defects no visible immediate risk to workers. Production can continue.

Appendix J

Safety Assessment Report Formats - Templates

J1 Structural Template

Revision : Issue XXX

Date: DD Month YYYY

Category Nnnn

Factory Name

Factory Address

(Factory Coordinates)

DD Month YYYY (*Date of assessment*)

Structural Safety Assessment Report

Observations & Actions

Assessment Firm: Name

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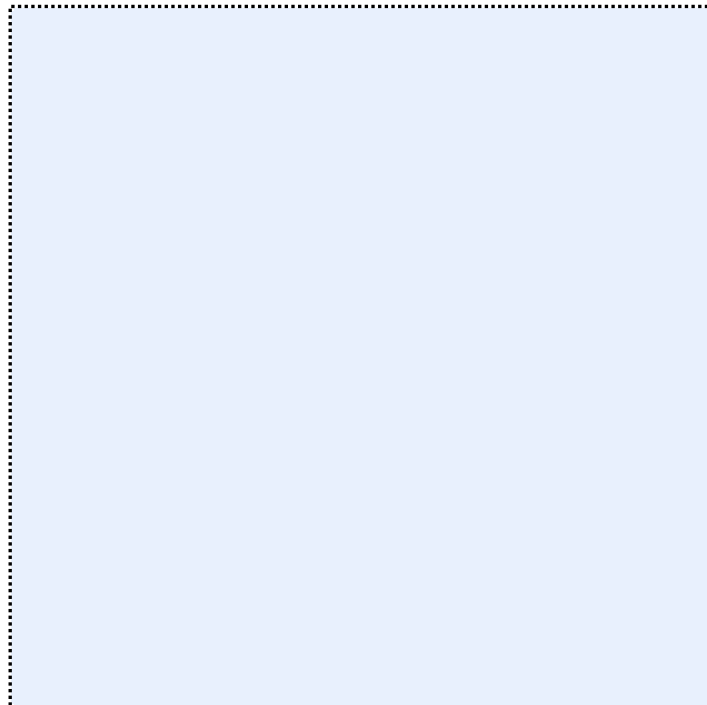


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1 Executive Summary

On Day XXth Month Year, Name Surname of Assessment Firm carried out a visual structural assessment of the Factory Name factory at the address and coordinates given on the cover page of this report. The assessment was non-intrusive and was carried out in accordance with the LABS Standard for Country Name and associated Methodology for Preliminary Safety Assessment for Country Name.

Factory Name occupy the entire building (or all buildings on the site) and provided access to all areas.

We met with factory management representative Name Surname (Job Title) and Name Surname (Job Title) (any other management personnel). As the assessment was being carried out as part of an overall Structural, Fire and Electrical pilot assessment exercise, other representatives from Assessment Firm were also present, along with observers from Company and Company. [Delete if not applicable]

Description of factory:

Number of buildings

Use of buildings

Year of construction

Is whole factory owned by one company?

Number of workers

E.g. The factory generally comprises of two main production buildings (Building 5-10 and Building 11 as per site plan) and a number of smaller ancillary facilities. Building 5-10 is used for sewing, cutting, dining and storage while Building 11 is a sewing / cutting building. The buildings were constructed in 2008 and the factory complex is entirely owned and occupied by XXX. There are approximately 500 workers in the factory complex.

Overview of structural system in place in factory buildings (steel / concrete, portal frame / moment frame etc.).

E.g. The production buildings are both single storey steel framed structures. Building 11 is a single span portal frame, while Building 5-10 is a two span portal frame.

Drawings:

What drawings were presented? E.g. Structural design drawings, soils report, as-built drawings, permit application, construction completion permit

E.g. We were presented with Permit application and approval documents for the factory complex, based on the design documents prepared prior to commencement of construction. No construction completion licence / permit was provided.

Structural design drawings were provided for both main buildings, which were broadly in agreement with the structure as observed during the assessment.

No soils report was available. Pad foundations are shown on the structural drawings.

Name of buildings (if applicable) were the primary focus of the structural assessment. **List any other buildings assessed and level of assessment e.g.** a brief walk-through assessment of the ancillary buildings was carried out to identify any critical life safety issues from a structural perspective. None were identified.

[change as appropriate]

The overall colour code category of this factory is Colour Code. This means that there are at least some actions which must be addressed within Time Period. The colour code categories for the significant individual buildings assessed **(if applicable)** are as follows:

- **Building Name: Category Nn**
- **Building Name: Category Nn**
- **Building Name: Category Nn**

A high level and non-exhaustive list of key concerns are:

- **Issue 1**
- **Issue 2**
- **Issue 3**
- **Issue 4**

Based on the state of the structural safety systems and the condition of the factory floors observed, the level of maintenance appears to be acceptable, provided that regular maintenance activities are implemented or continued, and that detailed records are kept of these activities in the future. ***[change as appropriate]***

We have carried out a seismic assessment in accordance with the LABS methodology, with no significant findings arising. Further seismic assessment is not required as part of LABS Initiative. As this was not a code compliance check in accordance with the Vietnamese Building Code, the factory management may wish to consider this separately. ***[change as appropriate]***

We see no reason to suspend operations in the facility due to these concerns (subject to the required actions noted at the end of this report.) ***[change as appropriate based on required actions]***

Further actions with associated priorities and timeframes are given at the end of this report. Please note that these actions should be completed as soon as practically possible and certainly within the timeframe noted.

Our Limitations and Assumptions are also noted at the end of this report.

2 Building Extents

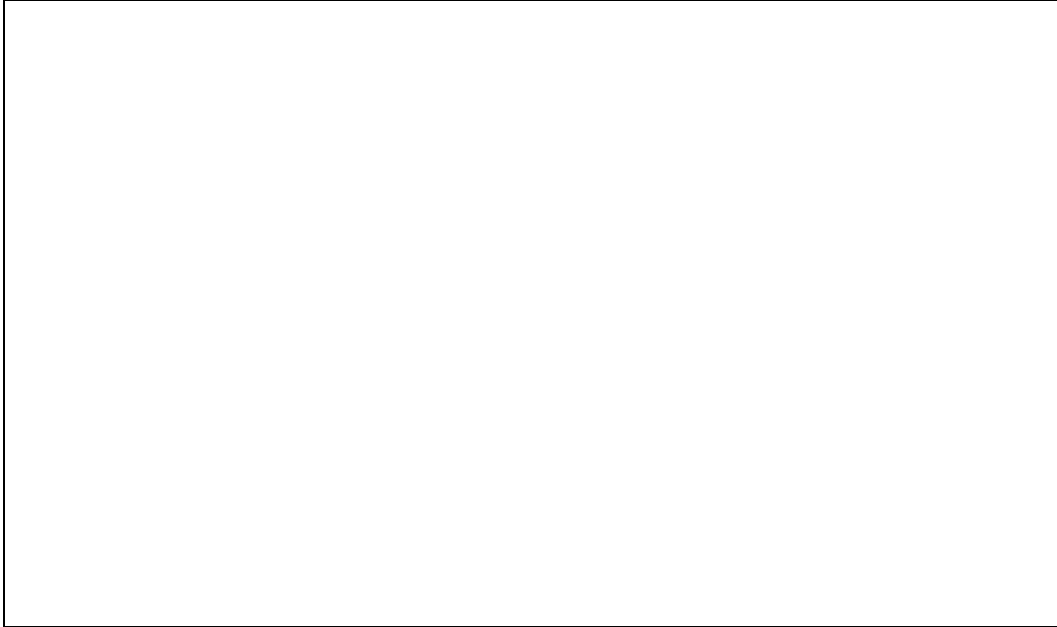


Figure 1 Site Plan (if available) or suitable satellite image

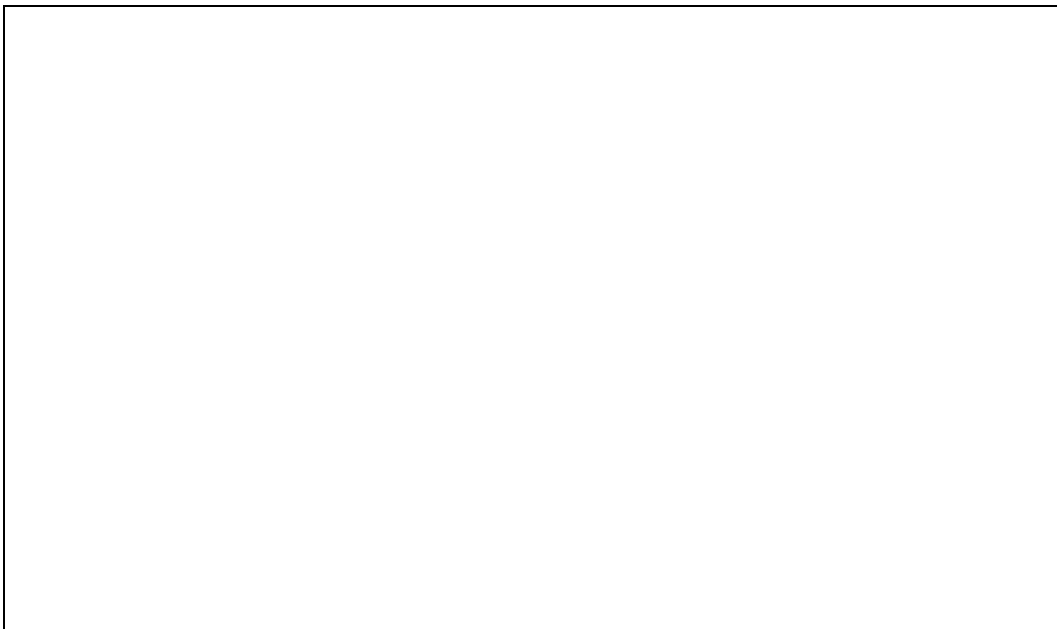


Figure 2 Building Cross Section and Occupancy

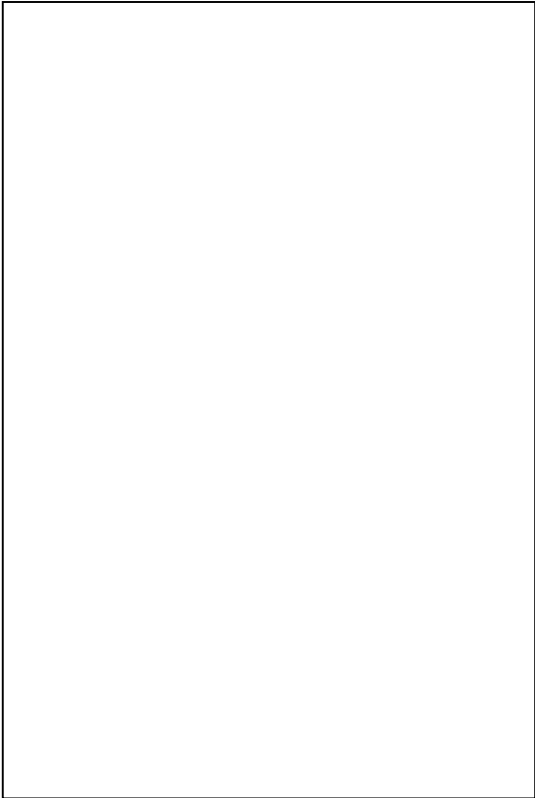


Figure 3 N/S/E/W Elevation

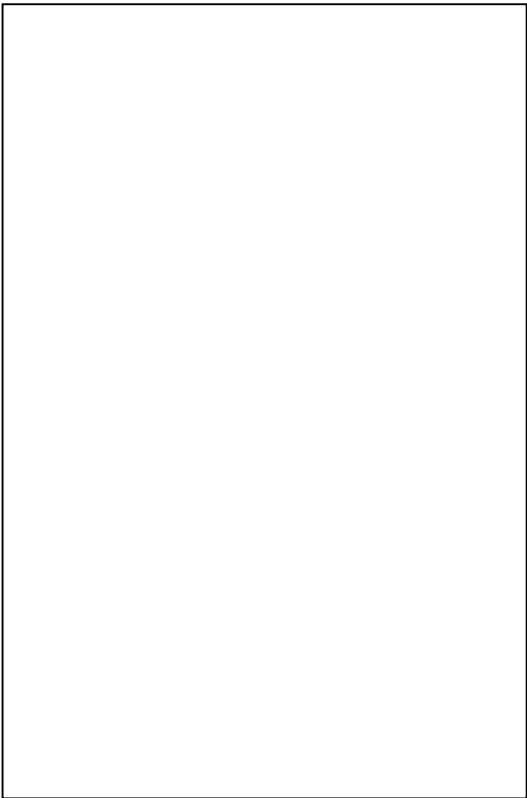


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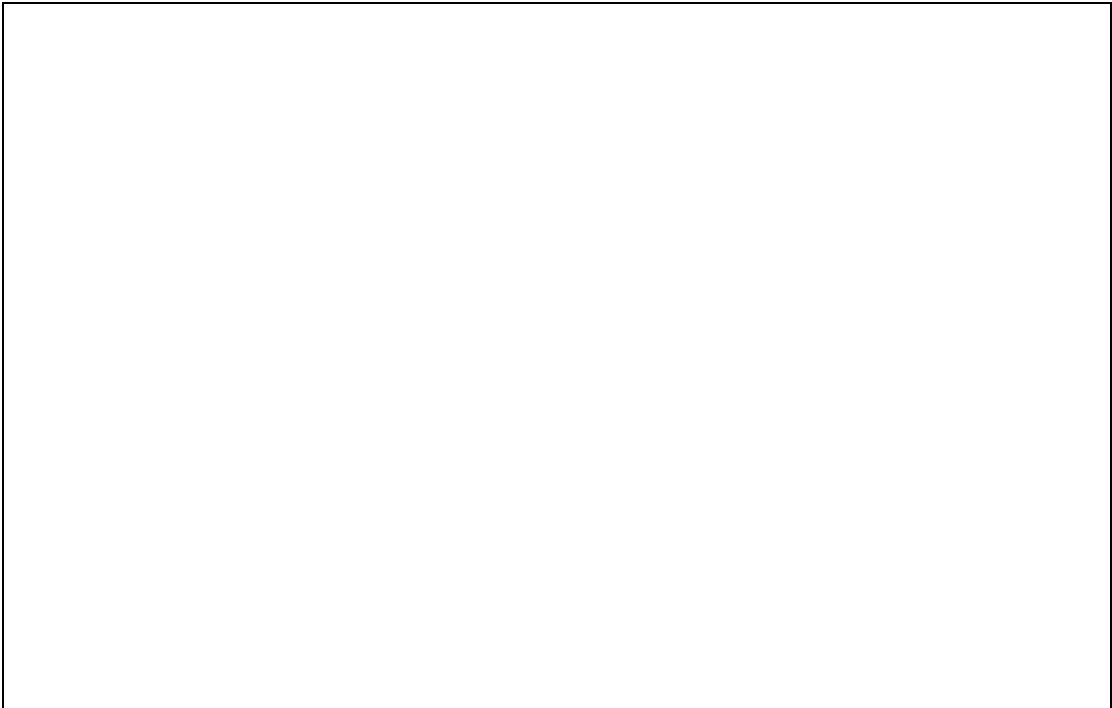


Figure 4 N/S/E/W Elevation

3 Structural System

Concrete Structure Example

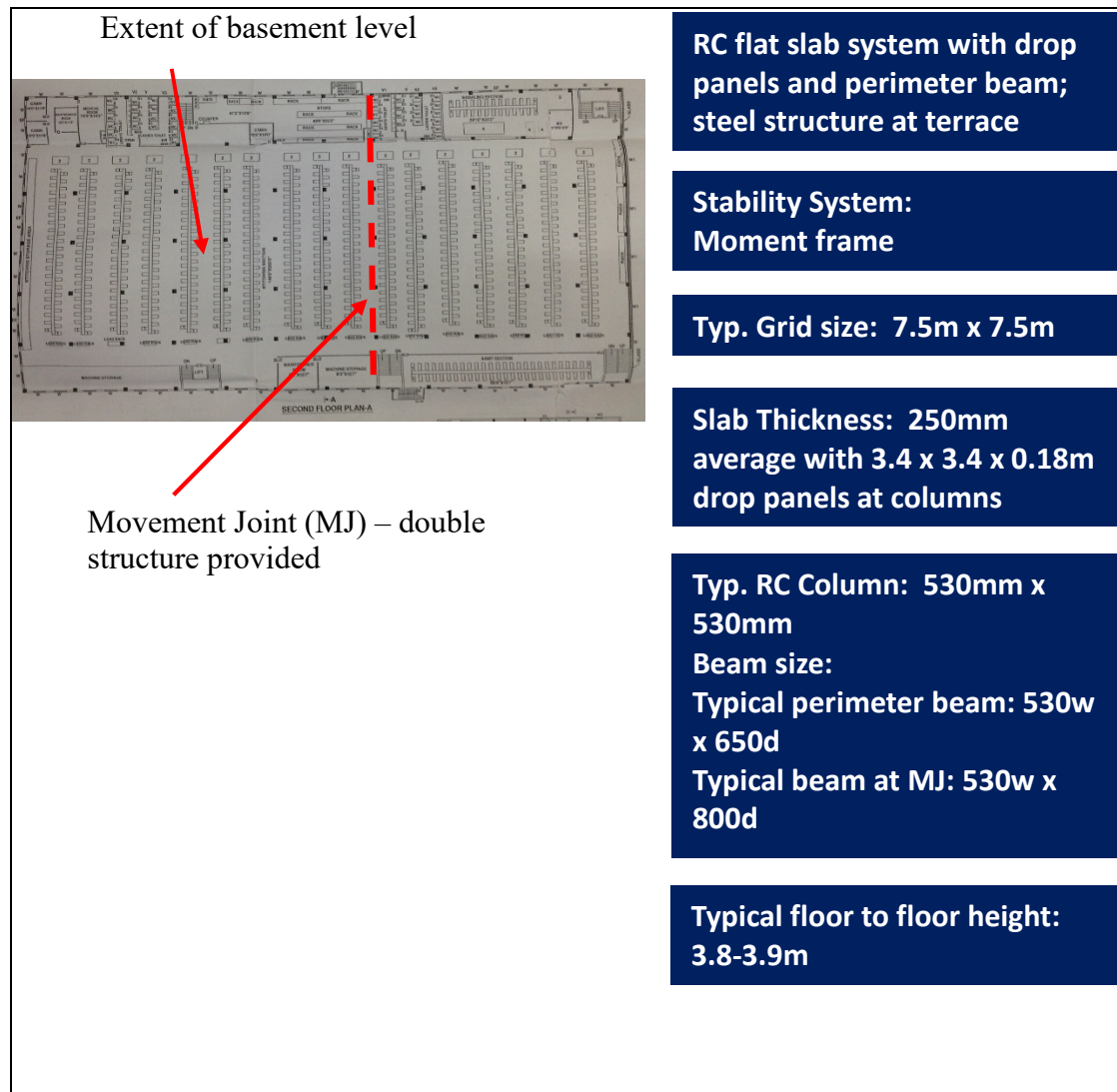


Figure 5 Building – Structural System (Typical Floor)



Figure N Typical flat slab with drop panels



Figure N Typical floor structure at link between Part A and B

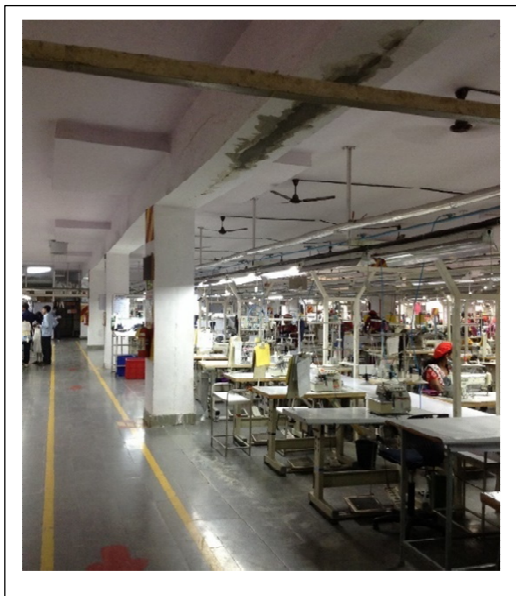


Figure N Double structure and downstand beam at MJ



Figure N Double column at MJ

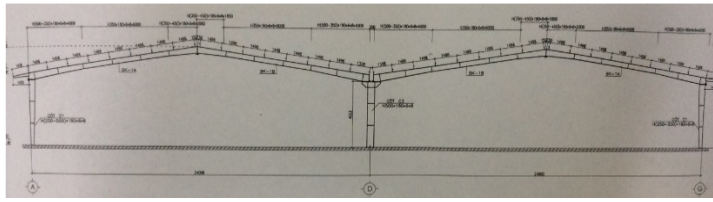


Figure N Water tank on columns at Roof level – GL E/7-8. Approx. storage – 24,000 litres Similar tank at GL E/2-3



Figure N 10,000 litre tank at GL 0-11/D-E

Steel Structure Example



Two span portal frame; 24m spans
Overall building length: 108m

Stability System: Moment frame transversely and braced bays in roof and elevation longitudinally

Grid size: Portal frame at 7.2m centres

Steel Column size:
250-500 deep x 180 wide
plated column (plate thickness 6-10mm)

Rafter size:
350-500 deep x 180 wide
beam (plate thickness 6-10mm)

Figure N Building 1 – Structural System



Figure N Typical braced bay – suspended ceilings throughout so portal frames not visible. External masonry wall built tight to outside of column flange



Figure N Typical eaves detail – eaves beam visible

4 Observations

Ref No.	STR 1
Observations: Description of Structural Observation 1	
<div>Photo</div>	

Figure N Further description if required

Example


Ref No.	STRUC-1
Observations: Bowing of unrestrained masonry wall on northern gable of Building 5-10. Apparent deflection to concrete canopy on this wall.	
	

Figure N Bowing of masonry wall which is not restrained by steel columns in gable – c.30-40mm deflection at mid height of wall

Figure N View of northern gable wall with apparent repairs / new render. Concrete canopy appears to have deflected

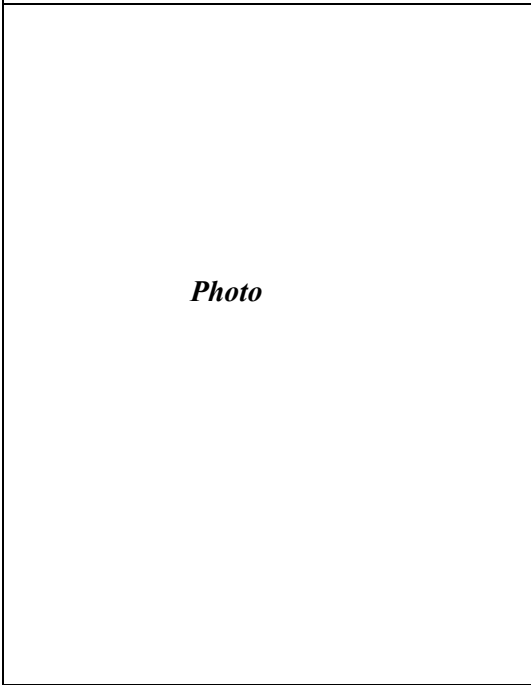
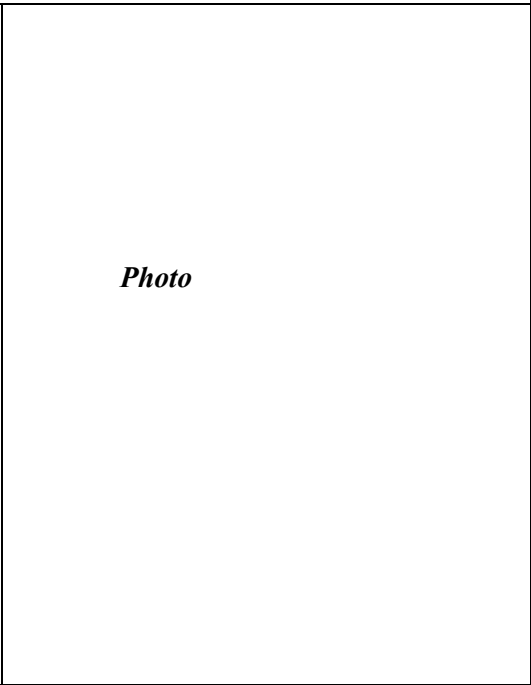
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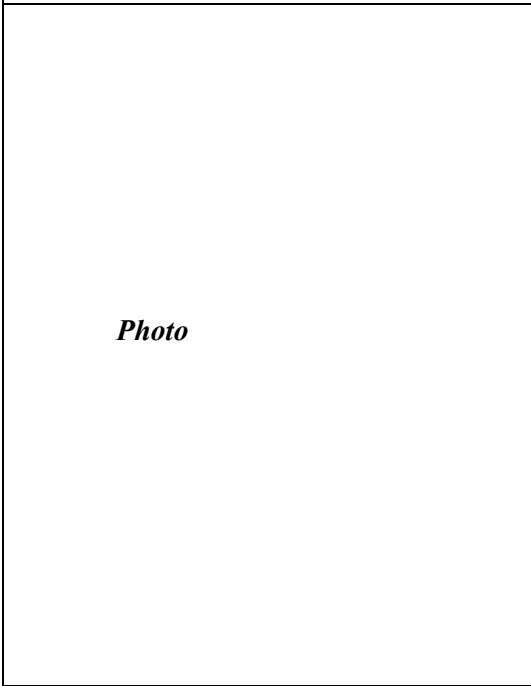
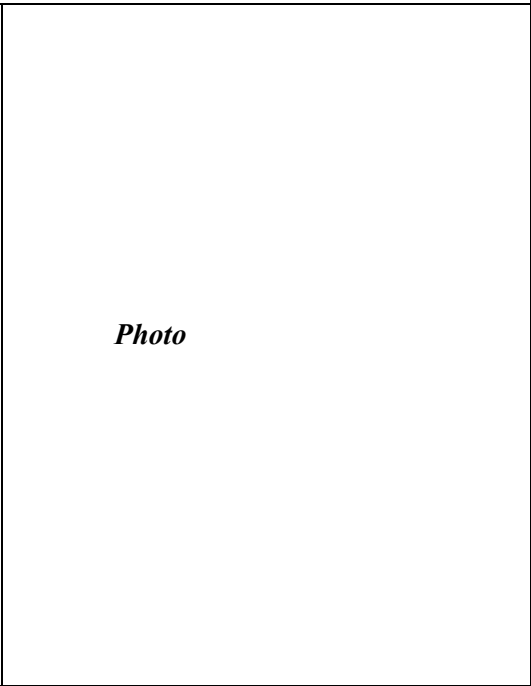
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Figure N Further description if required

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Ref No.	STRUC – n+3	
Observations: Description of Structural Observation 4		
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Figure N: Further description if required

Ref No.	STRUC – n+4	
Observations: Description of Structural Observation 5		
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Figure N: Further description if required

5 Priority Actions

Each action has been prioritised as follows:

Priority 1 (SP1) - Immediate Action, e.g. full or partial evacuation, cease construction, remove load etc (red, amber action)

Priority 2 (SP2) - Action to be completed within 6 weeks

Priority 3 (SP3) – Action to be complete within 6 months.

Each recommended action includes the relevant clause reference to the LABS Standard for Vietnam.

Findings and Remediation Issues from FFC to be inserted here

6 Summary of Priority Actions

CAP Priority	Response	Issue Type	Company Plan Of Action
SP2	STRUC-1	S7: Performance of Extensions/Additions	Factory to appoint Structural Engineer to review stability of stairs, including connection to the existing building and propose remedial measures if required. Refer to Clause 8.6 of the LABS Standard.
SP2	STRUC-2	S7: Performance of Extensions/Additions	Factory to appoint Structural Engineer to produce safe load plan for existing terrace to be used for storage, giving consideration to floor capacity and column capacity. Factory to actively manage floor loading. Refer to Clause 8.6 of the LABS Standard.
SP2	STRUC-2	S7: Performance of Extensions/Additions	Factory to appoint Structural Engineer to review capacity of existing roof terrace to act as a storage area. Refer to Clause 8.6 of the LABS Standard.
SP3	STRUC-1	S7: Performance of Extensions/Additions	Implement remedial measures. Refer to Clause 8.24 of the LABS Standard.
SP3	STRUC-3	S1: Vertical structural system	Factory to appoint Structural Engineer to produce safe load plans for all suspended floors, giving consideration to floor capacity and column capacity. Factory to actively manage floor loading. Refer to Clause 8.9.3 of the LABS Standard.
SP3	STRUC-4	S6: Visible Distress in Non-Structural Members	Factory to appoint Structural Engineer to review extent and nature of cracking and monitor as necessary. Remedial measures to be implemented, including prevention of water ingress. Refer to Clause 8.6 of the LABS Standard.
SP3	STRUC-5	S3: Key elements	Factory to appoint Structural Engineer to assess column design for vehicle impact in accordance with Clause 8.6.2 of the LABS Standard. Suitable column protection barriers to be designed and constructed
SP3	STRUC-6	S8: Structural Documentation	Factory to appoint Structural Engineer to prepare as-built structural drawings for the factory. Refer to Clause 8.19 of the LABS Standard.

CAP Priority		
	SP1	Immediately
	SP2	Within 6 weeks
	SP3	Within 6 months

Example of content indicated here, CAP Priority should be in order from highest to lowest)

7 Limitations and Assumptions

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This report can be used in discussion with the Supplier or Factory Owner as a means to rectify or address any observations made. The report is not comprehensive and is limited to what could be observed during a visual assessment of the building.

This Report is not intended to be treated as a generalised assessment and does not cover the deterioration of structural members through dampness, fungal or insect attack, nor does it deal with problems and defects of a non-structural nature. Other non-structural aspects of the building such as fire safety have not been assessed in this survey.

Except as otherwise noted, drains and other services were not viewed or tested during our assessment and are therefore similarly excluded from this Report. We have not assessed any parts of the structure which are covered, unexposed or inaccessible and we are therefore unable to report that any such part of the property is free from defect.

External assessment of the façade walls has generally been carried out from ground level only by visual sighting. No opening up works were carried out (except as noted) and we rely on the Architects and Engineers drawings provided to us for our views on concealed parts of the structure and, in particular, foundations. Strengths of materials and components are untested and we recommend that the Factory Owner's Building Engineer carries out insitu testing over and above those suggested to satisfy themselves with the material strengths and component details, where necessary.

Recommendations, where given, are for the purpose of providing indicative advice only, are not exhaustive, relate solely to identifying key and obvious structural defects as identified in this presentation, and do not take the form of or constitute a specification for works. We take no responsibility for the works as constructed. This report does not interfere with the Factory Owner's Building Engineers responsibility for the structural performance of this building. The Building Engineer remains fully responsible for the structural adequacy of the building.

The findings and recommendations in this report are not intended to imply, guarantee, ensure or warrant compliance with any National Codes or Government Regulations, nor do they alleviate any responsibility of the Factory Owner in this regard. The site inspection and this Report are carried out as a parallel exercise to design approval and inspections carried out by the Authorities as part of the established state enforcement process.

The observations in this report are based on the Engineering Judgement of the Lead Assessor / Engineer at the time of the survey. We assume in making these observations that no covering up of faults defects, filling or plastering over cracking or significant repair work has been carried out by the Building Owner. Any future alteration or additional work by the Building Owner will void this report.

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J2 Fire Template

Revision : Issue XXX

Date: DD Month YYYY

Category Nnnn

Factory Name

Factory Address

(Factory Coordinates)

DD Month YYYY (*Date of assessment*)

Fire Safety Assessment Report

Observations & Actions

Assessment Firm: Name

Authors: Name Name

Reviewed by: Name Name

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Image of Factory

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1 Executive Summary

On DAY XXth of MONTH YEAR, NAME SURNAME of ASSESSMENT FIRM Name carried out a visual Fire Safety Assessment of the FACTORY NAME factory at the address and coordinates given on the cover page of this report. The inspection was non-intrusive and was carried out in accordance with the LABS Standard for COUNTRY NAME and associated Methodology for Preliminary Safety Assessments for COUNTRY NAME. Limited testing of the fire safety systems was carried out.

FACTORY NAME occupy the entire building (OR ALL BUILDINGS ON THE SITE) and allowed us access to all areas.

We met with factory management representative NAME SURNAME (JOB TITLE) and NAME SURNAME (JOB TITLE) (ANY OTHER MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL). As the assessment was being carried out as part of an overall Structural, Fire and Electrical pilot assessment exercise, other representatives from ASSESSMENT FIRM were also present, along with observers from ASSESSMENT FIRM and ASSESSMENT FIRM. [Delete if not applicable]

The factory generally comprises DESCRIPTION. It was constructed during the period YEARS and FACTORY NAME have been occupying/renting the premises since YEAR .There are approximately NUMBER workers in the factory complex.

The assessment was carried out principally to identify issues affecting the life safety of occupants in the Production buildings. The separate ancillary buildings were also inspected with a view to identifying any life safety impact on the occupants of the Production building for a fire anywhere on the premises.

The overall colour code category of this factory is COLOUR CODE. This mean there are at least some actions which must be addressed within TIME PERIOD. The colour code categories for the significant individual buildings are as follows:

- Building Name: Category Nn
- Building Name: Category Nn
- Building Name: Category Nn

A high level and non-exhaustive list of key concerns are:

- XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
- XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
- XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
- XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

A summary of actions with associated priorities and timeframes are given at the end of this report.

Please note that these actions should be completed as soon as practically possible and certainly within the timeframe noted.

Based on the state of the fire safety systems observed, the condition of the factory floors and circulation routes observed and the documentary evidence of maintenance records presented, the level of housekeeping in the factory appears to be VERY GOOD/ACCEPTABLE/BELOW STANDARD.

The purpose of the inspection was to identify significant fire safety issues and to provide actions for remediation based on applicable standards specified by LABS.

Our Limitations and Assumptions are also noted at the end of this report.

2 General Information

2.1 General Factory Information

Factory Name	Name
Factory Address	Address
GPS Co-ordinates	GPS Co-ordinates
Factory Contact Person	Name
Assessment Participants	Name
	Name
	Name
	Name
Visiting Cards	<div></div> Image of business card
Other Tenants	

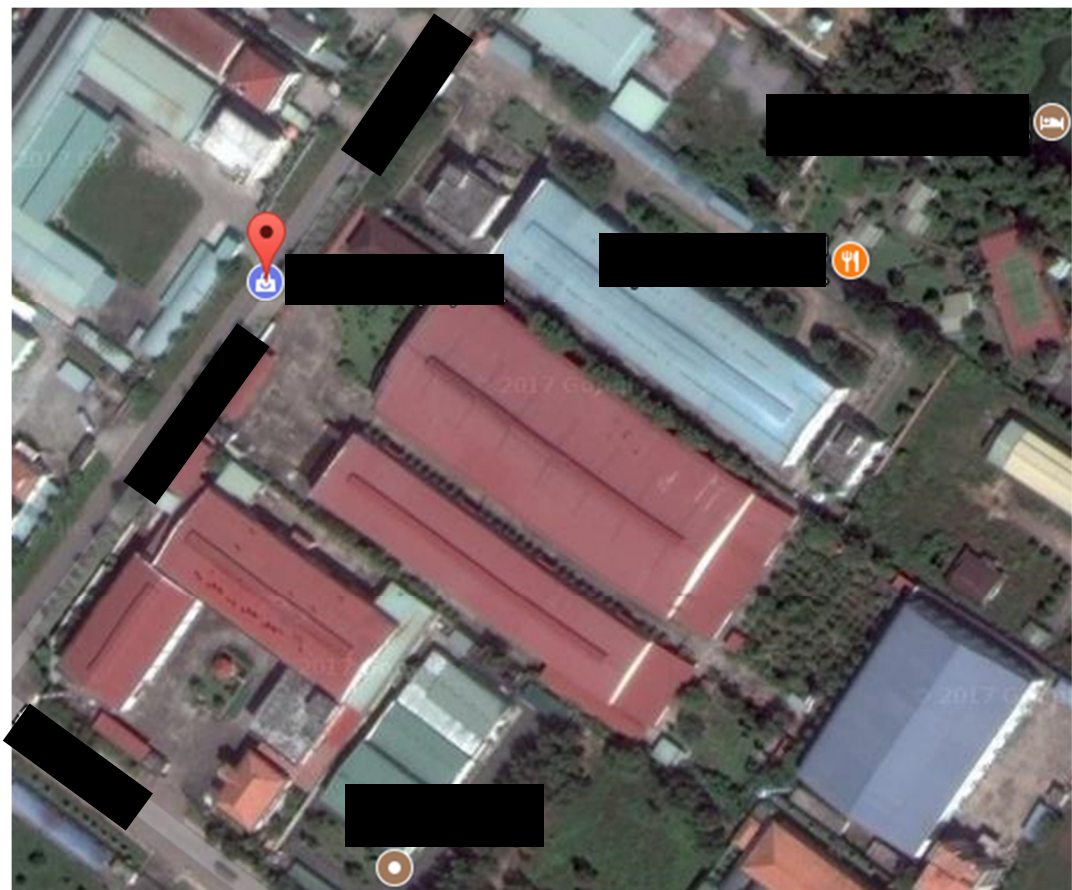


Figure 1 Satellite view of factory buildings (eg. Above)

2.2 General Building Information

Number of Buildings		
Building Designation and Uses in Building/s		
Basement Floors		
Mezzanine floors		
Storeys above grade of buildings		

Height of buildings (m)		
Floor Dimensions/ Areas of buildings		
Occupant Numbers		
Number of Work Shifts		
Year of Construction		
Type of Construction		
Additions/ Renovations		
Floor Plans provided		
Permits provided		
Other Comments		

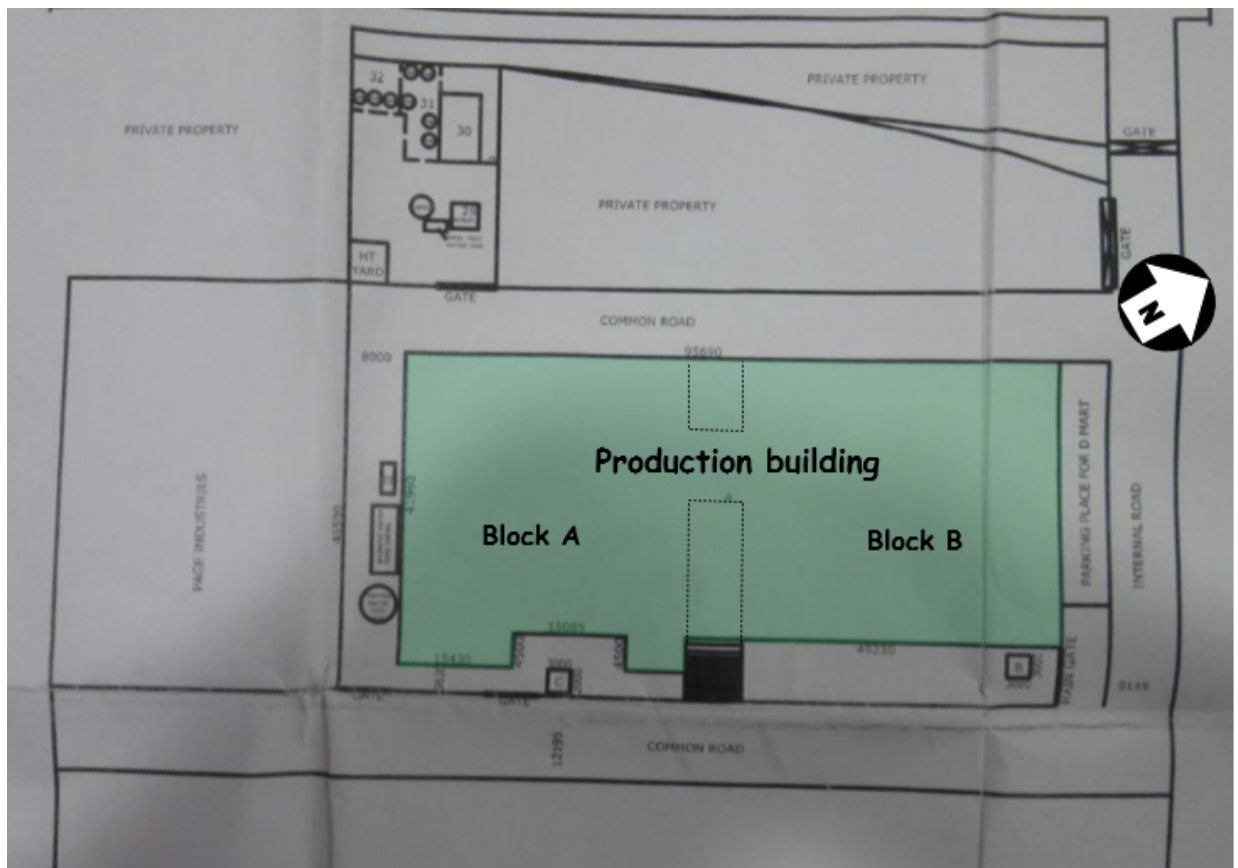


Figure 2 Schematic layout of Factory premises

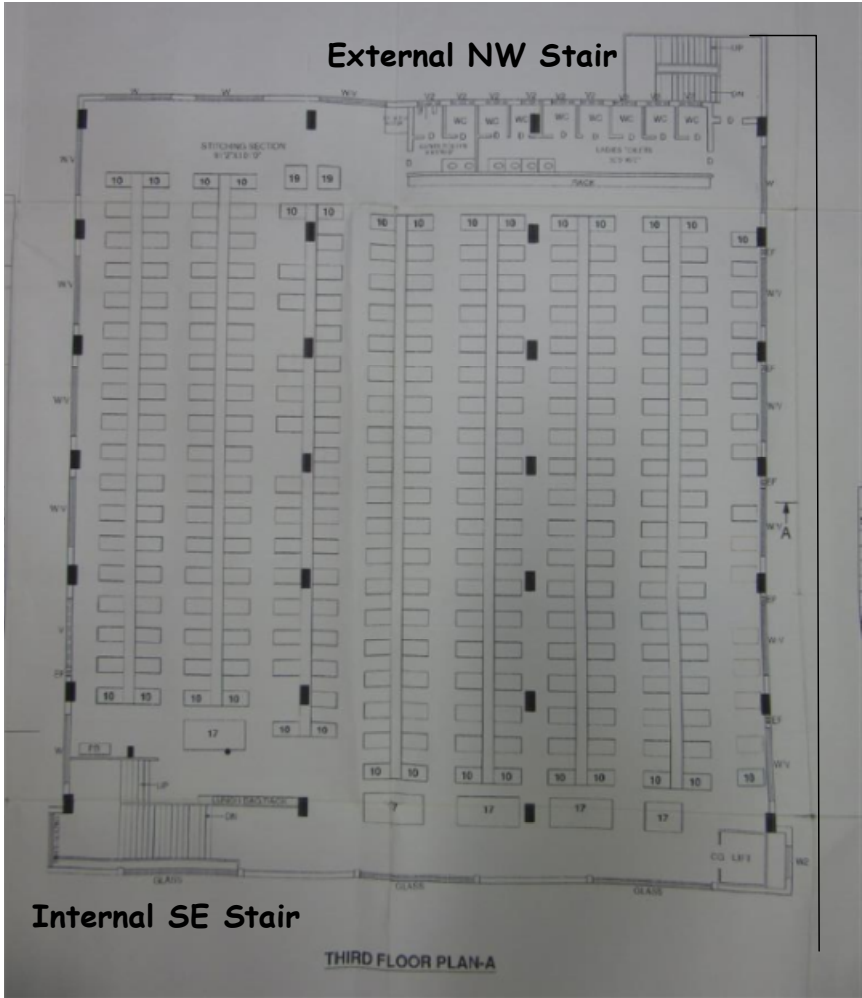


Figure 3 Floor plans (eg. Third Floor Plan)

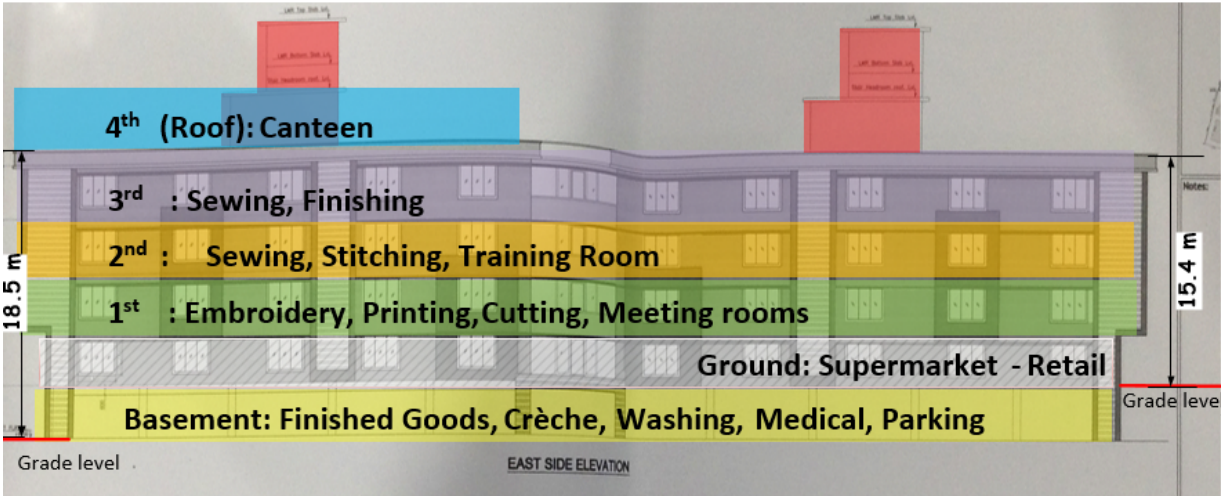


Figure 4 Perspectives/ Elevations/Sections

3 Fire Safety Measures

3.1 Occupancy Classification

The Building is classified as:

- General Industrial Occupancy (Group G Industrial Building)

3.2 Means of Escape

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

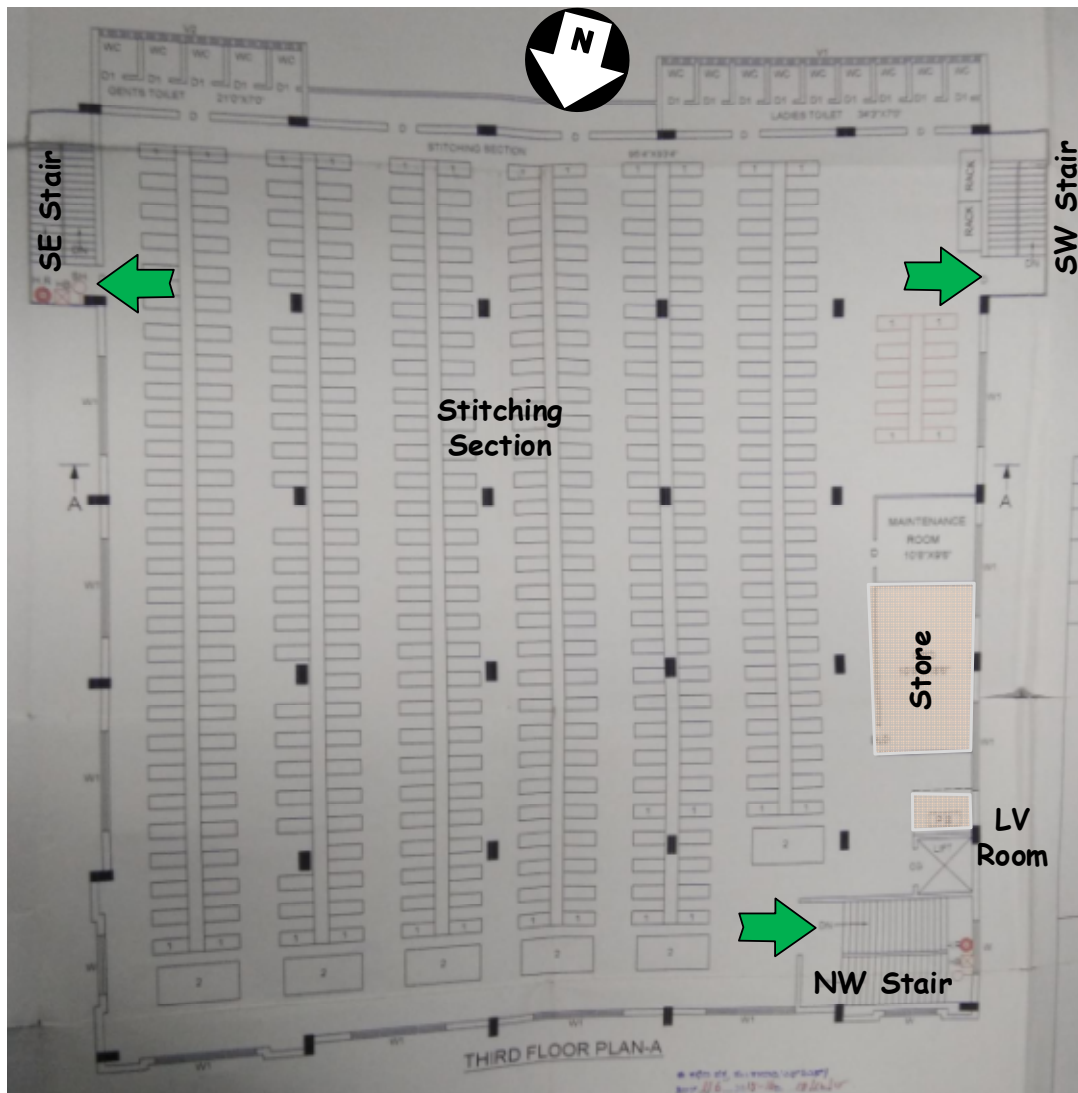
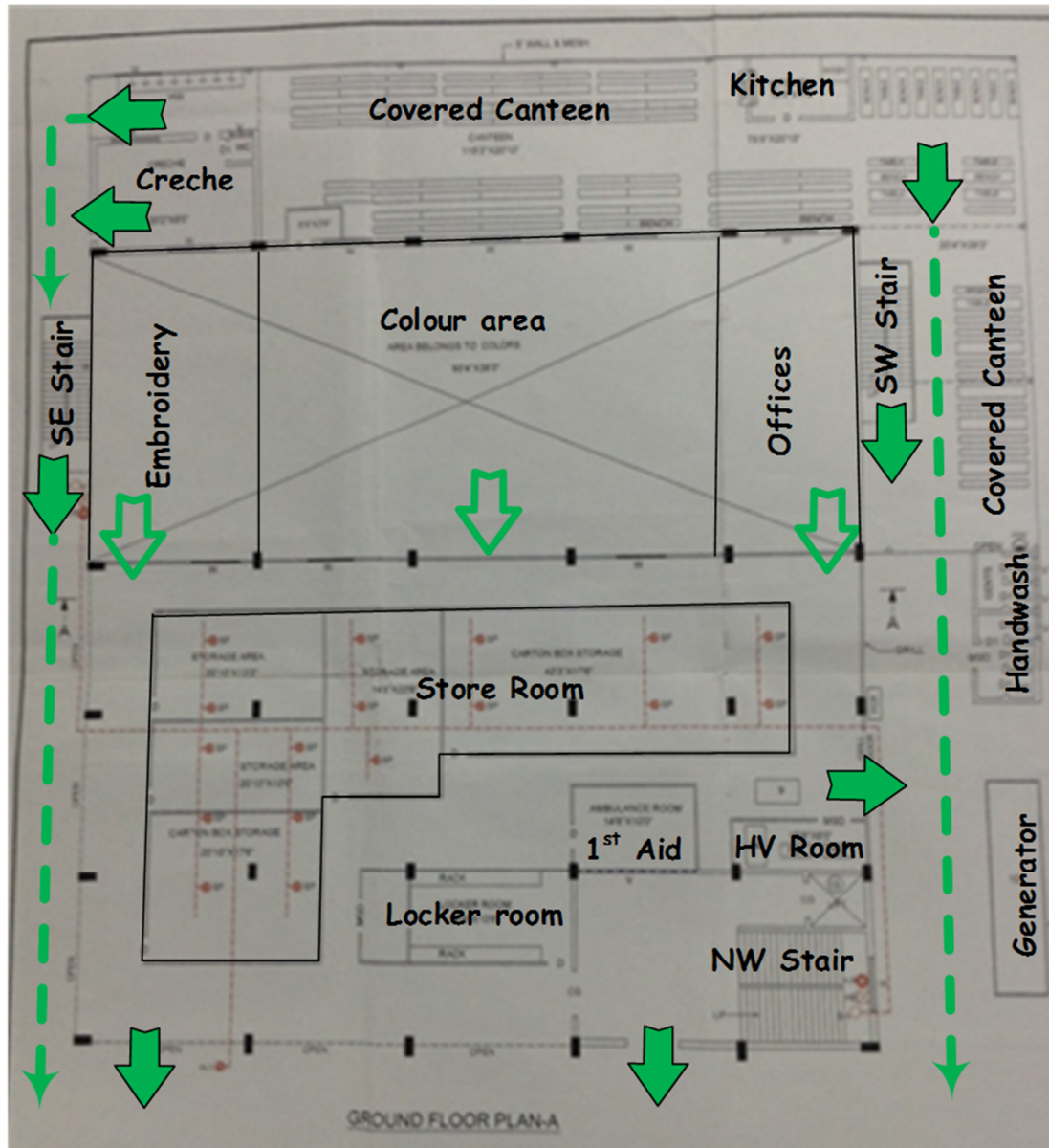


Figure 5 Schematic layout indicating Floor Exits from Typical Floor/s of Building

COMMENTS.






-  Final Exits from building
-  Room Exits
-  External routes to away from the building

Figure 6 Schematic indicating Final Exits from Ground Floor of Building/s

3.2.1 Floor Exits

Exit capacities for doors of floor exits compared to occupancy numbers maximum numbers per shift (taking into account two shifts simultaneously in building) are as follows:

Building/Floor or Area	Occupancy	Door width required	No. Exits provided	Total Door Width	Door Capacity provided

From the table above it can be seen that exit capacity

Stair exit capacities from the upper floors are as follows:

Building/Floor/ Area	Occupancy	Stair width required	No. Stairs	Total Stair Width	Stair Capacity provided

Alternative routes for escape provided from all areas	
Excessive travel distance to nearest floor exit	
Escape from Mezzanines	

3.2.2 Escape Paths to Floor Exits

Escape paths of adequate widths from all areas	
Excessive dead ends to aisles or corridors	
Pathways clearly indicated on floor	
Escape paths clear of temporary obstacles	
Escape paths free of any permanent obstacles	
Doors on exit paths swing correctly in travel direction	
Doors on exit paths easily openable, no locking devices	

3.2.3 Exit Signage

Evacuation pathways correctly sign posted	
Clear Floor signage indicating all escape paths	
Illuminated exit signs at all emergency exits	
Signage consistent on all exit paths	

3.2.4 Floor Exit Doors

Floor exit door width, height adequate	
Floor exit doors swing correctly in travel direction	
Floor exit doors easily openable, no locking devices	

3.2.5 Exit Stairs

Stairs width adequate	
Tread/riser consistent and not too steep	
Handrails provided both sides in all stairways	
All stairways lead directly to outside at discharge level	
Number of stairs discharging inside building, unprotected distance from Final Exit	
Stairs discharging inside lead into a protected corridor	

3.2.6 Final Exits

Final Exit doors swing correctly in travel direction	
Final Exit doors easily openable from inside, override any security locking devices	
Final Exit doors open to outside	
From Final Exit door, can people move safely away from the building	
Protection of escape route outside required	

The diagram shows a floor plan of 'Block A Basement'. A green line with an arrow indicates the 'Existing exit path', which is a long, straight route. A red dashed line with an arrow indicates a 'New alternative exit path needed', which is a shorter, more direct route. Labels with arrows point to each path.

Figure 7 Schematic showing excessive single direction travel distance (eg. Above)

A photograph of a man in a blue shirt and khaki pants standing on a concrete staircase. The staircase is cluttered with numerous cardboard boxes and other debris, blocking the path. A black metal railing is visible on the right side of the stairs.

3.3 Fire Safety – Construction

3.3.1 Protection of Vertical Openings

SHORT DESCRIPTION (Vertical component of means of escape)

Enclosure of Stairs connecting more than 2 floors	
Self-closing FR doors to protected stairs	
Unsealed penetrations in stair enclosures	
Protection of external stair from fire in interior	
Protection of vertical service shafts passing through floors	
Fire rated separation of lifts shafts	
Other vertical openings through compartment floors	

3.3.2 Separation of Occupancies

Fire rated separating walls between different occupancies (other than Storage)	
Unsealed penetrations through separating walls	
Separation of basement with FR lobby, walls and self-closing doors	

3.3.3 Storage Areas

SHORT DESCRIPTION (dedicated storage areas).

Dedicated storage areas and sprinkler/ fire rated enclosure provisions are as follows:

Storage Location	Approx. area Storage (m ²)	Total Floor area (m ²)	FR enclosure	Sprinklered Floor

Temporary ‘in-process’ Storage observed that is open to the production area and that needs attention is as follows:

Location	Description



Figure 9 Excessive ‘in-process’ storage stacked on Sewing floor



Figure 10 Miscellaneous storage and UPS battery back-up under stairway

3.3.4 Other High Risk areas

Installation	Type	Location	Separated from Production Area	Separated from Exit Path
Generator				
Boiler				
Transformer				
Compressor				
Chemicals Storage				



Figure 11 Dedicated storage area separated by open wire enclosure (eg. above)



Figure 12 Diesel cooled Transformer adjacent Crèche and large window onto Stair

3.3.5 Structure and Finishes

Structural Fire Protection		
Wall Finishes		
Ceiling finishes		

3.4 Fire Safety Systems

Fire Detection types	
Fire Detector coverage	
Fire Alarm types	
Fire Alarm coverage	
Activation of Fire Alarm	
Fire Detection and Alarm back-up power	
Emergency Lighting at Exits	
Emergency Lighting of escape paths	
Emergency Lighting back-up power	

3.5 Provisions for Fire Fighting

Water Supply		
Water Storage		
Fire Pumps	Type	
	Capacity	
	Back-up	
External Hydrants		
Internal Hydrants		
Hose reels		
Handheld Fire Extinguishers (HHFE)		
Automatic suppression system		
Access for Fire Fighting vehicles		



Figure 13 Fire Hydrant and hose reel at half landing, located at height





Figure 14 Centrifugal suction fire water pump adjacent to reservoir



3.6 Management and Housekeeping


Legal Documents	
Maintenance records for fire safety systems	
Emergency Plan	
Fire Safety Training	
Fire drills	
Housekeeping	

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Observations

Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Issue Type
FIRE-1		
Observation		Building
		
Figure xx Boiler room with no enclosing wall facing onto external stair (eg: external stairs)		Figure xx Unprotected window openings adjacent to external stair (eg: external stairs)

Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Issue Type
FIRE-n+1		
Observation		Building
		
Figure xx Each figure to have brief descriptive title (eg Uncontrolled storage on escape path)		Figure xx Storage of waste textiles under stairway (eg Uncontrolled storage on escape path)
Figure xx Each figure to have brief descriptive title		Figure xx Each figure to have brief descriptive title

Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Issue Type
FIRE-n+2		
Observation		Building
		
Figure xx Narrow external corridor with windows unprotected from inside (eg. Exit routes outside to place of safety)		Figure xx Each figure to have brief descriptive title

5 Priority Actions

For each observed item identified above an action list has been prepared to identify the specific required follow up actions and prioritised on the basis of the following:

- Fire Priority 1 (FP1) – Actions that are perceived to immediately affect the ability of people to evacuate the building safely in the event of fire, and attention should be given to addressing them from the outset. Immediate Action e.g. partial/full evacuation, localised closure of space, etc.
- Fire Priority 2 (FP2) – Actions that are perceived to have a delayed or lesser effect on people evacuating the building safely in the event of fire. Actions to be completed within 6 weeks.
- Fire Priority 3 (FP3) – Issues that are perceived to have less of an impact on their own to evacuate the building safely in the event of a fire. Actions to be completed within 6 months.

Findings and Remediation Issues from FFC to be inserted here.

6 Summary of Priority Actions

Table From FFC

CAP Priority	Response	Issue Type	Company Plan Of Action
FP1	FIRE-2	F1: Means of Escape	Proper housekeeping needed in Ground floor storage room. Ensure pathways on exit routes clear of all temporary storage and other obstacles Change the Kitchen Door to open inwards or direct the people towards SE Stair Exit
FP1	FIRE-3	F1: Means of Escape	Replace doors with side hung doors that open in the direction of escape in accordance with Cl. 6.1, 6.3 and 6.9 of the LABS Standard. Replace outside locks with locking mechanisms that allow easy opening from inside without the use of a key in accordance with Cl. 6.1, 6.3 and 6.9 of the LABS Standard
FP1	FIRE-1	F1: Means of Escape	Extend one of the two external stairs(SE stair or SW Stair) up to 4th Floor level, and create an alternate escape path to the landing of this stair at 4th Floor level.
FP1	FIRE-16	F3: Fire Safety Systems	Provide a Fire Alarm activation linked to smoke detectors to comply with Cl. 5.9 of the LABS Standard
FP2	FIRE-12	F2: Fire Safety Construction	Minimum 1-hour fire rated construction required to protect 1st Aid room and Escape path near Exit 3 on the W side from fire or explosion of the HV panel and Compressor in accordance with the LABS Standard
FP2	FIRE-8	F2: Fire Safety Construction	The elevator shaft to be enclosed with fire rated construction in accordance with Cl. 4.8 and 5.11 of the LABS Standard
FP2	FIRE-9	F2: Fire Safety Construction	Services opening passing through compartment floors to be suitably enclosed or protected with fire rated material in accordance with Cl. 4.4 and 4.7 of the LABS Standard

FP2	FIRE-10	F2: Fire Safety Construction	Separate storage areas from adjacent areas with 1-hour fire rated construction in accordance with Cl. 3.10 and 3.11 of the LABS Standard
FP2	Fire-17	F3: Fire Safety Systems	Provide emergency lighting in compliance with Cl.6.8 and Cl.10.53 of the LABS Standard on all escape paths, including escape stairs
FP2	FIRE-19	F4: Provisions for Fire Fighting	Check current distribution of fire extinguishers and provide additional if necessary to comply with Cl.5.8 of the LABS Standard.
FP2	FIRE-18	F4: Provisions for Fire Fighting	Provide fire water pumps (duty and standby) with backup power supply in accordance with Cl. 5.7 of the LABS Standard
FP3	FIRE-11	F2: Fire Safety Construction	Re-arrange temporary storage into 'blocks' no greater than 23m ² and 3m separation between adjacent 'blocks' in acc. with Cl.3.11.5.6.
CAP Priority	FP1	Immediate action	
	FP2	Within 6 weeks	
	FP3	Within 6 months	

(Example of Content indicated above, CAP Priority should be in order from highest to lowest)

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Except as otherwise noted, other services were not viewed or tested during our inspection and are therefore similarly excluded from this Report. We have not inspected any parts of the building which are covered, unexposed or inaccessible and we are therefore unable to report that any such part of the property is free from defect.

No opening up works were carried out (except as noted) and we rely on the Architects and Engineers drawings provided to us for our views on concealed parts of the building. Performance testing of fire safety systems do not form part of these inspections and we recommend that the factory owners Building Engineer carries out standard testing and maintenance of these systems to satisfy themselves of their proper functioning.

Recommendations, where given, are for the purpose of providing indicative advice only, are not exhaustive, relate solely to identifying key and obvious structural defects as identified in this presentation, and do not take the form of or constitute a specification for works. We take no responsibility for the works as constructed.

This report does not interfere with the factory owners Building Engineers responsibility for the fire safety performance of this building, The Building Engineer remains fully responsible for the fire safety adequacy of the building.

The information in this Fire Safety Inspection Report was obtained during a one-day site visit to the factory, where we carried out interviews with local factory management and reviewed design and permit documentation presented at that meeting. It has not been possible to provide independent verification for all the information and data collected, and, therefore Arup cannot accept general responsibility for omissions or errors arising from inaccuracies in this report from the information obtained.

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J3 Electrical Template

Revision : Issue XXX

Date: DD Month YYYY

Category Nnnn

Factory Name

Factory Address

(Factory Coordinates)

DD Month YYYY (*Date of assessment*)

Electrical Safety Assessment Report

Observations & Actions

Assessment Firm: Name

Authors: Name Name

Reviewed by: Name Name

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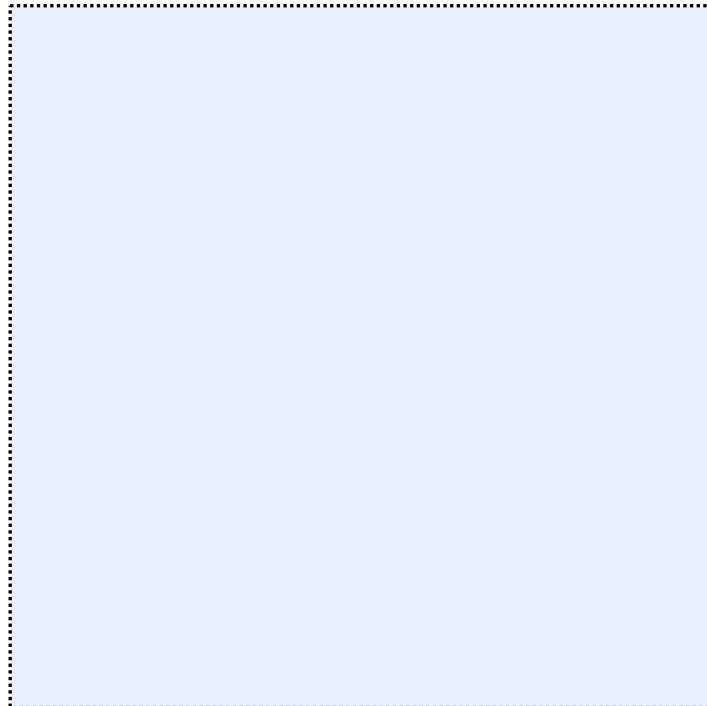


Image of Factory

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1 Executive Summary

On Wednesday 14th March 2018 Assessor Name of Assessment Firm Name carried out a visual Electrical Safety Assessment of the XXX factory at the address and coordinates given below under 'General Factory Information'. The assessment was non-intrusive and was carried out in accordance with the LABS Standard for Vietnam and associated Preliminary Assessment Methodology. Limited testing of the electrical systems was carried out.

XXX occupy the entire building except the portion of ground floor (XXX occupy portion of ground floor) and we were provided with access to all areas of XXX.

We met with factory management representative XXX (Electrical – Maintenance In-charge) and a number of other XXX employees accompanied us during the assessment. As the assessment was being carried out as part of an overall Structural, Fire and Electrical pilot assessment exercise, other representatives from Assessment Firm Name were also present, along with observers from XXX.

The XXX factory comprises one building that has a main Production and Storage areas, the other facilities like Offices, Electrical room and Pump room are located within building. The site wide area has Generator, Canteen, and Kitchen.

The building was constructed circa XXX,. There are approximately 900 workers in the factory complex.

The overall colour code category of this factory is XXX. This means that there are at least some actions which must be addressed within Time Period. The colour code categories for significant individual buildings is as follows: *(where relevant)*

- Main Building: Category Nn

A high level and non-exhaustive list of key concerns are:

- Lack of access control or lock and key system for the major electrical rooms
- Excessive dust and lint evident with electrical distribution boards
- The Main electrical panel room exposed to weather conditions.

A summary of actions with associated priorities and timeframes are given at the end of this report.

Based on the state of the electrical safety systems and the condition of the factory floors observed, the level of maintenance appears to be acceptable, provided that regular maintenance activities are implemented or continued, and that detailed records are kept of these activities in the future. *(change as appropriate)*

Please note that these actions should be completed as soon as practically possible and certainly within the timeframe noted.

Our assumptions and limitations are also noted at the end of this report.

2 General Information

2.1 General Factory Information

Factory Name	XXX
Factory Address	XXX
GPS Co-ordinates	XXX
Contact Person	XXX
Inspection Participants	Assessor Name 1 (Assessment Firm Name)
	Assessor Name 2 (Assessment Firm Name)
	Assessor Name 3 (Assessment Firm Name)
	Assessor Name 4 (Assessment Firm Name)
Visiting Cards	<div>Image of business card</div>
Other Tenants	XXX, XXX

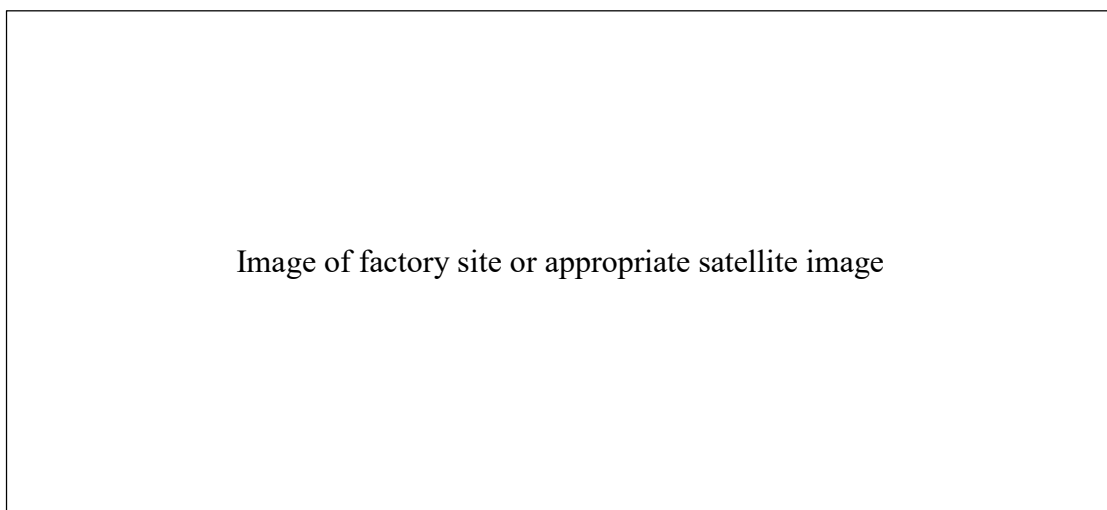


Figure 1 Google Maps Image of Site

2.2 General Building Information

Number of Buildings	
Building Designation and Use	<p>Example -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cutting& finishing building – 1 level • Sewing building – 1 level
Basement Floors	
Storeys above grade	
Floor Dimensions/ Areas	<p>Example –</p> <p>Cutting& finishing building: 72m x 23m = approx. 1650m²</p> <p>Sewing building: 75m x 23m = approx. 1700m²</p>
Year of Construction	<p>Example –</p> <p>Cutting & finishing building – 2002</p> <p>Sewing building – 2002</p>
Additions/Renovations	
Floor Plans Provided	List floor plans provided

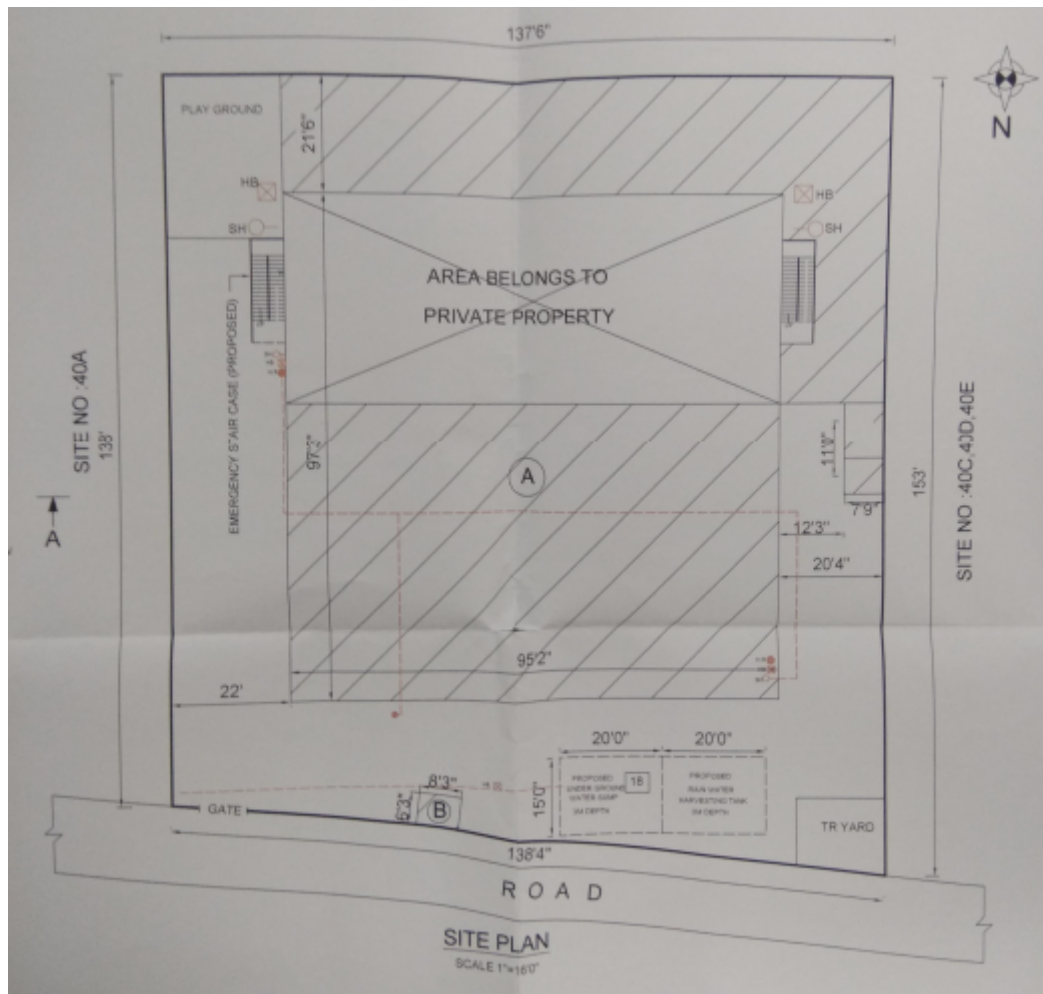


Figure N Site Layout showing location of 11kV HT pole mounted transformer (TX)

3 Electrical Systems

The following sections indicate examples of how the electrical systems should be recorded in the report.

3.1 Supplies to Life Safety Systems

Three life safety systems and power supplies to same were observed during the assessment as follows;

System	Primary Power	Secondary Power
Emergency Lighting	Utility Power Supply	Centralised UPS with 90 minutes backup time
Fire Detection and Alarm System	Utility Power Supply	Centralised UPS with 90 minutes backup time Local Batteries
Factory Fire Hoses (one fire pump on terrace)	Utility Power Supply	Generator backup

The operation of the hose reel pump system had manual switchover on the electric pump and also start the Diesel pump (where primary power fails).

3.2 Emergency Lighting

Emergency lighting throughout consisted of twin spot fittings mounted above doorways and final exits.



Figure N Emergency Lighting

3.3 Fire Detection and Alarm System

Fire Detection	<p>Smoke detectors were provide on ground floor storage areas.</p> <p>Smoke detection in the Panel Checking, Cutting and Major Electrical rooms missing.</p> <p>Detectors missing in the electrical panel room.</p> <p>Each higher floor has one smoke detector.</p> <p>All other areas manual activation by Manual Call Points (MCP)</p> <p>Fire Alarm Panel backed by UPS location below staircase.</p>
Fire Alarm	<p>Alarm sounders located over on all floors</p> <p>Activated manually by MCPs at exit doors in all other areas.</p> <p>Fire Alarm Panel backed by UPS location below staircase.</p>

Testing / witnessing the operation of the fire alarm system carry out and found operational.

3.4 Earthing and Bonding

Connection of metalwork (machines, electrical panels, transformer, DG set) was clearly evident. The electrical single line diagram does not show any details of the earthing arrangement nor the size of earth cables. These could not be checked.

3.5 Lightning Protection

A lightning protection system is provided, however, there was no record of regular maintenance provided.

3.6 Power

Power enters the site via 11kV overhead BESCOM supply which is connected to a tapping pole and 250kVA oil type transformer located outside boundary wall. The step-down voltage of 433V connected to Main LT Panel located on ground floor.

One standby diesel generators of 200kVA is located on ground floor adjacent to the main LT panel room, the diesel is stored near to DG cabinet. The starting of DG is manual. 200kVA oil cooled voltage stabiliser is connected at the output side of transformer.



Figure N 250kVA Transformer and 200kVA DG set.

3.7 Distribution

There is a main LT panel located in the power compound which distributes power to the internal Panel boards.

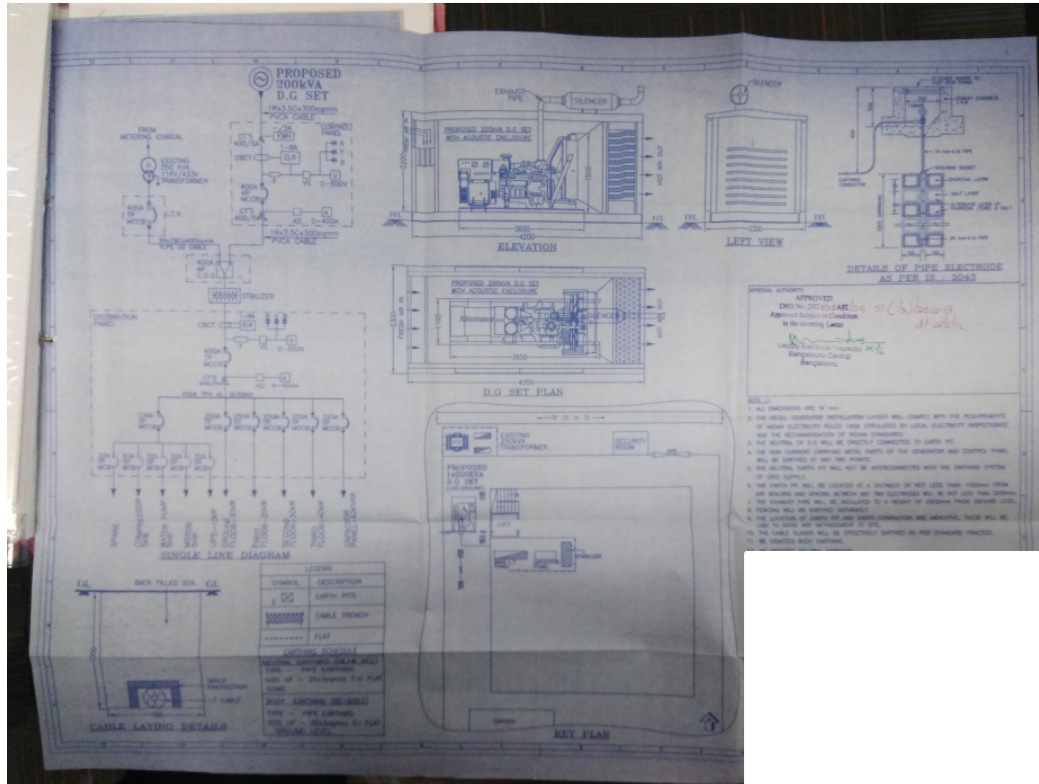


Figure N Single Line Diagrams (SLD)


3.8 Maintenance and Records


No maintenance recorders for the transformers, Main panels and DG set were available for review during the assessment.

4 Observations

Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-header
ELEC-1		
Observations:		
<div>Figure xxx Image Description</div>		

Examples

Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-header
ELEC-n	E5 : Distribution	Combustible/flammable materials present
Observations: Combustible material storage next to the main LT panel room metal fence.		
		
Figure N Storage of combustible material near main LY panel metal fencing.		

Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Header
ELEC – n+1	E5 : Distribution	Inadequate protection against direct contact
Observations: Exposed main electrical panel room to external weather condition.		
		
Figure N Exposed main Electrical panels		

Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Header
ELEC-n+2	E5 : Distribution	Incorrect cable installation

Observations: Cables are terminated without fixing of cable armour into the gland, there is no other insulation available on outer sheet.



Figure N Improper termination of cables.

5 Priority Actions

Each recommendation has been categorised using the following logic;

Priority	Logic	Timeline
1	The non-conformance poses an immediate danger to life or immediate risk of causing a fire. Examples; exposed live conductor(s), insufficient or no protection via circuit breaker.	Immediately
2	Similar to item 1 above, however requires two or more non-conformances / recommendation to contribute to the start of a fire or electrocution. Example; inflammable materials surrounding electrical installation.	2 weeks
3	The item(s) pose a lower risk to life and causing a fire.	4 weeks
4	The recommendation will help to ensure that equipment remains fit for purpose, and reduces the risk to life safety.	2 months

Each recommended action includes the relevant clause reference to the LABS Standard for Vietnam.

Findings and Remediation Issues from FFC to be inserted here.

6 Summary of Priority Actions

CAP Priority	Response	Issue Type	Company Plan Of Action
EP3	Elec-4	E1: Supplies to Life Safety Systems	The fire pump panel to be placed inside room and shall have automatic starting arrangement in the event of fire. Refer to Clause 10.26.1 of the LABS Standard.
EP3	Elec-6	E2: Earthing and Bonding	Dual earthing connection to be provided based on fault level on the respective panel. Refer to Clause 10.31.2.3 of the LABS Standard.
EP3	Elec-1	E5: Distribution	The storage near Main LT panel need to be removed. The main LT panel to be placed inside the dedicated room. Refer to Clause 10.7 of the LABS Standard.
EP3	Elec-8	E5: Distribution	A proper cable termination by gland and lugs to be carried out. Refer to Clause 10.12.2 of the LABS Standard.
EP3	Elec-9	E5: Distribution	A proper cable containment shall be provided. Refer to Clause 10.17 of the LABS Standard.
EP3	Elec-5	E5: Distribution	The life safety UPS should be provided a proper room and lighting. Refer to Clause 10.7 of the LABS Standard.
EP3	Elec-10	E5: Distribution	A appropriate ingress protection consider shall be taken to avoid direct contact. Refer to Clause 10.10.12.3 of the LABS Standard.
EP4	Elec-7	E4: Substations	A proper human and material access to be provided for fire pump. Refer to Clause 10.11 of the LABS Standard.
EP4	Elec-2	E5: Distribution	The room to be constructed for Main LT panel that should prevent entry of rain water. Refer to Clause 10.6 of the LABS Standard.
EP4	Elec-3	E5: Distribution	The cable need to terminated by using proper lugs and the armour should be terminated inside gland. Refer to 10.12.2 of the LABS Standard.

CAP Priority		
	EP1	Immediately
	EP2	Within 2 weeks
	EP3	Within 4 weeks
	EP4	Within 2 months

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External assessment of the façade walls has generally been carried out from ground level only by visual sighting. No opening up works were carried out (except as noted) and we rely on the Architects and Engineers drawings provided to us for our views on concealed parts of the building. Performance testing of electrical safety systems do not form part of these assessments and we recommend that the factory owners' Building Engineer carries out standard testing and maintenance of these systems to satisfy themselves of their proper functioning.

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J4 Colour Code Template

Use the following templates for defining the appropriate colour code on report front page.

Category Black

Category Red

Category Red/Amber

Category Amber

Category Yellow

Category Green

Appendix K

Safety Assessment Report Formats - Sample Reports

K1 Structural Sample Report

Revision : Issue 1

Date: 12 April 2018

Category Yellow

Factory Name

Factory Address
(Factory Coordinates)
14 March 2018

Structural Safety Assessment Report

Observations & Actions

Assessment Firm: Assessment Company Name

Authors: Assessor Name

Reviewed by: Reviewer Name

Approved by: Approver Name

Image of Factory Exterior

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Sample

1 Executive Summary

On Wednesday 14th March 2018, Assessor Name and Assessor Name of Assessment Company Name carried out a visual structural assessment of the Factory Name at the address and coordinates given on the cover page of this report. The assessment was non-intrusive and was carried out in accordance with the LABS Standard for Vietnam and associated Preliminary Assessment Methodology for Vietnam.

Factory Name occupy the entire building and provided access to all areas.

We met with factory management representatives Name Surname (Manager Social Compliance) and Name Surname (Compliance Officer). As the assessment was being carried out as part of an overall Structural, Fire and Electrical pilot assessment exercise, other representatives from Assessment Company Name were also present, along with observers from Assessment Company Name.

The factory generally comprises one main production building. The building is used for sewing, cutting, finishing, dining and storage. It was constructed in 2010. XXX owns and occupies the entire factory. There are approximately 950 workers in the factory complex.

The building is a RC structure with 5 storeys. At 4th floor, a steel covered structure was recently constructed which is intended to be used for storage. Two external steel stairs have also been added since the building was constructed.

We were presented with an approved factory licence document and an associated approved factory layout plan. No structural drawings, design reports or soils reports were provided.

The overall colour code category of this factory is Category Yellow. This means that there are at least some actions which must be addressed within 6 weeks.

A high level and non exhaustive list of key concerns are:

- External steel staircases are apparently non –engineered and are poorly laterally restrained to the main building
- New storage area at roof level – it is not clear that the existing roof slab has been designed for this condition
- Uncontrolled storage in areas of the factory - no safe loads plan posted in the factory
- Extensive cracking to non-structural masonry walls on cantilever portions of structure to south elevation
- Columns at the north east corner of the building adjacent near entrance gate are in danger of being accidentally hit by vehicles entering/ leaving the facility.
- No structural drawings available

Based on the state of the structural safety systems and the condition of the factory floors observed, the housekeeping and level of maintenance could be improved. Regular maintenance activities should be implemented and detailed records should be kept of these activities in the future.

We have carried out a seismic assessment in accordance with the LABS methodology, with no significant findings arising. Further seismic assessment is not required as part of LABS Initiative. As this was not a code compliance check in accordance with the Vietnamese Building Code, the factory management may wish to consider this separately.

We see no reason to suspend operations in the facility due to these concerns (subject to the required actions noted at the end of this report.)

Further actions with associated priorities and timeframes are given at the end of this report. Please note that these actions should be completed as soon as practically possible and certainly within the timeframe noted.

Our Limitations and Assumptions are also noted at the end of this report.

Sample

2 Building Extents

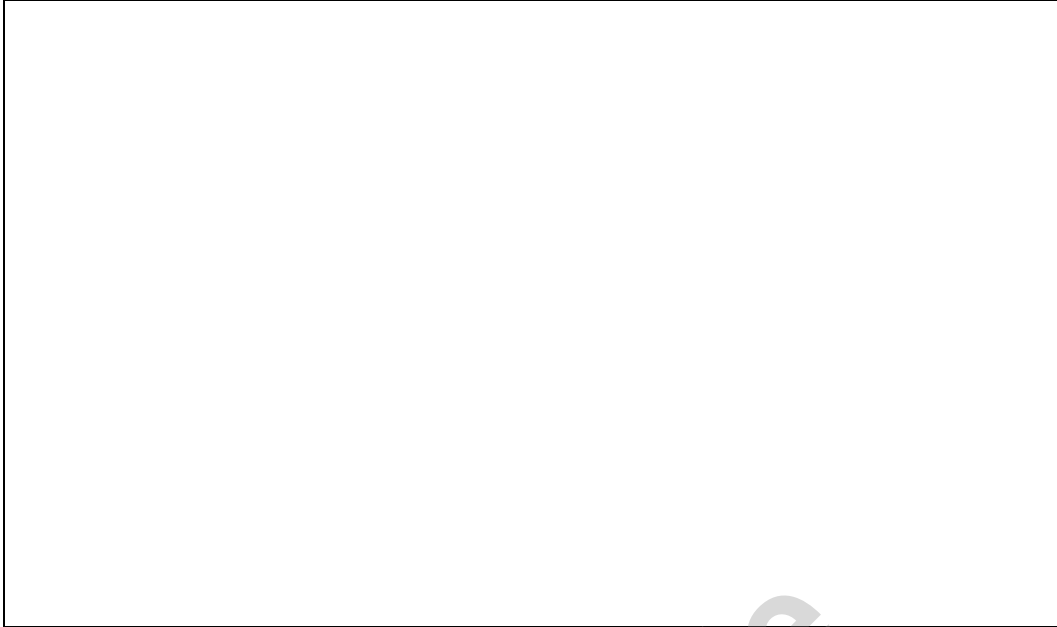


Figure 1 Site Plan (if available) or suitable satellite image

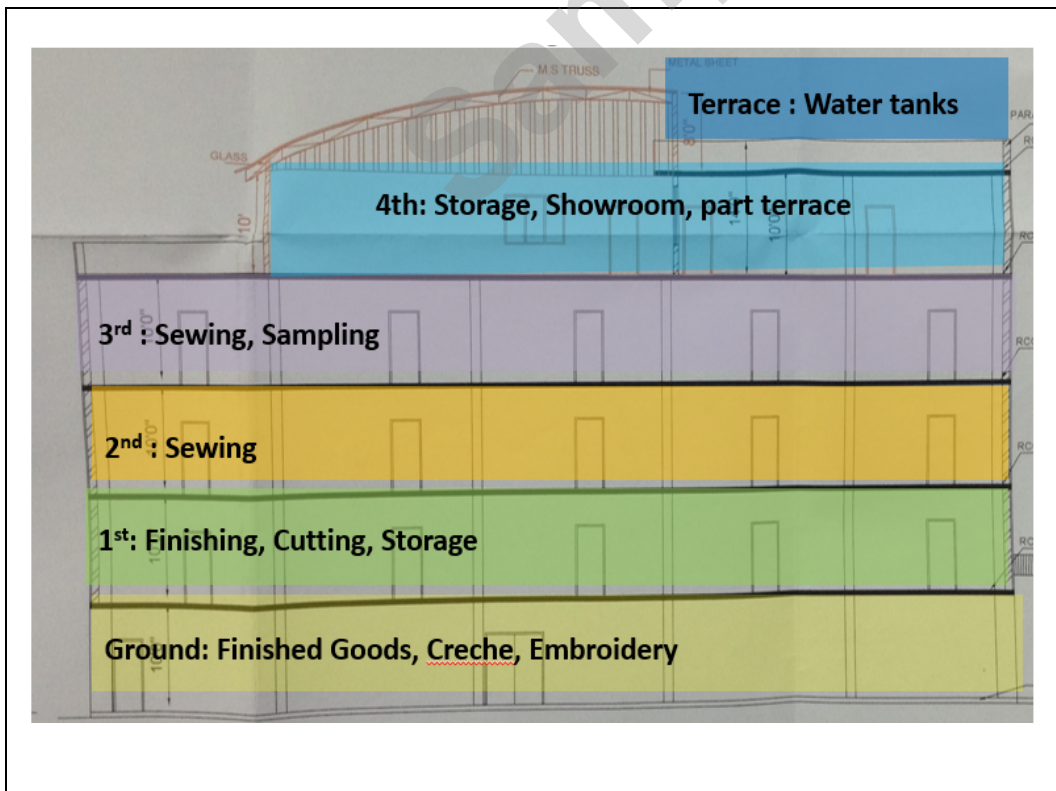


Figure 2 Building Cross Section and Occupancy



Figure 3 East Elevation



Figure 4 North Elevation



Figure 5 West Elevation

Figure 6 West Elevation with
covered canteen to south of building

3 Structural System

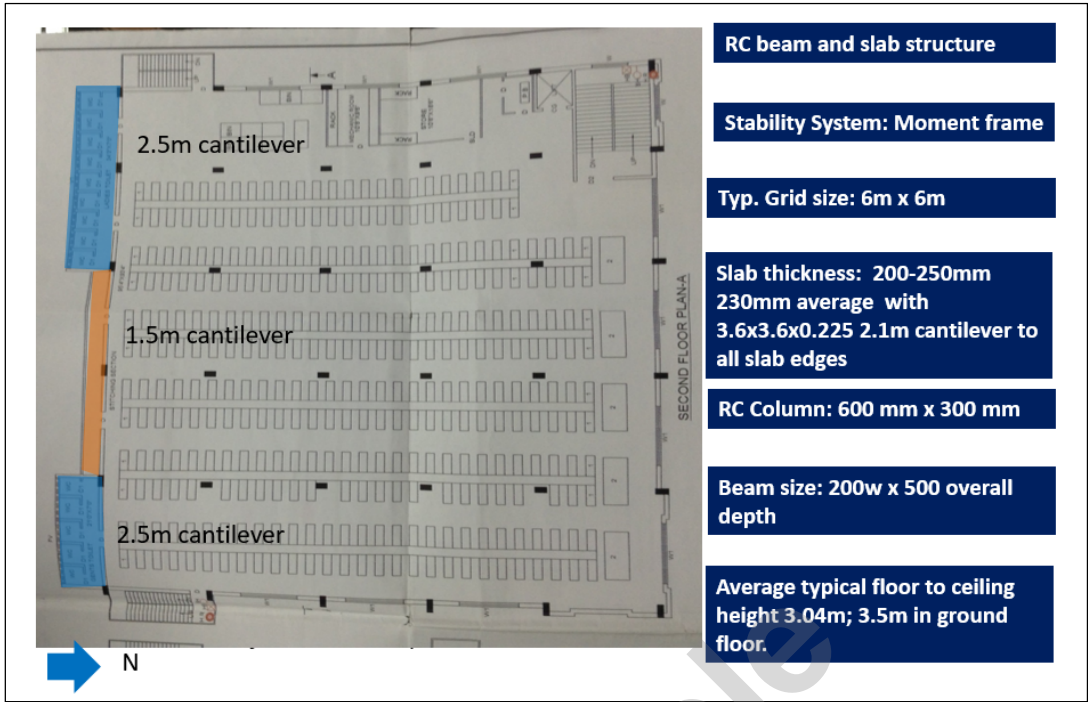


Figure 7 Building – Structural System (Typical Floor)



Figure 8 Typical slab and beam structure



Figure 9 Typical slab cantilever to south elevation – 1.5m cantilever



Figure 10 Water tanks on terrace – 4 no. 3000l tanks and 2 no. 2000l tanks



Figure 11 Additional steel structure on 4th floor

4 Observations



Ref No.	STRUC-1
Observations: External steel staircases are apparently non –engineered and are poorly laterally restrained to the main building	
	

Figure 12 Part of staircase is cantilevered. No bracing in either steel staircase.

Figure 13 Stairs poorly restrained to main building



Ref No.	STRUC-2
Observations: New storage area at roof level – it is not clear that the existing roof slab has been designed for this condition	
	

Figure 14 Construction of the storage area in progress on the terrace which shall add load on the terrace.

Figure 15 Additional loads on the columns due to construction of partition walls and steel roof.



Ref No.	STRUC-3
Observations: Uncontrolled storage in areas of the factory - no safe loads plan posted in the factory	
	

Figure 16 Storage area on 1st floor

Figure 17 Storage area on 1st floor level highlighted in blue




Ref No.	STRUC-4
Observations: Extensive cracking to non-structural masonry walls on cantilever portions of structure to south elevation	
	



Figure 19 Cracks in cantilever area at floor levels



Figure 20 Cracks in cantilever at floor levels

Ref No.	STRUC-5
Observations: Columns at the north east corner of the building adjacent near entrance gate are in danger of being accidentally hit by vehicles entering/ leaving the facility.	
	

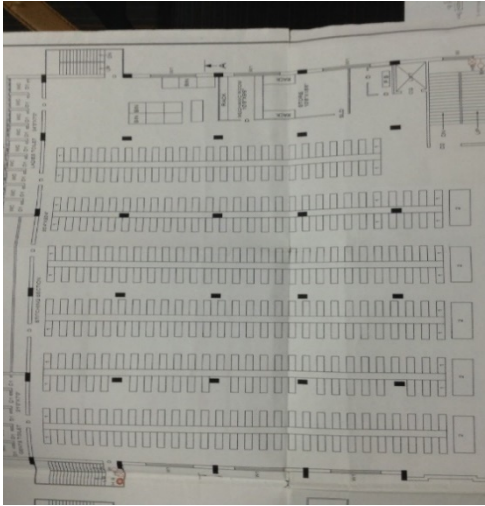

Ref No.	STRUC-6
Observations: No structural drawings available.	
	

Figure 23 Only permit drawings available

Figure 24 Structural drawings not available

5 Priority Actions

Each action has been prioritised as follows:

Structural Priority 1 (SP1) - Immediate Action, e.g. full or partial evacuation, cease construction, remove load etc (red, amber action)

Structural Priority 2 (SP2) - Action to be completed within 6 weeks


Structural Priority 3 (SP3) – Action to be complete within 6 months.

Each recommended action includes the relevant clause reference to the LABS Standard for Vietnam.

Sample


FINDINGS AND REMEDIATION ISSUES

S1: Vertical structural system - Uncontrolled floor loading


Issue type	S1: Vertical structural system
Sub Issue Type	Uncontrolled floor loading
Reference Number	STRUC-3
Details Of Issue Found	Uncontrolled storage in areas of the factory - no safe loads plan posted in the factory
CAP Priority	SP3
Recommended Action Deadline Date	
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	Factory to appoint Structural Engineer to produce safe load plans for all suspended floors, giving consideration to floor capacity and column capacity. Factory to actively manage floor loading. Refer to Clause 8.10 of the LABS Standard.
Comments	
Photo(s)	 STR3.jpg

S3: Key elements - Key structural elements

Issue type	S3: Key elements
Sub Issue Type	Key structural elements
Reference Number	STRUC-5
Details Of Issue Found	Columns at the north east corner of the building adjacent near entrance gate are in danger of being accidentally hit by vehicles entering/ leaving the facility.
CAP Priority	SP3
Recommended Action Deadline Date	


Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	Factory to appoint Structural Engineer to assess column design for vehicle impact in accordance with Clause 8.10 of the LABS Standard. Suitable column protection barriers to be designed and constructed
Comments	
Photo(s)	 STR5.jpg

S6: Visible Distress in Non-Structural Members - Cracking


Issue type	S6: Visible Distress in Non-Structural Members
Sub Issue Type	Cracking
Reference Number	STRUC-4
Details Of Issue Found	Extensive cracking to non-structural masonry walls on cantilever portions of structure to south elevation
CAP Priority	SP3
Recommended Action Deadline Date	
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	Factory to appoint Structural Engineer to review extent and nature of cracking and monitor as necessary. Remedial measures to be implemented, including prevention of water ingress. Refer to Clause 8.5 of the LABS Standard.
Comments	
Photo(s)	 STR4.jpg


S7: Performance of Extensions/Additions - Non-engineered structural additions

Issue type	S7: Performance of Extensions/Additions
Sub Issue Type	Non-engineered structural additions
Reference Number	STRUC-1
Details Of Issue Found	External steel staircases are apparently non –engineered and are poorly laterally restrained to the main building
CAP Priority	SP2
Recommended Action Deadline Date	
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	Factory to appoint Structural Engineer to review stability of stairs, including connection to the existing building and propose remedial measures if required. Refer to Clause 8.5 of the LABS Standard.
Comments	
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Issue type	S7: Performance of Extensions/Additions
Sub Issue Type	Non-engineered structural additions
Reference Number	STRUC-1
Details Of Issue Found	External steel staircases are apparently non –engineered and are poorly laterally restrained to the main building
CAP Priority	SP3
Recommended Action Deadline Date	
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	Implement remedial measures. Refer to Clause 8.26 of the LABS Standard.
Comments	

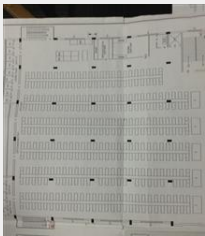
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S7: Performance of Extensions/Additions - Provisions for possible building extensions

Issue type	S7: Performance of Extensions/Additions
Sub Issue Type	Provisions for possible building extensions
Reference Number	STRUC-2
Details Of Issue Found	New storage area at roof level – it is not clear that the existing roof slab has been designed for this condition
CAP Priority	SP2
Recommended Action Deadline Date	
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	Factory to appoint Structural Engineer to review capacity of existing roof terrace to act as a storage area. Refer to Clause 8.5 of the LABS Standard.
Comments	
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Issue type	S7: Performance of Extensions/Additions
Sub Issue Type	Provisions for possible building extensions
Reference Number	STRUC-2
Details Of Issue Found	New storage area at roof level – it is not clear that the existing roof slab has been designed for this condition

CAP Priority	SP2
Recommended Action Deadline Date	
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	Factory to appoint Structural Engineer to produce safe load plan for existing terrace to be used for storage, giving consideration to floor capacity and column capacity. Factory to actively manage floor loading. Refer to Clause 8.5 of the LABS Standard.
Comments	
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S8: Structural Documentation - No documentation available

Issue type	S8: Structural Documentation
Sub Issue Type	No documentation available
Reference Number	STRUC-6
Details Of Issue Found	No structural drawings available
CAP Priority	SP3
Recommended Action Deadline Date	
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	Factory to appoint Structural Engineer to prepare as-built structural drawings for the factory. Refer to Clause 8.21 of the LABS Standard.
Comments	
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6 Summary of Priority Actions

CAP Priority	Response	Issue Type	Company Plan Of Action
SP2	STRUC-1	S7: Performance of Extensions/Additions	Factory to appoint Structural Engineer to review stability of stairs, including connection to the existing building and propose remedial measures if required. Refer to Clause 8.5 of the LABS Standard.
SP2	STRUC-2	S7: Performance of Extensions/Additions	Factory to appoint Structural Engineer to produce safe load plan for existing terrace to be used for storage, giving consideration to floor capacity and column capacity. Factory to actively manage floor loading. Refer to Clause 8.10 of the LABS Standard.
SP2	STRUC-2	S7: Performance of Extensions/Additions	Factory to appoint Structural Engineer to review capacity of existing roof terrace to act as a storage area. Refer to Clause 8.5 of the LABS Standard.
SP3	STRUC-1	S7: Performance of Extensions/Additions	Implement remedial measures. Refer to Clause 8.26 of the LABS Standard.
SP3	STRUC-3	S1: Vertical structural system	Factory to appoint Structural Engineer to produce safe load plans for all suspended floors, giving consideration to floor capacity and column capacity. Factory to actively manage floor loading. Refer to Clause 8.10 of the LABS Standard.
SP3	STRUC-4	S6: Visible Distress in Non-Structural Members	Factory to appoint Structural Engineer to review extent and nature of cracking and monitor as necessary. Remedial measures to be implemented, including prevention of water ingress. Refer to Clause 8.5 of the LABS Standard.
SP3	STRUC-5	S3: Key elements	Factory to appoint Structural Engineer to assess column design for vehicle impact in accordance with Clause 8.5.1 of the LABS Standard. Suitable column protection barriers to be designed and constructed
SP3	STRUC-6	S8: Structural Documentation	Factory to appoint Structural Engineer to prepare as-built structural drawings for the factory. Refer to Clause 8.21 of the LABS Standard.

CAP Priority		
	SP1	Immediately
	SP2	Within 6 weeks
	SP3	Within 6 months

Each recommended action includes the relevant clause reference to the LABS Standard for Vietnam.

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K2 Fire Sample Report

Revision : Issue 1

Date: 9th April 2018

Category Red/Amber

Factory Name

Factory Address
(Factory coordinates)
14 March 2018

Fire Safety Assessment Report

Observations & Actions

Authors: Author Name
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Image of factory

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1 Executive Summary

On Wednesday 14th March 2018 Assessor Name of Assessment Company Name carried out a visual Fire Safety Assessment of the XXX factory at the address and coordinates given on the cover page of this report. The assessment was non-intrusive and was carried out in accordance with the LABS Standard for Vietnam and associated Preliminary Assessment Methodology. Limited testing of the fire safety systems was carried out.

FACTORY NAME occupy the entire building and allowed us access to all areas.

We met with factory management representative NAME SURNAME (Compliance Manager) and NAME SURNAME (Compliance Officer) of XXX. A number of other XXX employees accompanied us during the inspection. As the assessment was being carried out as part of an overall Structural, Fire and Electrical pilot assessment exercise, other representatives from Assessment Company Name were also present.

The XXX factory comprises of one main building which houses Production, Storage, Offices, External Parking, Boilers, Generator, Electrical and Electrical Panel. It was constructed in 2010 and XXX are the only tenant. There are approximately 760 workers in the factory complex.

The assessment was carried out principally to identify issues affecting the life safety of occupants in the Production buildings. The separate ancillary buildings were also assessed with a view to identifying any life safety impact on the occupants of the Production building for a fire anywhere on the premises.

The overall colour code category of this factory is Red/Amber. This means there are at least some actions which need to be addressed within 2 weeks or the overall factory designation will become Red (i.e. factory closure).

A high level and non-exhaustive list of key concerns are:

- Unprotected main stairway linking all floors
- Doors at floor exits as well as final exits with locking devices that cannot be opened easily from inside
- Unprotected external escape route down the west side of the building
- No automatic detection and alarm system covering all areas
- Poor emergency lighting on escape paths
- Storage and other high risk areas open to the production areas.

A summary of actions with associated priorities and timeframes are given at the end of this report.

Please note that these actions should be completed as soon as practically possible and certainly within the timeframe noted.

The following actions identified in Section 6 below are for immediate action, and must be completed within two weeks:

- Ensure pathways on exit routes clear of all temporary storage and other obstacles (FIRE-2)
- Replace outside locks with locking mechanisms that allow easy opening from inside without the use of a key (FIRE-3).

Based on the state of the fire safety systems and the condition of the factory floors observed the level of maintenance appears to be acceptable, provided that regular maintenance activities are implemented or continued, and that detailed records are kept of these activities in future

The purpose of the assessment was to identify significant fire safety issues and to provide actions for remediation based on applicable standards specified by LABS.

Our Limitations and Assumptions are also noted at the end of this report.

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2 General Information

2.1 General Factory Information

Factory Name	XXX
Factory Address	XXX
GPS Co-ordinates	XXX
Factory Contact Person	XXX (Compliance Manager)
Inspection Participants	XXX
	XXX
	XXX
Visiting Cards	<div>Image of business cards</div>
Other Tenants	None

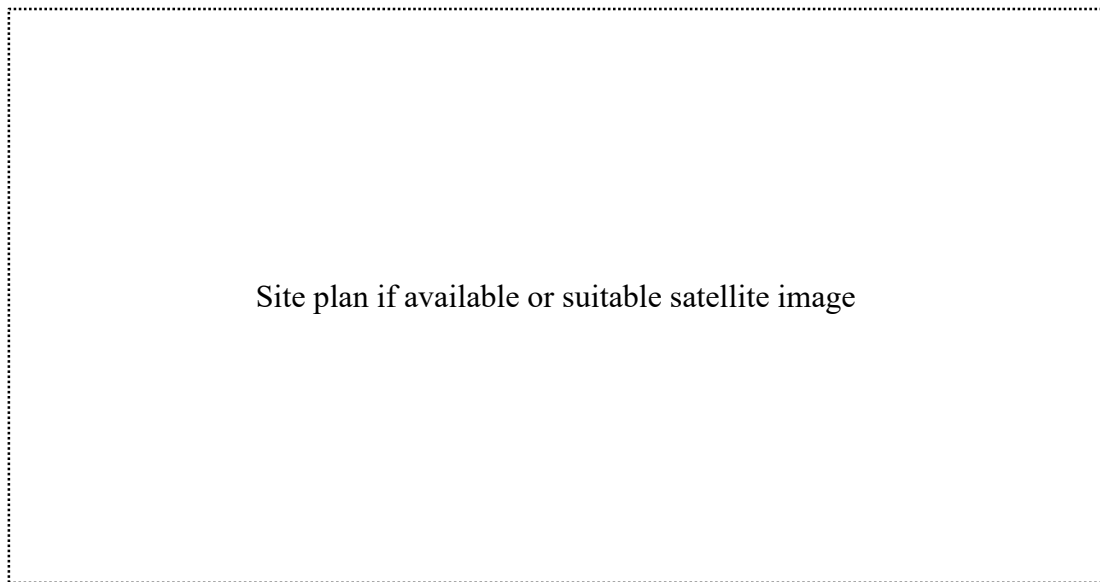
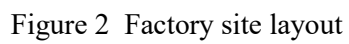


Figure 1 Satellite view of factory buildings

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2.2 General Building Information

Number of Buildings	1 Building	
Building Designation and Uses in Building/s	Ground Floor	Embroidery, Storage, Stitching and Offices
	1 st Floor:	Office, Stitching, Ironing, Store and Cutting
	2 nd Floor	Stitching
	3 rd Floor	Stitching
	4 th Floor	Terrace, Showroom, Storage
Basement Floors	None	
Mezzanine floors	None	
Storeys above grade	5 Storeys (Ground + 4)	
Floor Dimensions/ Areas	Typical	Approx. 29m x 30m = 870m ²
Occupant Numbers	Ground Floor	50 people
	1 st Floor:	200
	2 nd Floor	200
	3 rd Floor	300
	4 th Floor	30 (calculated using density factor)
Number of Work Shifts	One	
Year of Construction	2010	
Type of Construction	Typical	RC structure
	Stairs	2 Steel external stairs
Additions/ Renovations	Part of terrace was used to construct 4th Floor in 2017	
Floor Plans provided	Architectural layouts	
Permits provided	Factory Licence	
	Chief Fire Officer No Objection certificate (Add dates)	
Other Comments	Generator and Canteen located around the periphery of the building along the fire escape route.	



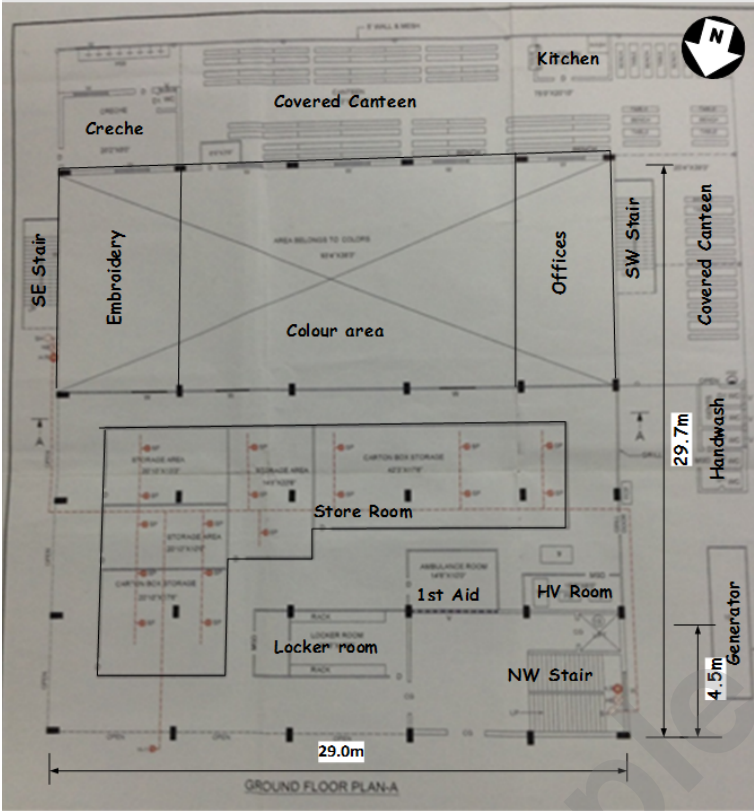


Figure 3 Ground Floor plan

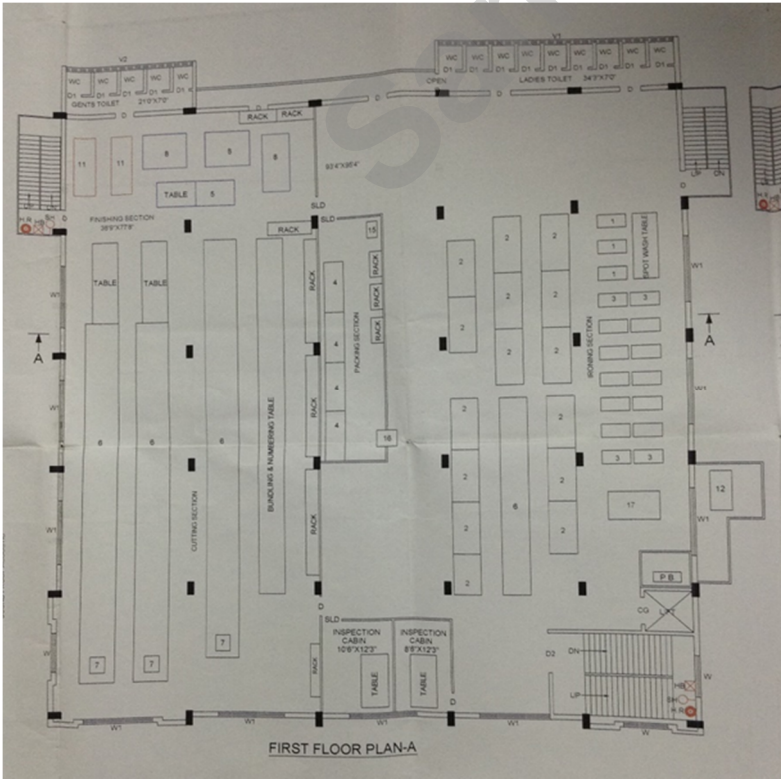


Figure 4 1st Floor plan

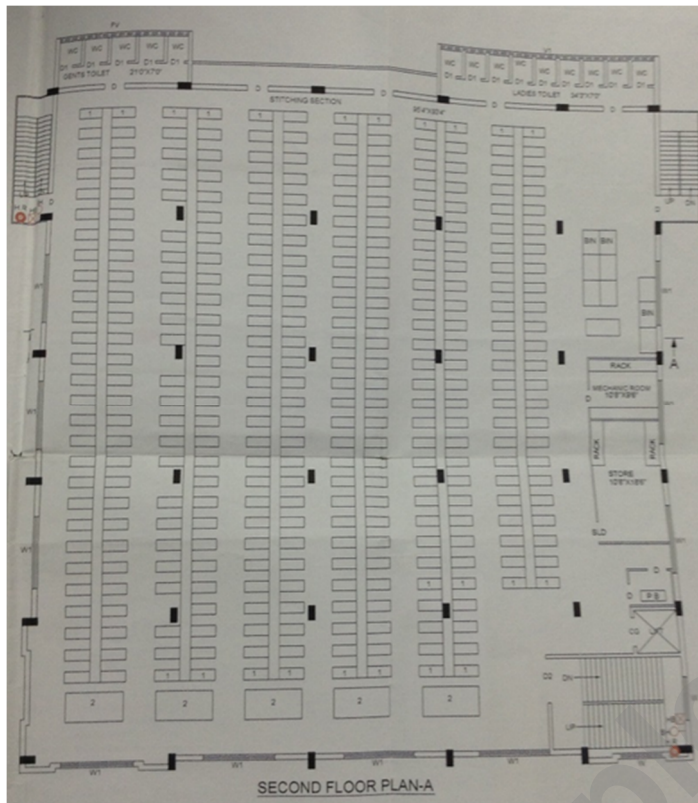
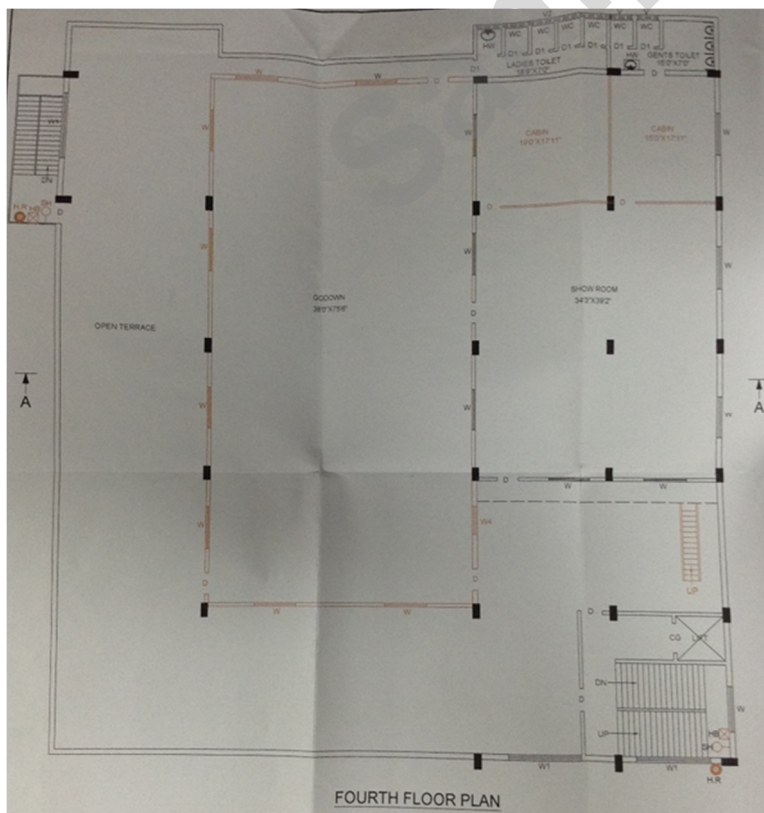
Figure 5 Typical (2nd and 3rd) Floor planFigure 6 4th Floor(Roof) plan



Figure 7 Elevation

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3 Fire Safety Measures

3.1 Occupancy Classification

The Buildings is classified as:

- General Industrial Occupancy (Group G Industrial Building)

3.2 Means of Escape

The building has 3 escape stairs, an internal stair in the NW Stair (floor Exit 3 leads into this Stair) that serves all 4 floors, and two external stairs that serve only 3rd Floor to Ground, the stair in the SE Stair (floor Exit 2) and the stair in the SW Stair (floor Exit 1).

The 4th Floor has only one exit, via Exit 3 into the SE stair.

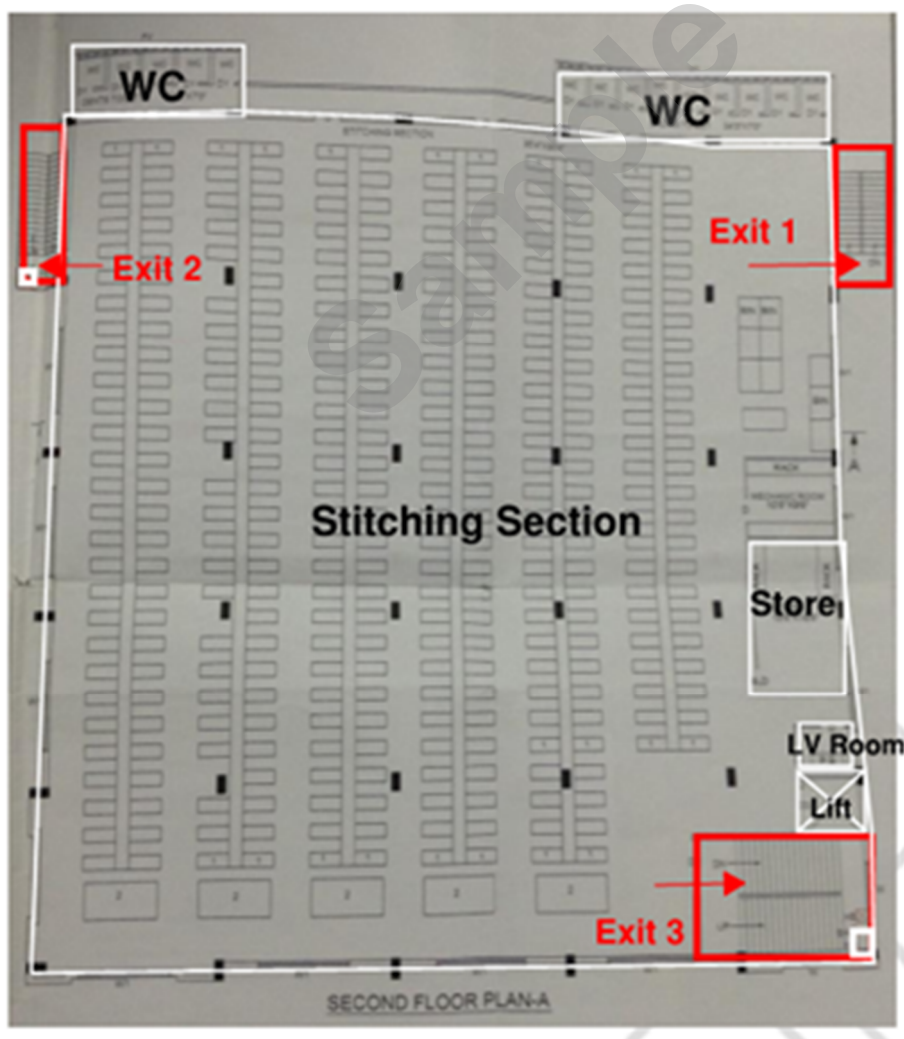


Figure 8 Schematic showing floor exits on a typical floor



Final Exits from building



Room Exits



External routes to away from the building

Figure 9 Schematic showing Final Exits from Building at Ground Floor

3.2.1 Floor Exits

Exit capacities for doors of floor exits compared to occupancy numbers maximum numbers per shift (taking into account two shifts simultaneously in building) are as follows:

Building/Floor/ Area	Occupancy (N° people)	Door width required	No. Exits provided	Total Door Width	Door Capacity provided
Ground Floor	30	0.8 m	4+1	5.0m	1000
1 st Floor:	250	1.5 m	3	3.0m	600
2 nd Floor	200	1.0 m	3	3.0m	600
3 rd Floor	300	1.5 m	3	3.0m	600
4 th Floor	10	0.8 m	1	0.8 m	160

From the table above it can be seen that door exit capacity is sufficient on all floors.

Stair exit capacities from the upper floors are as follows:

Building/Floor/ Area	Occupancy (N° people)	Stair width required	No. Stairs	Total Stair Width provided	Stair Capacity provided
1 st Floor:	250	2.0 m	3	3.0 m	395
2 nd Floor	200	1.5 m	3	3.0 m	395
3 rd Floor	300	2.3 m	3	3.0m	395
4 th Floor	10	0.8 m	1	0.8 m	105

Alternative routes for escape provided from all areas	No. Single means of escape only off 4 th Floor (Roof)
Excessive travel distance to nearest floor exit	Yes. On Roof - single direction of travel distance in excess of 15m.
Escape from Mezzanines	N/A

3.2.2 Escape paths to Floor Exits

Escape paths of adequate widths from all areas	Yes
Excessive travel distance to nearest exit	Yes. On Roof - single direction of travel distance in excess of 15m.
Pathways clearly indicated on floor	Yes
Escape paths clear of temporary obstacles	Escape route from 1 st Aid area is obstructed by adhoc Storage Escape from SW Stair disembarks into covered area alongside Canteen extension and is obstructed by seating. Uncontrolled storage on NW Stairway
Escape paths free of any permanent obstacles	Kitchen Door opens to outside and blocks escape path from Canteen area to Final Exit on W side of Canteen. Escape path is reduced due to presence of DG and Boiler area on the path
Doors on exit paths swing correctly in travel direction	Yes
Doors on exit paths easily openable, no locking devices	Yes

3.2.3 Exit signage

Evacuation pathways correctly sign posted	Yes
Clear Floor signage indicating all escape paths	Yes
Illuminated exit signs at all emergency exits	Yes, but small signs and not well illuminated; inadequate.
Signage consistent on all exit paths	

3.2.4 Floor Exit doors

Evacuation pathways correctly sign posted	Yes
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Floor exit doors swing correctly in travel direction	Yes
Floor exit doors easily openable, no locking devices	Doors to SE and SW external Stairs, as well as internal NW Stair, are lockable from stair side without internal override mechanism (chain locking arrangement from outside).

3.2.5 Exit stairs

Stairs width adequate	Yes
Tread/riser consistent and not too steep	Consistent, but external stairs (SE and SW Stairs) slope greater than 45°.
Handrails provided both sides in all stairways	Yes
All stairways lead directly to outside at discharge level	Yes, but NW Stair via lobby and SW Stair to partially covered area
Number of stairs discharging inside building, distance from Final Exit	NW Stair leads into lobby before exiting to outside. Lobby exposed to HV Room, 1 st Aid area and Locker room.
Stairs discharging inside lead into a protected corridor	No

3.2.6 Final Exits

Final Exit doors swing correctly in travel direction	Final Exit doors from NW stair and on W façade adjacent to HV room are provided with slide doors and locking arrangement. Crèche also slide door lockable from outside
Final Exit doors easily openable from inside, override any security locking devices	No, as above
Final Exit doors open to outside	Yes, except the discharge from SW Stair and SW exit from the Canteen area, which enter a partially covered area on the W side
From Final Exit door, can people move safely away from the building	SW Stair discharges into Canteen sitting area, this and exit on W from canteen have route away from the building that leads past the DG and Boiler areas SE Stair discharges directly into wide, open air corridor NW Stair discharges into lobby, then directly to outside

Protection of escape route outside required	Protection of route required on W side of building
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Figure 10 Evacuation pathways obstructed by uncontrolled storage



Figure 11 Evacuation pathways obstructed by uncontrolled storage

3.3 Fire Safety – Construction

3.3.1 Protection of openings

There are three vertical openings penetrating all floors:

- The NW Stairwell
- Lift opening adjacent to NW Stair
- Electrical cable duct.

Type of opening	Condition
Enclosure of Stairs connecting more than 2 floors	NW Stair is open to surrounding accommodation from Roof to Ground Floor
Self-closing FR doors to protected stairs	No doors to internal NW Stair No self-closers, no FR doors onto SE and SW Stairs
Unsealed penetrations in stair enclosures	No enclosure
Protection of external stair from fire in interior	No unprotected openings in wall
Protection of vertical service shafts passing through floors	Services shaft observed running from HV Electrical room on Ground floor to the LV Electrical room located on all floors above
Fire rated separation of lifts shafts	Lift adjacent NW Stair communicating all floors is unprotected, opens into NW Stair lobby at Ground Floor
Other vertical openings through compartment floors	No
Fire rated separating walls between different occupancies	Only Storage, see below
Unsealed penetrations through separating walls	N/A
Separation of basement with FR lobby, walls and self-closing doors	N/A

3.3.2 Separation of Occupancies

Fire rated separating walls between different occupancies	Only Storage, see below
Unsealed penetrations through separating walls	N/A

Separation of basement with FR lobby, walls and self-closing doors	N/A
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3.3.3 Storage Areas

Dedicated storage areas were observed on Ground and 4th Floors. The amounts of storage on these floors is too great to be considered as incidental loads, and need to be separated from the Production areas.

Dedicated storage areas and sprinkler/ fire rated enclosure provisions are as follows:

Storage Location	Approx. area Storage (m ²)	Total Floor area (m ²)	FR enclosure	Sprinklered Floor
Ground Floor	160	870	No	No (only partially sprinklered)
4 th Floor	280	870	No	No

Temporary or 'in-process' Storage observed that is open to the production area and that needs attention is as follows:

Location	Description
1 st Floor	Storage in racks adjacent to cutting tables, 'in-process' storage area approximately 32m ² .
Under NW Stair, Ground Floor	Under stair flights, UPS battery and other paper storage
Electrical HV room, Ground Floor	Material, waste storage near Electrical Panel room.



Figure 12 UPS and back-up batteries stored under NW Stair flight



Figure 13 Carton box stored near HV Electrical Room

3.3.4 Other high-risk areas

Installation	Type	Location	Separated from Production Area	Separated from Exit Path
Generator	Diesel, with day storage of fuel	Outside the main building, but on the escape path way	Yes	No
Boiler	Electric	1 st Floor ledge, near window to production area	No	No
Transformer	Electric	External Oil Cooled Transformer	Yes	Yes
Compressor	Diesel	Adjacent discharge area of SW Stair	No	No
Chemicals Storage	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-a



Figure 14 Boiler on ledge 1st Floor next to production area window



Figure 15 Fuel Storage where SW Stair disembarks at ground level

3.3.5 Structure and Finishes

Structural Fire Protection	RC structure. No Fire Protection applied
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Wall Finishes	Plastered and painted
Ceiling finishes	Concrete

3.4 Fire Safety Systems

Fire Detection types	Smoke detection in Production area on all floor
	Smoke detectors linked with Fire Alarm Panel at Main Gate guard house
Fire Detector coverage	Only 1 smoke detector provided per floor in Production areas
	No smoke detectors in other areas
Fire Alarm types	Alarm sounders
	Activated automatically in Production area
	Activated manually by MCPs at exit doors in all other areas
Fire Alarm coverage	Alarm sounders located over Final Exits
Fire Detection and Alarm back-up power	Battery back-up power via Main Gate Fire Alarm Panel. See Electrical report for more detail
Emergency Lighting at Exits	Emergency lighting 'Spotlights' over each Exit door
Emergency Lighting of escape paths	Very localized lighting, escape paths not illuminated sufficiently Test on emergency lighting showed very low level of luminance from emergency 'spots'
Emergency Lighting back-up power	Back-up power via built in battery packs Emergency Tube lights provided in NW Stair, but in case of power failure it didn't activate

3.5 Provisions for Fire Fighting

Water Supply	On-site storage
Water Storage	Plastic storage tank on roof in total of 25000 litres capacity.
	Underground storage tank adjacent to entrance. Capacity un-known
Fire Pumps	One booster pump of 900LPM capacity
	Submersible underground pump provided for filling terrace tank, but this is manually operated.
Hydrants	No external street hydrants

	Internal hydrant outlets at SE and NW Stair landings
Internal Hose reels	Hose reels provided together with internal hydrant outlets at SE and NW Stair landings
Handheld Fire Extinguishers (HHFE)	Provided, but number of extinguishers seems deficient
Automatic suppression system	Sprinkler provision partially in store room on ground floor. There is no stand-by pump set to pump the water to the roof tanks should the existing submersible pump fail. The water storage on the roof is insufficient to provide sprinkler water should the submersible pump fail, so a back-up is required.
Smoke Ventilation	None
Access for Fire Fighting vehicles	Access to N and E façades of the building



Figure 16 Fire hydrant and hose reel at half landing, located at height








Figure 17 Hydrant connection and hosereel at discharge area SW Stair




3.6 Management and Housekeeping




Legal Documents	Fire NOC document provided with validity date up until 24-05-2018, after which it needs to be renewed. The NOC had no reference to any annex
Maintenance records for fire safety systems	No systems maintenance records provided
Emergency Plan	Emergency plan displayed on each floor near fire Exit
Fire Safety Training	Training of all staff on 1 st Aid firefighting equipment (F.E), documentation showed last training course 11-10-2017
Fire Safety Drills	Regular evacuation drills carried out and documentation presented, last one dated 22-01-2018
Housekeeping	<p>Aisles generally clear of temporary storage on production floors</p> <p>Uncontrolled storage on escape stairs that needs attending to.</p> <p>Maintenance of systems appears to be acceptable based on observations, but no documentation provided to support that</p>


4 Observations


Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Issue Type
FIRE-1	Means of Escape	Floor Exits
Observation		
<p>Insufficient numbers of floor exits</p> <p>From fourth floor, there is only 1 exit staircase. The other two external staircase terminate at 3rd floor</p> <p>Public will be allowed up to the Showroom, and no alternative direction of escape from fourth floor.</p> <p>Travel distance exceeds allowed limits in LABS Standard for single means of escape.</p>		
 <p>Figure 18 SE Stair (external) up to 3rd Floor level</p>		 <p>Figure 19 Exit 3 from Roof level into NW Stair</p>

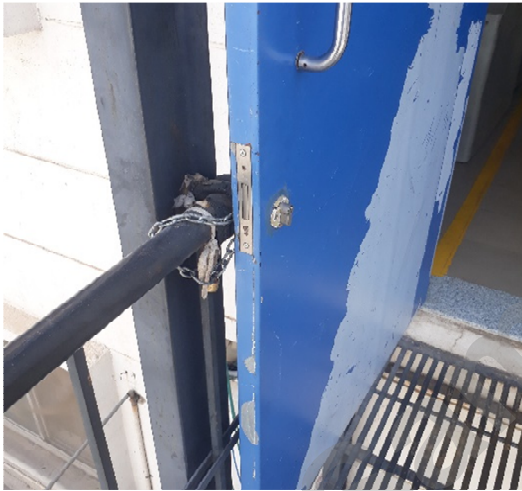
Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Issue Type
FIRE-2	Means of Escape	Escape Paths
Observation		
<p>Escape paths not free from temporary obstacles on ground floor Colouring area and Embroidery area.</p> <p>Uncontrolled storage obstructs the escape paths.</p> <p>Kitchen door opening blocks route from Canteen to Final Exit on SW side</p>		
 <p>Figure 20 Uncontrolled storage on escape path</p>		 <p>Figure 21 Uncontrolled storage on escape path to Final Exit</p>
 <p>Figure 22 Escape path through open Canteen obstructed by Kitchen door (in background)</p>		


Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Issue Type
FIRE-3	Means of Escape	Exit Doors
Observation <p>Exit doors not side hung to swing correctly in direction of escape. Exit doors not always easily openable, doors have locking devices</p> <p>Sliding doors are located at the Final Exit from the NW Stair exiting on the N side and leading directly to the road outside, as well as on the Final Exit on the W side adjacent to the HV room leading into the narrow external escape corridor along the W face of the building.</p> <p>The Final Exit from the Crèche area also has a sliding door with locking device</p>		
 <p>Figure 23 Final Exit door from NW Stair lobby</p>		 <p>Figure 24 Final Exit at HV and Compressor area adjacent to NW stair</p>
 <p>Figure 25 Floor Exit door from Crèche adjacent to SE Stair</p>		


Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Issue Type
FIRE-4	Means of Escape	Final Exits
Observation		
<p>People not able to move safely away from the building directly on exiting to outside.</p> <p>Occupants exiting from the Final Exit from the Canteen in the SW corner of the building, and those discharging from the SW Stair, do not have a protected route along which to move away from the building.</p> <p>The route leads past unprotected fuel storage, the suspended Boiler and the diesel generator before exiting on the N side of the building.</p>		
		
Figure 26 Boiler on escape path from Canteen and from SW stair		Figure 27 Fuel storage and canteen table in final means of escape
		
Figure 28 DG on escape path from Canteen and from SW stair		


Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Issue Type
FIRE-5	Fire Protection- Construction	Protection of openings
Observation		
<p>Lack of enclosure of Stairs connecting more than 2 floors.</p> <p>The main NW Stair from 4th to Ground Floor levels is open to the accommodation it passes through at all levels, and discharges into a lobby on ground that is unprotected from the and production area on typical floor.</p>		
		
Figure 29 NW Stair open to un protected lobby on ground and production area on typical floors above		


Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Issue Type
FIRE-6	Fire Protection- Construction	Protection of openings
Observation		
UPS and Storage under stair needs to be separated with a FR enclosure		
 <p>Figure 30 UPS and back-up batteries stored under NW Stair flight</p>		


Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Issue Type
FIRE-7	Fire Safety Construction	Protection of openings
Observation		
<p>No FR self-closing doors to protected stairs</p> <p>Doors leading onto external SE and SW stairs are not FR doors, required to protect occupants using the stairs from a fire in the accommodation..</p> <p>Furthermore these doors do not provide easy opening mechanism that would allow occupants to override from inside any locking devices on the doors.</p>		
 <p>Figure 31 Final Exit door from upper floors onto external SE and SW Stairs</p>		


Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Issue Type
FIRE-8	Fire Protection - Construction	Protection of openings
Observation		
<p>Other vertical openings through compartment floors.</p> <p>The lift hoist rises from Ground through to 4th Floor with no fire rated enclosure, linking all these floors via a large vertical opening.</p>		
 <p>Figure 32 Lift at NW Stair between 4th and Ground Floor levels, open to lobby and production areas</p>		


Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Issue Type
FIRE-9	Fire Protection - Construction	Protection of openings
Observation		
Other vertical openings through compartment floors.		
There is a penetration for electrical services passing through all floors without fire stopping		
		
Figure 33 Service penetration from HV Electrical room on ground floor to LV rooms on all floor above up to 4 th floor		



Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Issue Type
FIRE-10	Fire Protection - Construction	Storage areas
Observation		
<p>Designated storage areas not separated with FR construction</p> <p>The Storage area on 4th Floor is separated with fire rated construction from the Production area, but doors are not fire rated and self-closing.</p> <p>The Storage area at Ground Floor is not separated from other occupancies, and exceeds the permissible amount of non-sprinklered storage. Part of this area is covered by sprinklers, but this system does not meet LABS Standards requirements for sprinkler coverage.</p>		
	 <p>Figure 34 Storage on Ground Floor without fire rated protection from the colouring area.</p>	



Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Issue Type
FIRE-11	Fire Protection - Construction	Storage areas
Observation		
<p>Excessive areas of 'in-process' storage open to production areas</p> <p>'In-process' storage on 1st Floor was seen to be in excess of the maximum allowable storage for open storage on non sprinklered floors. The approximate storage area was noted as 32m² in this area.</p>		
		
<p>Figure 35 'In-process' storage on 1st Floor without fire rated separating wall from production floor.</p>		



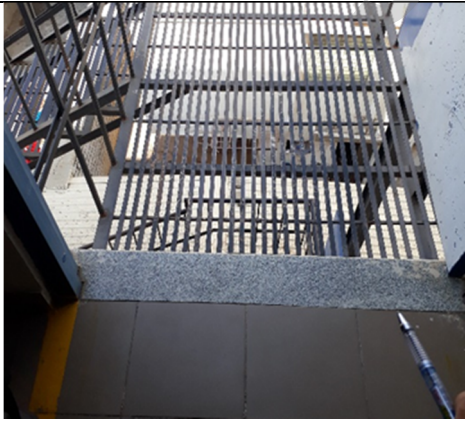
Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Issue Type
FIRE-12	Fire Protection - Construction	Other high risk areas
Observation		
HV and Compressor enclosure inadequate.		
The HV Room and Compressor are open to production area at Ground Floor and located on escape path with no fire rated separation.		
		
Figure 36 HV and compressor room open to production areas, escape paths.		Figure 37 HV and compressor room open to production areas, escape paths



Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Issue Type
FIRE-13	Fire Protection - Construction	Other high risk areas
Observation		
<p>Boiler enclosure inadequate.</p> <p>The Boiler is open to the production area at 1st Floor level and exposed to the exterior exit route along the W side of the building as pointed out above.</p>		
 <p>Figure 38 Boiler located near windows that opens in production area</p>		


Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Issue Type
FIRE-14	Fire Protection - Construction	Other high risk areas
Observation		
<p>Generator enclosure inadequate.</p> <p>The Diesel Generator has no fire rated enclosure and is exposed to the exterior exit route along the W side of the building. There is restricted space to provide an enclosure and maintain enough workspace within the enclosure</p>		
 <p>Figure 39 DG and Boiler located on the exit path</p>		

Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Issue Type
FIRE-15	Fire Safety Systems	Fire Detection
Observation		
<p>Inadequate Fire Detector coverage.</p> <p>Only one smoke detector per floor has been provided in production area on typical floors. No smoke detectors in Ground floor store area. All occupied as well as non-occupied spaces in the building should be covered with an automatic fire detection system.</p>		
 <p>Figure 40 Only 1 smoke detector provided in production area</p>		 <p>Figure 41 No Smoke detection storage area on Ground floor</p>

Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Issue Type
FIRE-16	Fire Safety Systems	Fire Alarms
Observation		
<p>Incorrect or no automatic Fire Alarm activation.</p> <p>Only manual alarm activation has been provided for most areas. Automatic activation of an alarm is required to give warning of a fire is detected anywhere in the building</p>		
 <p>Figure 42 Fire Alarm Panel at the main entrance of the building</p>		 <p>Figure 43 Manual call point near LV Electrical Room on Typical floor</p>

Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Issue Type
FIRE-17	Fire Safety Systems	Emergency Lighting
Observation		
<p>Insufficient Emergency Lighting for escape pathways.</p> <p>No emergency lighting is provided for the external SW Stairway and escape corridor down the W face of the building. The external stair has a gradient steeper than 45° and should have handrails both sides and good emergency lighting.</p>		
 <p>Figure 44 No Emergency Lighting provided on the external escape staircase</p>		 <p>Figure 45 No Emergency Lighting on the exterior periphery exit route</p>
 <p>Figure 46 External stair steeper than 45° and no Emergency Lighting provided</p>		

Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Issue Type
FIRE-18	Provisions for Fire Fighting	Fire Safety Systems
Observation		
<p>Inadequate water pump-set and/or standby pump</p> <p>There is no stand-by pump set to pump the water to the roof tanks should the existing submersible pump fail. The water storage on the roof is insufficient to provide firefighting water should the submersible pump fail, so a back-up is required.</p>		
 <p>Figure 47 Fire Tank and Pump on roof</p>		 <p>Figure 48 Not enough pressure in hose reel without pump and pump is not automatic.</p>

Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Issue Type
FIRE-19	Provisions for Fire Fighting	Fire Safety Systems
Observation		
Insufficient portable fire extinguishers.		
The number and distribution of hand-held fire extinguishers appeared to be insufficient to comply with the LABS Standard requirements		
		
Figure 49 Single fire extinguisher for this area, located on outside of the building		

Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Issue Type
FIRE-20	Management and Housekeeping	Maintenance records
Observation		
Inadequate maintenance records for Alarm and Emergency Lighting system, as well as Water Pumps		

5 Priority Actions

For each observed item identified above an action list has been prepared to identify the specific required follow up actions and prioritised on the basis of the following:

- Fire Priority 1 (FP1) – Actions that are perceived to immediately affect the ability of people to evacuate the building safely in the event of fire, and attention should be given to addressing them from the outset. Immediate Action e.g. partial/full evacuation, localised closure of space, etc.
- Fire Priority 2 (FP2) – Actions that are perceived to have a delayed or lesser effect on people evacuating the building safely in the event of fire. Actions to be completed within 6 weeks.
- Fire Priority 3 (FP3) – Issues that are perceived to have less of an impact on their own to evacuate the building safely in the event of a fire. Actions to be completed within 6 months.

Sample




FINDINGS AND REMEDIATION ISSUES

F1: Means of Escape - Escape Paths

Issue type	F1: Means of Escape
Sub Issue Type	Escape Paths
Sub Issue Detail	F1.1.2 Escape paths not clear of temporary obstacles
Reference Number	FIRE-2
Details Of Issue Found	Escape paths not free from temporary obstacles on ground floor Colouring area and Embroidery area. Uncontrolled storage obstructs the escape paths. Kitchen door opening blocks route from Canteen to Final Exit on SW side
CAP Priority	FP1
Recommended Action Deadline Date	16 Apr 2018
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	"Proper housekeeping needed in Ground floor storage room. Ensure pathways on exit routes clear of all temporary storage and other obstacles in accordance with Cl.6.3 of the LABS Standard Change the Kitchen Door to open inwards or direct the people towards SE Stair Exit "
Comments	
Photo(s)	   <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> FIRE2-1.jpg FIRE2-2.jpg FIRE2-3.jpg </div>

F1: Means of Escape - Exit doors

Issue type	F1: Means of Escape
Sub Issue Type	Exit doors
Sub Issue Detail	F1.2.2.1 Exit doors not side hung to swing correctly in direction of escape
Reference Number	FIRE-3
Details Of Issue Found	Exit doors not side hung to swing correctly in direction of escape. Exit doors not always

	easily openable, doors have locking devices Sliding doors are located at the Final Exit from the NW Stair exiting on the N side and leading directly to the road outside, as well as on the Final Exit on the W side adjacent to the HV room leading into the narrow external escape corridor along the W face of the building. The Final Exit from the Crèche area also has a sliding door with locking device
CAP Priority	FP1
Recommended Action Deadline Date	16 Apr 2018
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	"Replace doors with side hung doors that open in the direction of escape in accordance with Cl. 6.1, 6.3 and 6.9 of the LABS Standard. Replace outside locks with locking mechanisms that allow easy opening from inside without the use of a key in accordance with Cl. 6.1 and 6.9 of the LABS Standard"
Comments	
Photo(s)	   <p>FIRE3-1.jpg FIRE3-2.jpg FIRE3-3.jpg</p>

F1: Means of Escape - Final Exits

Issue type	F1: Means of Escape
Sub Issue Type	Final Exits
Sub Issue Detail	F1.5.2 People not able to move safely away from the building
Reference Number	FIRE-4
Details Of Issue Found	People not able to move safely away from the building directly on exiting to outside. Occupants exiting from the Final Exit from the Canteen in the SW corner of the building, and those discharging from the SW Stair, do not have a protected route along which to move away from the building. The route leads past unprotected fuel storage, the suspended Boiler and the diesel generator before exiting on the N side of the building.
CAP Priority	FP2
Recommended Action Deadline Date	25 May 2018
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	"Provide a fire rated barriers to protect occupants from the effects of a fire in the building"

where they cannot move directly away from the building, in accordance with Cl. 6.17 of the LABS Standard. Provide a fire rated barriers to Boiler located on Ledge above exit path Relocate DG to clear the space for exit path"

Comments

Photo(s)



FIRE4-1.jpg



FIRE4-2.jpg



FIRE4-3.jpg

F1: Means of Escape - Floor Exits

Issue type

F1: Means of Escape

Sub Issue Type

Floor Exits

Sub Issue Detail

F1.6.1 Insufficient number of floor exits

Reference Number

FIRE-1

Details Of Issue Found

Insufficient numbers of floor exit From fourth floor, there is only 1 exit staircase. The other two external staircases terminate at 3rd floor Public will be allowed up to the Showroom, and no alternative direction of escape from fourth floor. Travel distance exceeds allowed limits in LABS Standard for single means of escape.

CAP Priority

FP1

Recommended Action
Deadline Date

16 Apr 2018

Responsible Person

Recommended Action

"Provide additional floor exit/s to comply with Cl. 6.6 of the LABS Standard. Extend one of the two external stairs(SE stair or SW Stair) up to 4th Floor level, and create an alternate escape path to the landing of this stair at 4th Floor level."

Comments

Photo(s)




FIRE1-1.jpg




FIRE1-2.jpg

F2: Fire Safety Construction - Other high risk areas

Issue type	F2: Fire Safety Construction
Sub Issue Type	Other high risk areas
Sub Issue Detail	F2.1.1 Generator enclosure inadequate
Reference Number	FIRE-14
Details Of Issue Found	The DG is also exposed to the exterior exit route along the W side of the building as pointed out above
CAP Priority	FP2
Recommended Action Deadline Date	25 May 2018
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	Generator on W side to be relocated to a location where it does not interfere with the external escape path or can be enclosed in accordance with Cl. 3.11.5.3 of the LABS Standard
Comments	
Photo(s)	 <p>FIRE14-1.jpg</p>
Issue type	F2: Fire Safety Construction
Sub Issue Type	Other high risk areas
Sub Issue Detail	F2.1.2 Boiler Room enclosure inadequate
Reference Number	FIRE-13
Details Of Issue Found	The Boiler is open to the production area at 1st Floor level and exposed to the exterior exit route along the W side of the building as pointed out above.
CAP Priority	FP2
Recommended Action Deadline Date	25 May 2018
Responsible Person	


Recommended Action	Escape route from Exit 1 Stair to be protected from the Boiler room opening by 2-hour fire rated construction, in accordance with Cl. 3.11.5.2 of the LABS Standard
Comments	
Photo(s)	 FIRE13-1.jpg
Issue type	F2: Fire Safety Construction
Sub Issue Type	Other high risk areas
Sub Issue Detail	F2.1.3 Transformer enclosure inadequate
Reference Number	FIRE-12
Details Of Issue Found	The HV Room and Compressor are open to production area at Ground Floor and located on escape path with no fire rated separation.
CAP Priority	FP2
Recommended Action Deadline Date	25 May 2018
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	Minimum 1-hour fire rated construction required to protect 1st Aid room and Escape path near Exit 3 on the W side from fire or explosion of the HV panel and Compressor in accordance with Cl. 3.11.5.4 of the LABS Standard
Comments	
Photo(s)	 FIRE12-1.jpg  FIRE12-2.jpg
Issue type	F2: Fire Safety Construction
Sub Issue Type	Other high risk areas

Sub Issue Detail	F2.1.6 No adequate fire rated separation of lifts shafts
Reference Number	FIRE-8
Details Of Issue Found	The lift hoist rises from Ground through to 4th Floor with no fire rated enclosure, linking all these floors via a large vertical opening. There is a penetration for electrical services passing through all floors without fire stopping
CAP Priority	FP2
Recommended Action Deadline Date	25 May 2018
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	The elevator shaft to be enclosed with fire rated construction in accordance with Cl. 4.8 and 5.11 of the LABS Standard
Comments	
Photo(s)	 FIRE8-1.jpg

F2: Fire Safety Construction - Protection of openings

Issue type	F2: Fire Safety Construction
Sub Issue Type	Protection of vertical openings
Sub Issue Detail	F2.1.1 Lack of enclosure of Stairs connecting more than 2 floors
Reference Number	FIRE-5
Details Of Issue Found	The main NW Stair from 4th to Ground Floor levels is open to the accommodation it passes through at all levels, and discharges into a lobby on ground that is unprotected from the and production area on typical floor.
CAP Priority	FP1
Recommended Action Deadline Date	16 Apr 2018
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	Provide fire rated protective enclosures to the main NW Stairs to comply with Cl. 4.8, 4.10 and 6.14 of the LABS Standard


Comments	
Photo(s)	 <p>FIRE5-1.jpg</p>
Issue type	F2: Fire Safety Construction
Sub Issue Type	Protection of vertical openings
Sub Issue Detail	F2.1.5 Inadequate protection of vertical service shafts passing through floors
Reference Number	FIRE-9
Details Of Issue Found	There is a penetration for electrical services passing through all floors without fire stopping
CAP Priority	FP2
Recommended Action Deadline Date	25 May 2018
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	Services opening passing through compartment floors to be suitably enclosed or protected with fire rated material in accordance with Cl. 4.4 and 4.7 of the LABS Standard
Comments	
Photo(s)	 <p>FIRE9-1.jpg</p>
Issue type	F2: Fire Safety Construction
Sub Issue Type	Protection of vertical openings
Sub Issue Detail	F2.1.2 No fire rated self-closing doors to protected stairs
Reference Number	FIRE-7

Details Of Issue Found	Doors leading onto external SE and SW stairs are not FR doors, required to protect occupants using the stairs from a fire in the accommodation. Furthermore these doors do not provide easy opening mechanism that would allow occupants to override from inside any locking devices on the doors.
CAP Priority	FP1
Recommended Action Deadline Date	16 Apr 2018
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	Provide fire rated doors with self-closing devices in accordance with Cl. 4.5 and 6.9 of the LABS Standard, and with mechanisms that allow easy opening from inside in accordance with Cl.6.1 of the LABS Standard
Comments	
Photo(s)	 <p>FIRE7-1.jpg</p>

F2: Fire Safety Construction - Storage areas



Issue type	F2: Fire Safety Construction
Sub Issue Type	Storage areas
Sub Issue Detail	F2.3.1 Designated storage areas not separated with FR construction
Reference Number	FIRE-10
Details Of Issue Found	The Storage area on 4th Floor is separated with fire rated construction from the Production area, but doors are not fire rated and self-closing. The Storage area at Ground Floor is not separated from other occupancies, and exceeds the permissible amount of non-sprinklered storage. Part of this area is covered by sprinklers, but this system does not meet LABS Standards requirements for sprinkler coverage.
CAP Priority	FP2
Recommended Action Deadline Date	25 May 2018
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	Separate storage areas from adjacent areas by means of 1-hour fire rated construction in accordance with Cl. 3.10 and 3.11 of the LABS Standard

Comments	
Photo(s)	 FIRE10-1.jpg
Issue type	F2: Fire Safety Construction
Sub Issue Type	Storage areas
Sub Issue Detail	F2.3.2 Storage areas facing onto exit pathways
Reference Number	FIRE-6
Details Of Issue Found	UPS and back-up batteries stored under NW Stair flight
CAP Priority	FP1
Recommended Action Deadline Date	16 Apr 2018
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	UPS and Storage under stair needs to be separated from the Stair and accommodation with a FR enclosure in accordance with Cl. 6.14 of the LABS Standard
Comments	
Photo(s)	 FIRE6-1.jpg
Issue type	F2: Fire Safety Construction
Sub Issue Type	Storage areas
Sub Issue Detail	F2.3.3 Excessive areas of non-sprinklered 'in-process' storage open to production areas
Reference Number	FIRE-11

Details Of Issue Found	Excessive areas of 'in-process' storage open to production areas 'In-process' storage on 1st Floor was seen to be in excess of the maximum allowable storage for open storage on non sprinklered floors. The approximate storage area was noted as 32m2 in this area.
CAP Priority	FP3
Recommended Action Deadline Date	10 Oct 2018
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	Re-arrange temporary storage into 'blocks' no greater than 23m2 area, 2,45m high and 3m separation between adjacent 'blocks' in accordance with Cl. 3.11.5.6 of the LABS Standard
Comments	
Photo(s)	 FIRE11-1.jpg



F3: Fire Safety Systems - Fire Alarm

Issue type	F3: Fire Safety Systems
Sub Issue Type	Fire Alarm
Sub Issue Detail	F3.2.3 Incorrect or no automatic Fire Alarm activation
Reference Number	FIRE-16
Details Of Issue Found	Only manual alarm activation has been provided for most areas. Automatic activation of an alarm is required once a fire is detected anywhere in the building
CAP Priority	FP1
Recommended Action Deadline Date	16 Apr 2018
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	Provide a Fire Alarm activation mechanism to comply with Cl. 5.9 of the LABS Standard
Comments	

Photo(s)	 
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F3: Fire Safety Systems - Fire Detection

Issue type	F3: Fire Safety Systems
Sub Issue Type	Emergency Lighting
Sub Issue Detail	F3.3.1 Insufficient Emergency Lighting for escape pathways
Reference Number	Fire-17
Details Of Issue Found	No emergency lighting is provided for the external SW Stairway and escape corridor down the W face of the building. The external stair has a gradient steeper than 45° and should have handrails both sides and good emergency lighting.
CAP Priority	FP2
Recommended Action Deadline Date	25 May 2018
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	Provide emergency lighting in compliance with Cl.6.8 of the LABS Standard on all escape paths, including escape stairs
Comments	
Photo(s)	  
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Issue type	F3: Fire Safety Systems
Sub Issue Type	Fire Detection
Sub Issue Detail	F3.1.1 Inadequate Fire Detector coverage

Reference Number	FIRE-15
Details Of Issue Found	Only one smoke detector per floor has been provided in production area on typical floors. No smoke detectors in Ground floor store area. All occupied as well as non-occupied spaces in the building should be covered with an automatic fire detection system
CAP Priority	FP1
Recommended Action Deadline Date	16 Apr 2018
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	Provide smoke detectors to all areas of the building to ensure compliance with Cl.5.9 of the LABS Standard
Comments	
Photo(s)	  FIRE15-1.jpg FIRE15-2.jpg

F4: Provisions for Fire Fighting - Fire fighting systems

Issue type	F4: Provisions for Fire Fighting
Sub Issue Type	Fire fighting systems
Sub Issue Detail	F4.2.3 Insufficient portable fire extinguishers
Reference Number	FIRE-19
Details Of Issue Found	The number and distribution of hand-held fire extinguishers appeared to be insufficient to comply with the LABS Standard requirements
CAP Priority	FP2
Recommended Action Deadline Date	25 May 2018
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	Check current distribution of fire extinguishers and provide additional if necessary as required by Cl.5.8 of the LABS Standard.
Comments	

Photo(s)	 FIRE19-1.jpg
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F4: Provisions for Fire Fighting - Water supply

Issue type	F4: Provisions for Fire Fighting
Sub Issue Type	Water supply
Sub Issue Detail	F4.1.3 Inadequate water pump-set and/or standby pump
Reference Number	FIRE-18
Details Of Issue Found	There is no stand-by pump set to pump the water to the roof tanks should the existing submersible pump fail. The water storage on the roof is insufficient to provide firefighting water should the submersible pump fail, so a back-up is required
CAP Priority	FP2
Recommended Action Deadline Date	25 May 2018
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	Provide adequate fire water pumps (with backup power supply) with capacity and adequate water storage as required by Cl.5.7 of the LABS Standard
Comments	
Photo(s)	  FIRE18-1.jpg FIRE18-2.jpg

F5: Maintenance and Housekeeping - Maintenance records

Issue type	F5: Maintenance and Housekeeping
Sub Issue Type	Maintenance records

Sub Issue Detail	F5.2.1 Maintenance records for Alarm system
Reference Number	FIRE-20
Details Of Issue Found	Inadequate maintenance records for Alarm and Emergency Lighting systems
CAP Priority	FP2
Recommended Action Deadline Date	16 Aug 2018
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	Carry out maintenance of the Fire Alarm system in accordance with 12.8 and 12.10 of the LABS Standard and for the Emergency Lighting system in accordance with 12.10 and 12.11 of the LABS Standard, and ensure that records are kept
Comments	
Photo(s)	

Sample

6 Summary of Actions

CAP Priority	Response	Issue Type	Company Plan Of Action
FP1	FIRE-2	F1: Means of Escape	Proper housekeeping needed in Ground floor storage room. Ensure pathways on exit routes clear of all temporary storage and other obstacles in accordance with Cl.6.3 of the LABS Standard Change the Kitchen Door to open inwards or direct the people towards SE Stair Exit
FP1	FIRE-3	F1: Means of Escape	Replace doors with side hung doors that open in the direction of escape in accordance with Cl. 6.1, 6.3 and 6.9 of the LABS Standard. Replace outside locks with locking mechanisms that allow easy opening from inside without the use of a key in accordance with Cl. 6.1 and 6.9 of the LABS Standard
FP1	FIRE-1	F1: Means of Escape	Provide additional floor exit/s to comply with Cl. 6.6 of the LABS Standard. Extend one of the two external stairs(SE stair or SW Stair) up to 4th Floor level, and create an alternate escape path to the landing of this stair at 4th Floor level.
FP1	FIRE-5	F2: Fire Safety Construction	Provide fire rated protective enclosures to the main NW Stairs to comply with Cl. 4.8, 4.10 and 6.14 of the LABS Standard
FP1	FIRE-7	F2: Fire Safety Construction	Provide fire rated doors with self-closing devices in accordance with Cl. 4.5 and 6.9 of the LABS Standard, and with mechanisms that allow easy opening from inside in accordance with Cl.6.1 of the LABS Standard
FP1	FIRE-6	F2: Fire Safety Construction	UPS and Storage under stair needs to be separated from the Stair and accommodation with a FR enclosure in accordance with Cl. 6.14 of the LABS Standard
FP1	FIRE-16	F3: Fire Safety Systems	Provide a Fire Alarm activation linked to smoke detectors to comply with Cl. 5.9 of the LABS Standard
FP1	FIRE-15	F3: Fire Safety Systems	Provide smoke detectors to all areas of the building to ensure compliance with Cl.5.9 of the LABS Standard
FP2	FIRE-4	F1: Means of Escape	Provide a fire rated barriers to protect occupants from the effects of a fire in the building where they cannot move directly away from the building, in accordance with Cl. 6.17 of the LABS Standard Provide a fire rated barrier to Boiler located on Ledge above exit path Relocate DG to clear the space for exit path
FP2	FIRE-14	F2: Fire Safety Construction	Generator on W side to be relocated to a location where it does not interfere with the external escape path or can be enclosed in accordance with Cl. 3.11.5.3 of the LABS Standard
FP2	FIRE-13	F2: Fire Safety Construction	Escape route from Exit 1 Stair to be protected from the Boiler room opening by 2-hour fire rated construction, in accordance with Cl. 3.11.5.2 of the LABS Standard
FP2	FIRE-12	F2: Fire Safety Construction	Minimum 1-hour fire rated construction required to protect 1st Aid room and Escape path near Exit 3 on the W side from fire or explosion of the HV panel and Compressor in accordance with Cl. 3.11.5.4 of the LABS Standard
FP2	FIRE-8	F2: Fire Safety Construction	The elevator shaft to be enclosed with fire rated construction in accordance with Cl. 4.8 and 5.11 of the LABS Standard
FP2	FIRE-9	F2: Fire Safety Construction	Services opening passing through compartment floors to be suitably enclosed or protected with fire rated material in accordance with Cl. 4.4 and 4.7 of the LABS Standard
FP2	FIRE-10	F2: Fire Safety Construction	Separate storage areas from adjacent areas by means of 1-hour fire rated construction in accordance with Cl. 3.10 and 3.11 of the LABS Standard
FP2	Fire-17	F3: Fire Safety Systems	Provide emergency lighting in compliance with Cl.6.8 of the LABS Standard on all escape paths, including escape stairs
FP2	FIRE-19	F4: Provisions for Fire Fighting	Check current distribution of fire extinguishers and provide additional if necessary as required by Cl.5.8 of the LABS Standard.
FP2	FIRE-18	F4: Provisions for Fire Fighting	Provide adequate fire water pumps (with backup power supply) with capacity and adequate water storage as required by Cl.5.7 of the LABS Standard
FP2	FIRE-20	F5: Maintenance and Housekeeping	Carry out maintenance of the Fire Alarm system in accordance with 12.8 and 12.10 of the LABS Standard and for the Emergency Lighting system in accordance with 12.10 and 12.11 of the LABS Standard, and ensure that records are kept
FP3	FIRE-11	F2: Fire Safety Construction	Re-arrange temporary storage into 'blocks' no greater than 23m ² area, 2.45m high and 3m separation between adjacent 'blocks' in accordance with Cl. 3.11.5.6 of the LABS Standard

7 Assumptions and Limitations

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This Report is not intended to be treated as a generalised assessment and does not cover the deterioration of fire safety construction measures or fire safety systems through lack of maintenance. Other aspects of the building that do not affect the safety of the occupants of the Production buildings have not been assessed in this survey.

Except as otherwise noted, other services were not viewed or tested during our assessment and are therefore similarly excluded from this Report. We have not assessed any parts of the building which are covered, unexposed or inaccessible and we are therefore unable to report that any such part of the property is free from defect.

No opening up works were carried out (except as noted) and we rely on the Architects and Engineers drawings provided to us for our views on concealed parts of the building. Performance testing of fire safety systems do not form part of these inspections and we recommend that the factory owners Building Engineer carries out standard testing and maintenance of these systems to satisfy themselves of their proper functioning.

Recommendations, where given, are for the purpose of providing indicative advice only, are not exhaustive, relate solely to identifying key and obvious structural defects as identified in this presentation, and do not take the form of or constitute a specification for works. We take no responsibility for the works as constructed.

This report does not interfere with the factory owners Building Engineers responsibility for the fire safety performance of this building, The Building Engineer remains fully responsible for the fire safety adequacy of the building.

The information in this Fire Safety Assessment Report was obtained during a one-day site visit to the factory, where we carried out interviews with local factory management and reviewed design and permit documentation presented at that meeting. It has not been possible to provide independent verification for all the information and data collected, and, therefore Assessment Company Name cannot accept general responsibility for omissions or errors arising from inaccuracies in this report from the information obtained.

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K3 Electrical Sample Report

Revision : Issue 2

Date: 21 May 2018

Category Yellow

Factory Name

Factory Address
(Factory Coordinates)
11 April 2018

Electrical Safety Assessment Report

Observations & Actions

Assessment Firm: Assessment Company Name

Authors: Assessor Name

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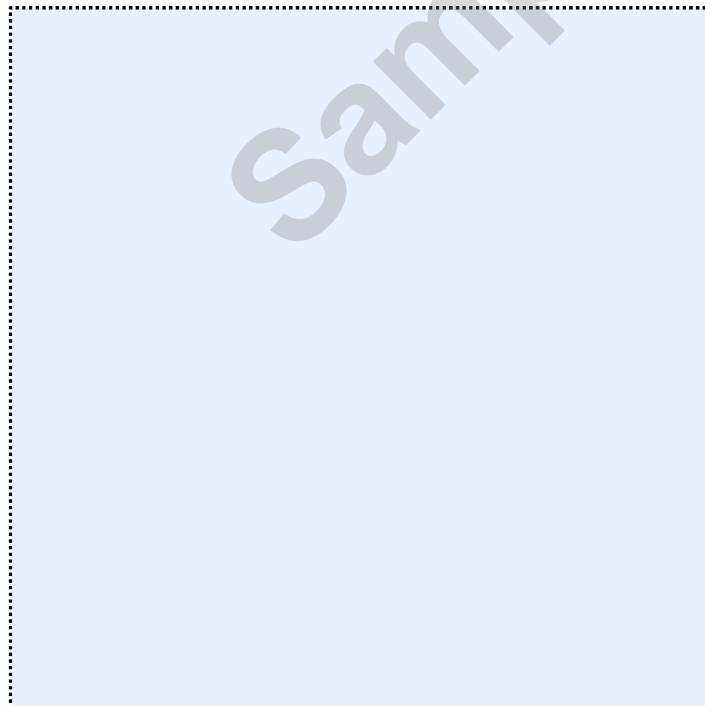


Image of Factory

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1 Executive Summary

On Wednesday 14th March 2018 Assessor Name of Assessment Company Name carried out a visual Electrical Safety Assessment of the XXX factory at the address and coordinates given below under 'General Factory Information'. The assessment was non-intrusive and was carried out in accordance with the LABS Standard for Vietnam and associated Preliminary Assessment Methodology for Vietnam. Limited testing of the electrical systems was carried out.

XXX occupy the entire building except the portion of ground floor (XXX occupy portion of ground floor) and we were provided with access to all areas of XXX.

We met with factory management representative XXX (Electrical – Maintenance In-charge) and a number of other XXX employees accompanied us during the assessment. As the assessment was being carried out as part of an overall Structural, Fire and Electrical pilot assessment exercise, other representatives from Assessment Company Name were also present, along with observers from XXX.

The XXX factory comprises one building that has a main Production and Storage areas, the other facilities like Offices, Electrical room and Pump room are located within building. The site wide area has Generator, Canteen, and Kitchen.

The building was constructed circa XXX. There are approximately 900 workers in the factory complex.

The overall colour code category of this factory is Category Yellow. This means that there are at least some actions which must be addressed within 4 weeks.

A high level and non-exhaustive list of key concerns are:

- Lack of access control or lock and key system for the major electrical rooms
- Excessive dust and lint evident with electrical distribution boards
- The Main electrical panel room exposed to weather conditions.

A summary of actions with associated priorities and timeframes are given at the end of this report.

Based on the state of the electrical safety systems and the condition of the factory floors observed, the level of maintenance appears to be acceptable, provided that regular maintenance activities are implemented or continued, and that detailed records are kept of these activities in the future.

Please note that these actions should be completed as soon as practically possible and certainly within the timeframe noted.

Our assumptions and limitations are also noted at the end of this report.

2 General Information

2.1 General Factory Information

Factory Name	XXX
Factory Address	XXX
GPS Co-ordinates	XXX
Contact Person	XXX
Inspection Participants	Assessor Name 1 (Assessment Company Name)
	Assessor Name 2 (Assessment Company Name)
	Assessor Name 3 (Assessment Company Name)
	Assessor Name 4 (Assessment Company Name)
Visiting Cards	<div>Image of visiting card</div>
Other Tenants	XXX, XXX

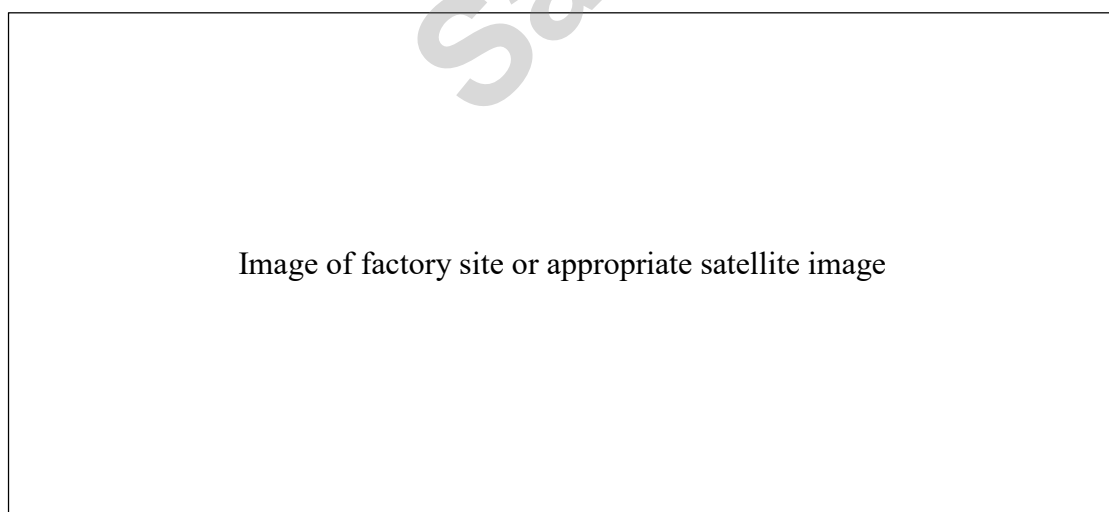


Figure 1 Satellite Image of Site

2.2 General Building Information

Number of Buildings	
Building Designation and Use	Fabric storage – Ground floor Cutting & Finishing – 1 st floor Sewing – 2 nd floor Canteen - Roof
Basement Floors	None
Storeys above grade	2
Floor Dimensions/ Areas	Approx Ground floor – 1500m ² Approx 1 st floor – 1000m ² Approx 2 nd floor – 1000m ² Approx roof – 250m ²
Year of Construction	2002
Additions/Renovations	Roof canteen constructed in 2012

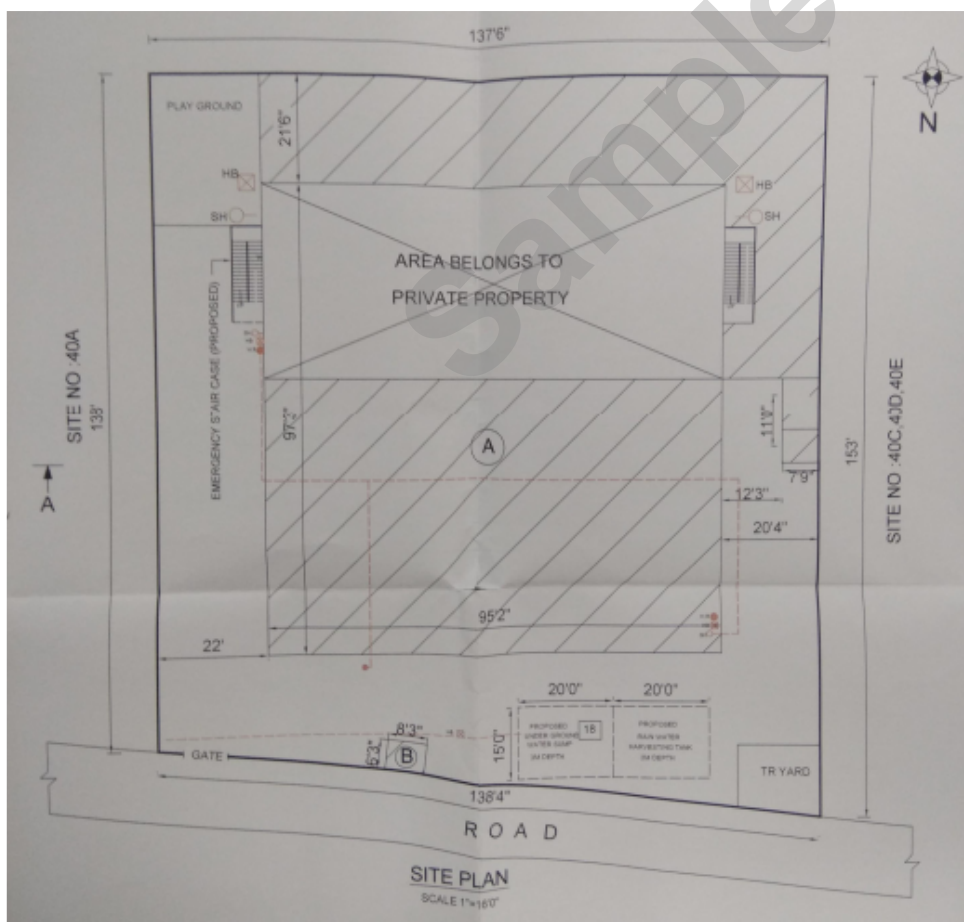


Figure 2 Site Layout showing location of 11kV HT pole mounted transformer (TX)

3 Electrical Systems

3.1 Supplies to Life Safety Systems

Three life safety systems and power supplies to same were observed during the assessment as follows;

System	Primary Power	Secondary Power
Emergency Lighting	Utility Power Supply	Centralised UPS with 90 minutes backup time
Fire Detection and Alarm System	Utility Power Supply	Centralised UPS with 90 minutes backup time Local Batteries
Factory Fire Hoses (one fire pump on terrace)	Utility Power Supply	Generator backup

The operation of the hose reel pump system had manual switchover on the electric pump and also start the Diesel pump (where primary power fails).

3.2 Emergency Lighting

Emergency lighting throughout consisted of twin spot fittings mounted above doorways and final exits.



Figure 3 Emergency Lighting

3.3 Fire Detection and Alarm System

Fire Detection	<p>Smoke detectors were provide on ground floor storage areas.</p> <p>Smoke detection in the Panel Checking, Cutting and Major Electrical rooms missing.</p> <p>Detectors missing in the electrical panel room.</p> <p>Each higher floor has one smoke detector.</p> <p>All other areas manual activation by Manual Call Points (MCP)</p> <p>Fire Alarm Panel backed by UPS location below staircase.</p>
Fire Alarm	<p>Alarm sounders located over on all floors</p> <p>Activated manually by MCPs at exit doors in all other areas.</p> <p>Fire Alarm Panel backed by UPS location below staircase.</p>

Testing / witnessing the operation of the fire alarm system carry out and found operational.

3.4 Earthing and Bonding

Connection of metalwork (machines, electrical panels, transformer, DG set) was clearly evident. The electrical single line diagram does not show any details of the earthing arrangement nor the size of earth cables. These could not be checked.

3.5 Lightning Protection

A lightning protection system is provided, however, there was no record of regular maintenance provided. The system does not comply with the LABS standard. An early streaming system was installed.

3.6 Power

Power enters the site via 11kV overhead BESCOM supply which is connected to a tapping pole and 250kVA oil type transformer located outside boundary wall. The step-down voltage of 433V connected to Main LT Panel located on ground floor.

One standby diesel generators of 200kVA is located on ground floor adjacent to the main LT panel room, the diesel is stored near to DG cabinet. The starting of DG is manual. 200kVA oil cooled voltage stabiliser is connected at the output side of transformer.



Figure 4 250kVA Transformer and 200kVA DG set.

3.7 Distribution

There is a main LT panel located in the power compound which distributes power to the internal Panel boards.

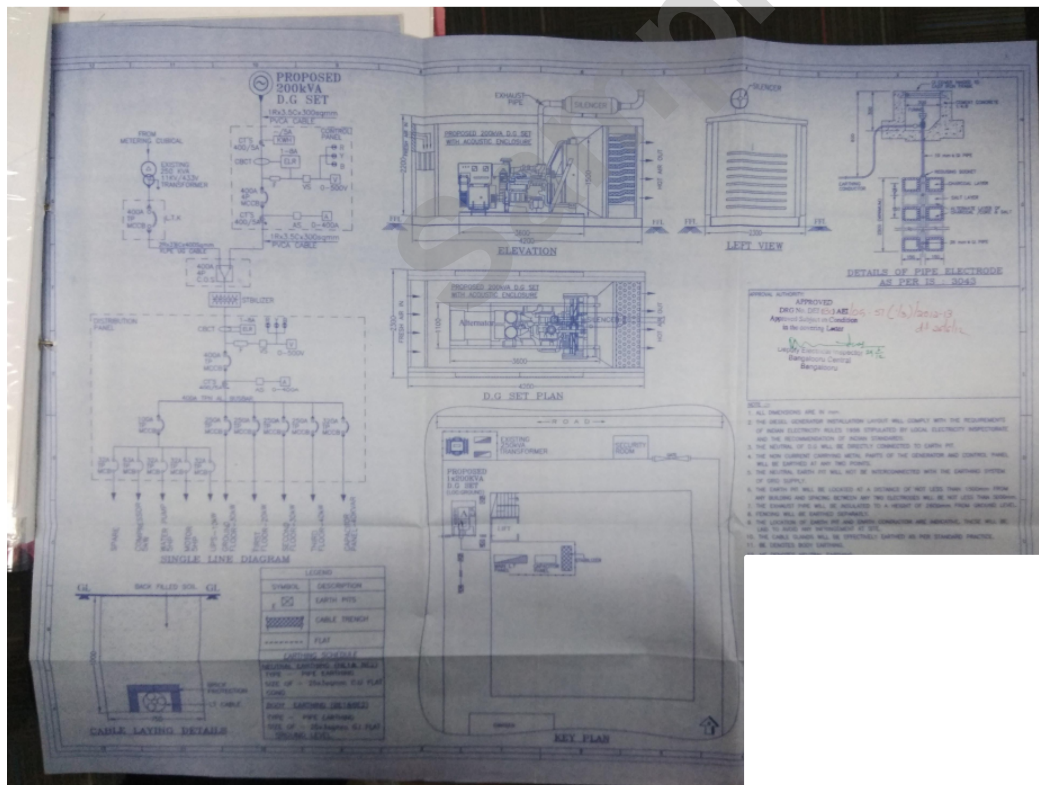


Figure 5 Single Line Diagrams (SLD)

3.8 Maintenance and Records

No maintenance recorders for the transformers, Main panels and DG set were available for review during the assessment.


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4 Observations

Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Issue Type
ELEC-1	E5 : Distribution	Combustible/flammable materials present
Observations: Combustible material storage next to the main LT panel room metal fence.		



Figure 6 Storage of combustible material near main LY panel metal fencing.

Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Header
ELEC-2	E5 : Distribution	Inadequate protection against direct contact
Observations: Exposed main electrical panel room to external weather condition.		
		
Figure 7 Exposed main Electrical panels		

Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Header
ELEC-3	E5 : Distribution	Incorrect cable installation

Observations: Cables are terminated without fixing of cable armour into the gland, there is no other insulation available on outer sheet.



Figure 8 Improper termination of cables.

Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-header
ELEC-4	F3 : Fire Safety System	

Observation: Manual fire pump connection. During the fire pump testing it was found that the pump was tripping due to lower setting of contactor. Later it was changed to higher setting and then pump started manually. The connection of fire pump panel is not updated on main SLD (single line diagram)




Figure 9 Manual operation of fire pump.

Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Header
ELEC-5	E5 : Distribution	Inadequate protection against direct contact

Observation: Life safety UPS kept under staircase and the batteries were stored on wooden ply. Improper human access to shown space.



Figure 10 improper keeping of life safety UPS and its batteries.

Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Header
ELEC-6	E2 : Earthing and Bonding	Insufficient bonding of equipment
Observation: Improper earthing connection and missing earthing connection to floor panel.		
		
Figure 11 Improper and missing earthing connection.		

Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Header
ELEC-7	E5 : Distribution	

Observation: The fire pump location on terrace does not have any proper path for human access.



Figure 12 No proper human access to fire pump on terrace.

Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Header
ELEC-8	E5 : Distribution	Inadequate cable protection
Observation: Distribution board with improper connection.		
		
Figure 13 Improper termination of cables		

Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Header
ELEC-9	E5 : Distribution	Inadequate cable support
Observation: Electrical cables are supported with no proper containment.		
 <p>Figure 14 Improper cable containment</p>		

Ref No.	Issue Type	Sub-Header
ELEC-10	E5 : Distribution	Inadequate protection against direct contact
Observation: Improper IP (Ingress Protection) rating of electrical distribution board.		
		
Figure 15 Improper IP rating		

5 Priority Actions


Each recommendation has been categorised using the following logic;

Priority	Logic	Timeline
1	The non-conformance poses an immediate danger to life or immediate risk of causing a fire. Examples; exposed live conductor(s), insufficient or no protection via circuit breaker.	Immediately
2	Similar to item 1 above, however requires two or more non-conformances / recommendation to contribute to the start of a fire or electrocution. Example; inflammable materials surrounding electrical installation.	2 weeks
3	The items pose a lower risk to life and causing a fire.	4 weeks
4	The recommendation will help to ensure that equipment remains fit for purpose, and reduces the risk to life safety.	2 months

Each recommended action includes the relevant clause reference to the LABS Standard for Vietnam.


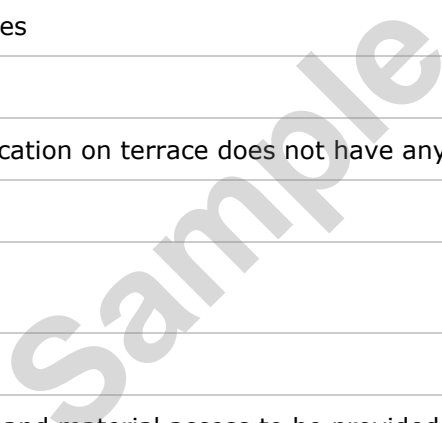
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E1: Supplies to Life Safety Systems - Power supply to emergency lighting


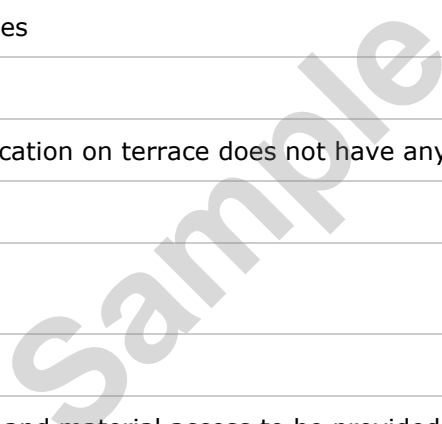
Issue type	E1: Supplies to Life Safety Systems
Sub Issue Type	Power supply to emergency lighting
Reference Number	Elec-4
Details Of Issue Found	Manual fire pump connection. During the fire pump testing it was found that the pump was tripping due to lower setting of contactor. Later it was changed to higher setting and then pump started manually. The connection of fire pump panel is not updated on main SLD (single line diagram)
CAP Priority	EP3
Recommended Action Deadline Date	
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	"The fire pump panel to be placed inside room and shall have automatic starting arrangement in the event of fire. Refer to Clause : 10.26.1 of the LABS Standard."
Comments	
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E2: Earthing and Bonding - Insufficient bonding of equipment


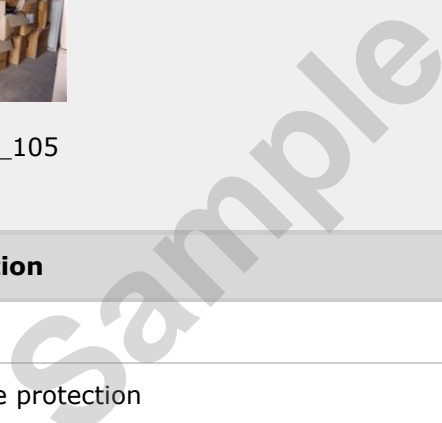
Issue type	E2: Earthing and Bonding
Sub Issue Type	Insufficient bonding of equipment
Reference Number	Elec-6
Details Of Issue Found	Improper earthing connection and missing earthing connection to floor panel.
CAP Priority	EP3
Recommended Action Deadline Date	

Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	Dual earthing connection to be provided based on fault level on the respective panel. Refer to Clause 10.31.2.3 of the LABS Standard.
Comments	
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E4: Substations - Accessibility issues

Issue type	E4: Substations
Sub Issue Type	Accessibility issues
Reference Number	Elec-7
Details Of Issue Found	The fire pump location on terrace does not have any proper path for human access.
CAP Priority	EP4
Recommended Action Deadline Date	
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	A proper human and material access to be provided for fire pump. Refer to Clause 10.11 of the LABS Standard.
Comments	
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E5: Distribution - Combustible/flammable materials present

Issue type	E5: Distribution
Sub Issue Type	Combustible/flammable materials present
Reference Number	Elec-1
Details Of Issue Found	Combustible material storage next to the main LT panel room metal fence.
CAP Priority	EP3
Recommended Action Deadline Date	
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	"The storage near Main LT panel need to be removed. The main LT panel to be placed inside the dedicated room. Refer to Clause 10.7 of the LABS Standard."
Comments	
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E5: Distribution - Inadequate cable protection

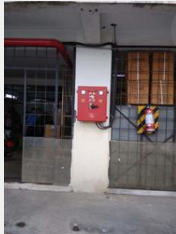
Issue type	E5: Distribution
Sub Issue Type	Inadequate cable protection
Reference Number	Elec-8
Details Of Issue Found	Distribution board with improper connection.
CAP Priority	EP3
Recommended Action Deadline Date	
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	"A proper cable termination by gland and lugs to be carried out. Refer to Clause 10.12.2 of the LABS Standard."
Comments	

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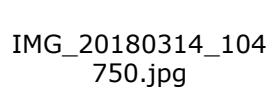
E5: Distribution - Inadequate cable support

Issue type	E5: Distribution
Sub Issue Type	Inadequate cable support
Reference Number	Elec-9
Details Of Issue Found	A proper cable containment shall be provided. Refer to Clause 10.11 of the LABS Standard.
CAP Priority	EP3
Recommended Action Deadline Date	
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	A proper cable containment shall be provided. Refer to Clause 10.17 .
Comments	
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E5: Distribution - Inadequate protection against direct contact

Issue type	E5: Distribution
Sub Issue Type	Inadequate protection against direct contact
Reference Number	Elec-5
Details Of Issue Found	Life safety UPS kept under staircase and the batteries were stored on wooden ply. Improper human access to shown space.

CAP Priority	EP3
Recommended Action Deadline Date	
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	"The life safety UPS should be provided a proper room and lighting. Refer to Clause 10.7 of the LABS Standard."
Comments	
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Issue type	E5: Distribution
Sub Issue Type	Inadequate protection against direct contact
Reference Number	Elec-10
Details Of Issue Found	Improper IP (Ingress Protection) rating of electrical distribution board.
CAP Priority	EP3
Recommended Action Deadline Date	
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	A appropriate ingress protection consider shall be taken to avoid direct contact. Refer to Clause : 10.10.12.3 of the LABS Standard.
Comments	
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Issue type	E5: Distribution
Sub Issue Type	Inadequate protection against direct contact
Reference Number	Elec-2
Details Of Issue Found	Exposed main electrical panel room to external weather condition. It might create splashing of rain water on LT panel and it might possible that the trench underneath main LT panel will be flooded with water.
CAP Priority	EP4
Recommended Action Deadline Date	
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	"The room to be constructed for Main LT panel that should prevent entry of rain water. Refer to Clause 10.5 of the LABS Standard."
Comments	
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E5: Distribution - Incorrect cable installation

Issue type	E5: Distribution
Sub Issue Type	Incorrect cable installation
Reference Number	Elec-3
Details Of Issue Found	Cables are terminated without fixing of cable armour into the gland. The exposed insulated might cause electric sock in the event of any insulation damage, as there is no other insulation available on outer sheet.
CAP Priority	EP4
Recommended Action Deadline Date	
Responsible Person	
Recommended Action	"The cable need to terminated by using proper lugs and the armour should be terminated inside gland. Refer to 10.12.2 of the LABS Standard."

Comments	
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6 Summary of Priority Actions

CAP Priority	Response	Issue Type	Company Plan Of Action
EP3	Elec-4	E1: Supplies to Life Safety Systems	The fire pump panel to be placed inside room and shall have automatic starting arrangement in the event of fire. Refer to Clause 10.26.1 of the LABS Standard.
EP3	Elec-6	E2: Earthing and Bonding	Dual earthing connection to be provided based on fault level on the respective panel. Refer to Clause 10.31.2.3 of the LABS Standard.
EP3	Elec-1	E5: Distribution	The storage near Main LT panel need to be removed. The main LT panel to be placed inside the dedicated room. Refer to Clause 10.7 of the LABS Standard.
EP3	Elec-8	E5: Distribution	A proper cable termination by gland and lugs to be carried out. Refer to Clause 10.12.2 2 of the LABS Standard.
EP3	Elec-9	E5: Distribution	A proper cable containment shall be provided. Refer to Clause 10.17 of the LABS Standard.
EP3	Elec-5	E5: Distribution	The life safety UPS should be provided a proper room and lighting. Refer to Clause 10.7 of the LABS Standard.
EP3	Elec-10	E5: Distribution	A appropriate ingress protection consider shall be taken to avoid direct contact. Refer to Clause 10.10.12.3 of the LABS Standard.
EP4	Elec-7	E4: Substations	A proper human and material access to be provided for fire pump. Refer to Clause 10.11 of the LABS Standard.
EP4	Elec-2	E5: Distribution	The room to be constructed for Main LT panel that should prevent entry of rain water. Refer to Clause 10.6 of the LABS Standard.
EP4	Elec-3	E5: Distribution	The cable need to terminated by using proper lugs and the armour should be terminated inside gland. Refer to 10.12.2 2 of the LABS Standard.

CAP Priority		
	EP1	Immediately
	EP2	Within 2 weeks
	EP3	Within 4 weeks
	EP4	Within 2 months

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External assessment of the façade walls has generally been carried out from ground level only by visual sighting. No opening up works were carried out (except as noted) and we rely on the Architects and Engineers drawings provided to us for our views on concealed parts of the building. Performance testing of electrical safety systems do not form part of these assessments and we recommend that the factory owners' Building Engineer carries out standard testing and maintenance of these systems to satisfy themselves of their proper functioning.

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The information in this Electrical Safety Inspection Report was obtained during a one-day site visit to the factory, where we carried out interviews with local factory management and reviewed design and permit documentation presented at that meeting. It has not been possible to provide independent verification for all the information and data collected, and, therefore Assessment Company Name cannot accept general responsibility for omissions or errors arising from inaccuracies in this report from the information obtained.

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Appendix L

Seismic Assessment Guidance

L1 FEMA Building Type Classification

In this section further guidelines are given for the determination of the FEMA building type considering the typical building types of the RMG factories portfolio in Vietnam. Refer to Section E of the FEMA P-154 for further information.

L1.1 C1 – Concrete Moment Resisting Frame

Concrete moment-resisting frame construction consists of concrete beams (or flat slabs) and columns that resist both lateral and vertical loads. There may be a few bays infilled with masonry, but if there is more extensive infill, it would be categorized as a C3 building type.



L1.2 C2 Concrete Shear Wall

Building primary lateral load resisting system consists of RC shear walls which are continuous from foundation to the top floor. Basement wall are not considered. The amount and distribution of the shear walls is proportional to the seismic demand. If the total section area of the shear walls are quite low (i.e. less %0.5 of the floor area) than it would be better to classify the building as C1 or C3.



L1.3 C3 Concrete Frame with Unreinforced Masonry Infill

Concrete moment-resisting frame construction consists of concrete beams (or flat slabs) and columns with an infill masonry wall inline with the frames. If the perimeter infill masonry walls are as in below figure the buildings shall be classified in this category. Note that typically RC RMG buildings tend to have perimeter infill walls at the edge of the cantilever floor slabs i.e. outside of the column-beam interface, in this case the buildings shall be classified as C1.



L1.4 S3 Steel Light Frame

They are typically one story in height typically one bay steel portal frame structures with or without interior columns, and often enclose a large floor area. Proper horizontal (roof level) and vertical bracing (longitudinal direction) is required to resist seismic loads.



L2 Typical Non-Conformances

A quick reference is provided below to highlight building irregularities below
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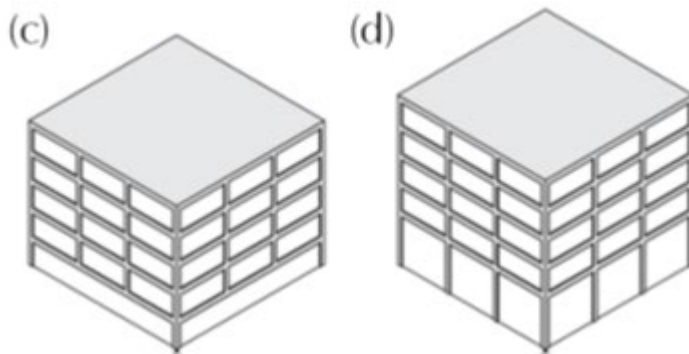
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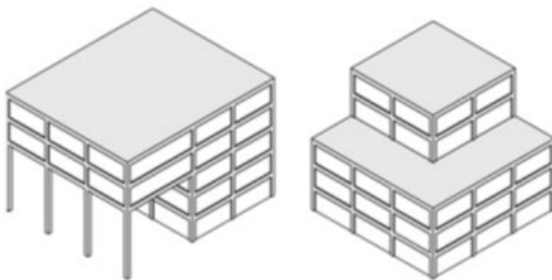
Typically Ground Floor Storey Height is substantially higher (1.5 times more than above storey) or

Number of columns at ground floor is reduced or

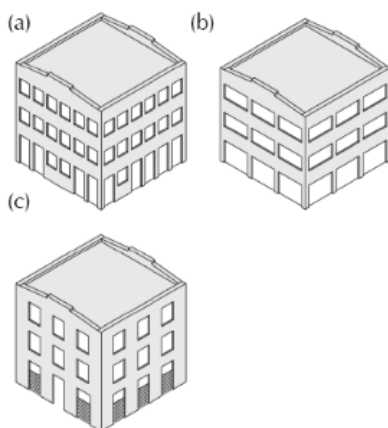
Masonry Infill walls along perimeter are removed for shops etc



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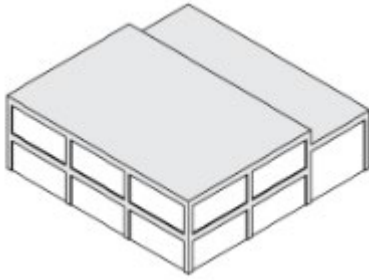


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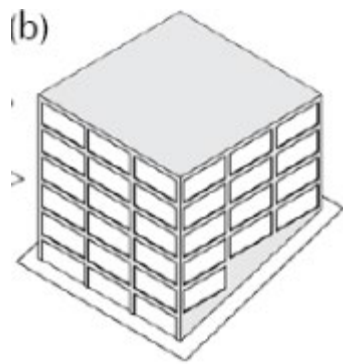


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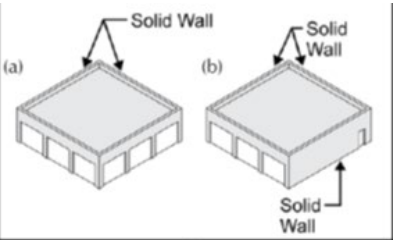


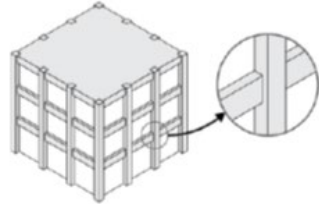
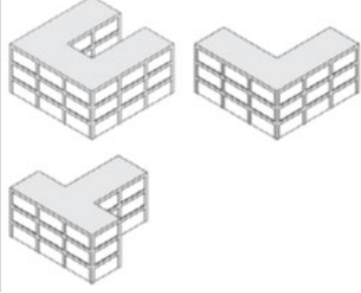
Floors of the building do not align.



Sloping Site



L2.2 Plan Irregularities

Torsion		Diaphragm Openings	
Non-Parallel Systems		Beams do not align with columns	
Reentrant Corner			

Appendix M

Quality Control Flowchart

M1 Quality Control Flowchart

Quality Control by Assessment Firms (AF)

