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Retrofitment of SEALGUARD ASSEMBLY in WAGON TIPPLER for reliable operation of movable Side

A case study of NTPC Kudgi





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Let us start from SAFETY !!!





Plan of Presentation

- Basics of NTPC KUDGI Plant & CHP layout
- Problem Statement
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- → Phase 1 Concept Modelling
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- → Phase 3 Revalidation Phase
- **Conclusion**



BASIC FEATURES OF NTPC KUDGI



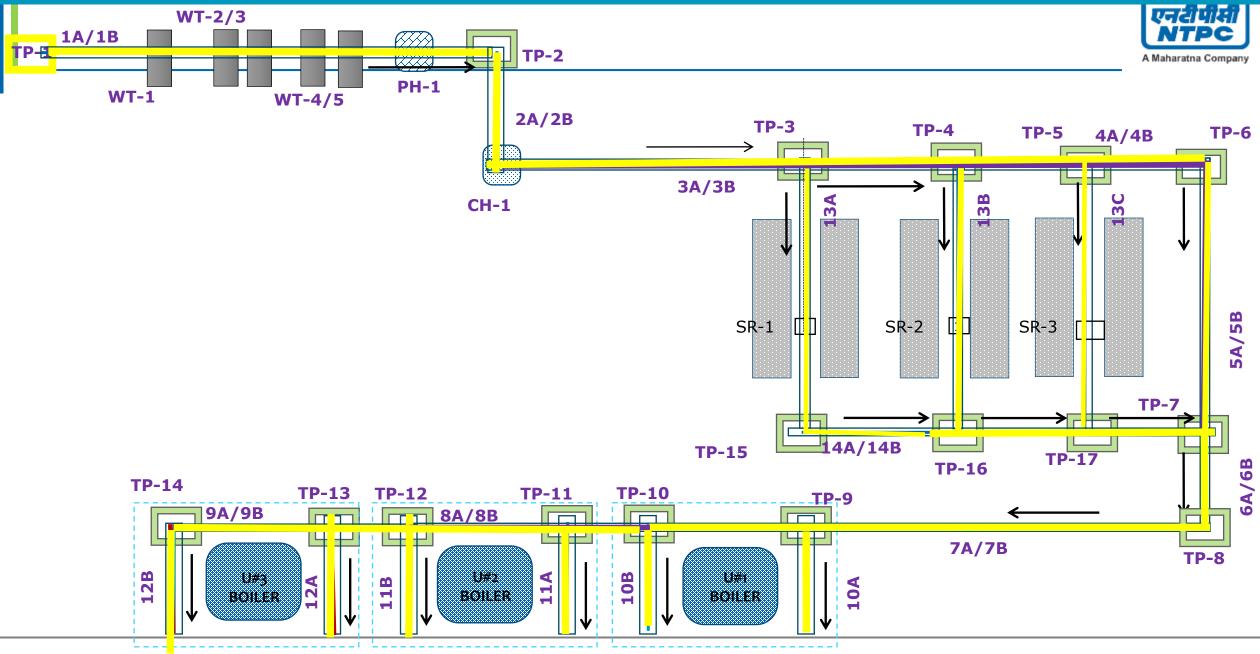
About the Project	The Project is under operation for the benefit of States of Southern Region. Power allocation is Karnataka (50%), Telangana (17%), Tamilnadu (15%), Kerala 5%, Un allocated (15%)
Plant Capacity	2400 MW (3 units of 800 MW)
Water Source	Almatti Reservoir in Krishna River (18 Km)
Coal Source	NTPC Mines PAKRI BARWADIH (2028Kms Distance) SCCL (800 Kms distance), Imported , e-auctioned etc
Plant Location	Site is near to Kudgi Village, Basavana Bagewadi Taluk of Vijayapur district of Karnataka

BASIC DETAILS OF "CHP" AT NTPC KUDGI



Conv Belt details	Width 2200 MM, about 22 km length 1250 NN 5/4, 1600 NN 5/4, ST 2000
Wagon Tipler	05 Numbers Make :TRF
Crusher/ VSF	04 Numbers Make :Thyssen krupp
BWSRs	03 Numbers Make: Ms Sandvik Asia (FLSmidth) & Ms Elecon
Conveyor Details	Total 29 Conveyors, 17 no TPs

LAYOUT DIAGRAM of CHP



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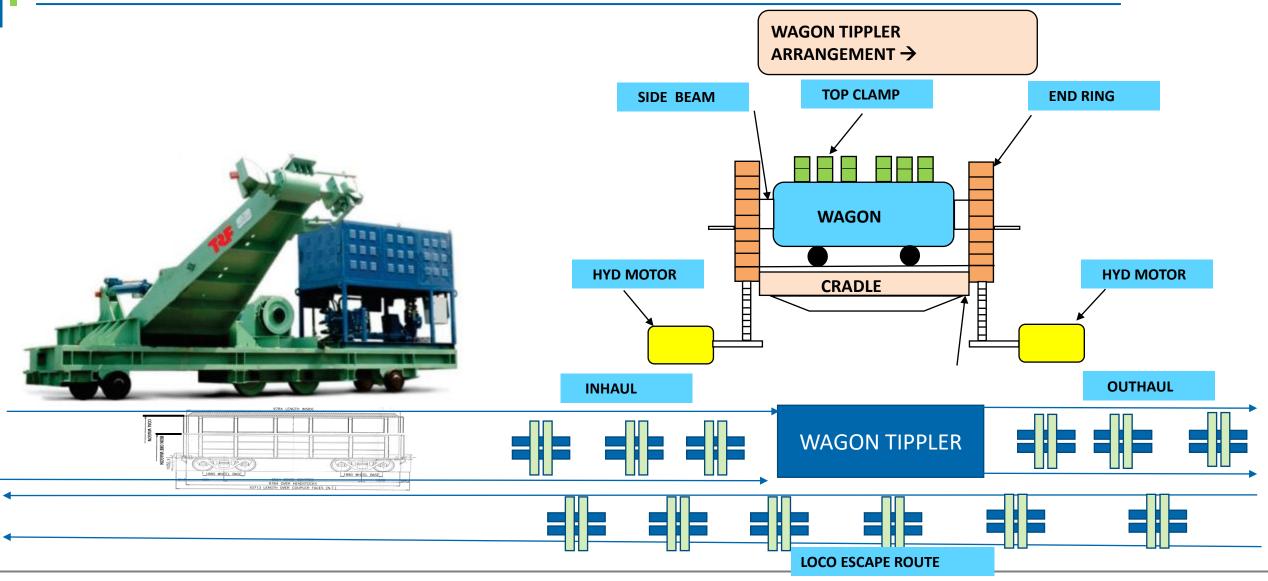


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Basic Outline of KUDGI WAGON TIPPLER





PROBLEM STATEMENT – SIDE BEAM NOT TOUCHING WAGON PROPERLY





As per RDSO Guidelines consult the concerned zonal railway for this confirmation) suitable slots shall be provided in the side support beam, to permit the top clamping of the wagons] There shall be metal to metal contact between the side support beam and the side stanchions of the wagon i.e. no rubber pad or any other alternative, shall be provided on the contact face of the side support beam



EFFECT SIDE BEAM NOT TOUCHING WAGON PROPERLY





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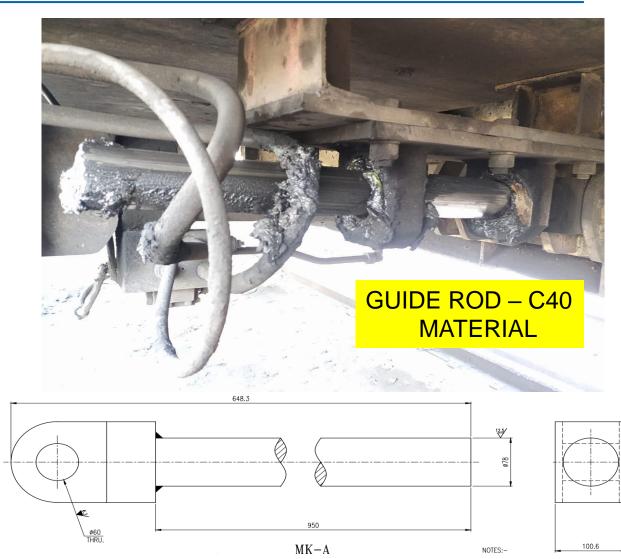


- e. Tippling angle of coal wagons to be increased: Refer MOM "TRF has agreed to experimentally increase the tippling angle of one tippler to 140 degree initially and later increase in incremental steps of 1 degree upto 145 degree based on site condition "
- f. Reduce unloading time: M/s TRF have already demonstrated 25 tips per hour (rounded off). During PG test we understand from site that due to obstruction of Dust for side movable clamp, it took more than 5 seconds during function of the guide rod of the side movable clamp. After greasing the guide rod properly 25 tips per hour can be reached. However we feel not to disturb the wheel choker location and SAC speed margin enhancement as it may cause vibration in the SAC. However, we are looking for the alternative solution for further improvement in the capability beyond 25 tips per hour
- g. To supply operational spares as requested and ordered by NTPC: We shall be submitting our offer as & when required.
- h. Wagon Tippler modification For Top beam of all 5 (five) wagon tipplers, following strengthening had been carried out as per attached Sketch as annexure-IV:
 - i. 6 nos 300mm dia cutouts on top flange to be covered & welded with 450mm dia 25thk plate.
 - 6 nos 200mmx350mm cutouts in side web to be covered & welded with 350mmx500mm 12thk plate.
 - iii. 2 nos 400mm x 250mm 20thk plate to be welded on each side clamp arm of all wagons tipplers

i. Status for misc. points as per MOM dated 05-11-2019

- Load Cell We along with our Vendor Avery have upgraded the tripod arrangement design to eliminate/minimize this issue.
- NTLS Problem Please refer the attached mail as annexure-V showing alternate proximity type switch mounted on screw cam limit switch as per MOM.
- iii. Wagon Tippler Axial Piston Pump failure problem: TRF had already agreed to provide all necessary support whenever required on NTPC's account as per MOM.
- iv. Movable side beam -During PG test we understand from site that due to obstruction of Dust for side movable clamp, it took more time during function of the guide rod of the side movable clamp. After greasing, the guide rod may work properly & the efficiency can be increased. This item is subjected to continuous maintenance supervision for smooth and efficient functioning.

OEM PG TEST REMARKS



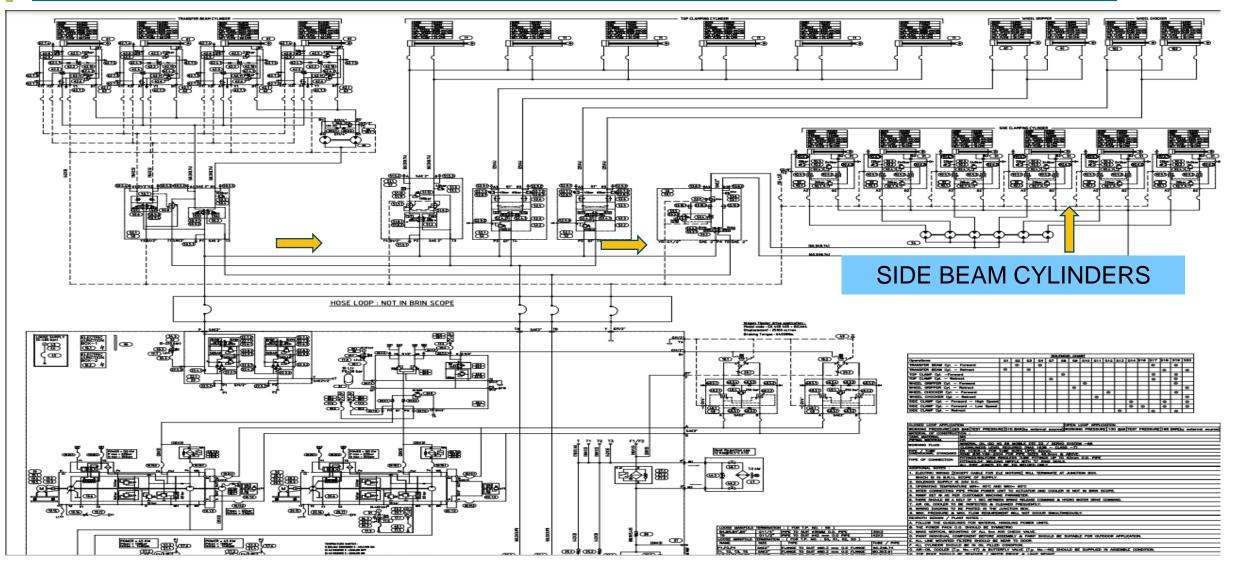
PROBABLE CAUSE OF PROBLEM



Probable Cause	Action Taken
Flow cum pressure at each cylinder end not same	Pressure Checking done . Flow divider is not at centre. (Inhaul side – 12 mtr / Outhaul side – 2 mtr) Equalisation of all cylinders done if it is required.
Obliquity of Side Beam (Taperness)	Not very significant
Cylinder Forward MOVEMENT not even	Being checked on regular interval but may change
Guide shaft material being soft and high stress stiffening	Material is soft . Future procurement high grade can be used
Cylinders damage like bent piston or internal leakage	Cylinder replacement to be done if found
Pressure Switch healthiness	Regular operational checks
Misalignment of Guide Shaft	Checked and old guide shaft replaced with new one and alignment checked – Aug 2022

HYD. CIRCUIT OF SIDE BEAM OPERATION





PREVENTIVE REMEDIAL STEP FOR SIDE BEAM PROBLEM – GUIDE ROD GREASING AFTER COMPLETION OF EACH RACK TIPPLING



GUIDEROD GREASING PERMIT (ANNUAL YEAR 2023-24)



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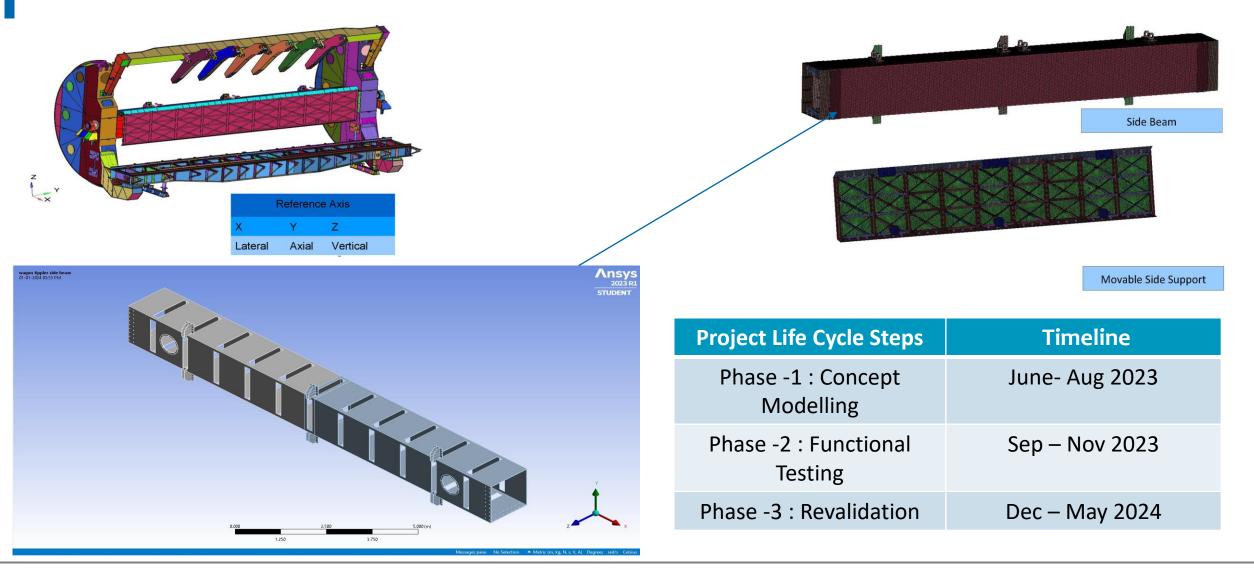






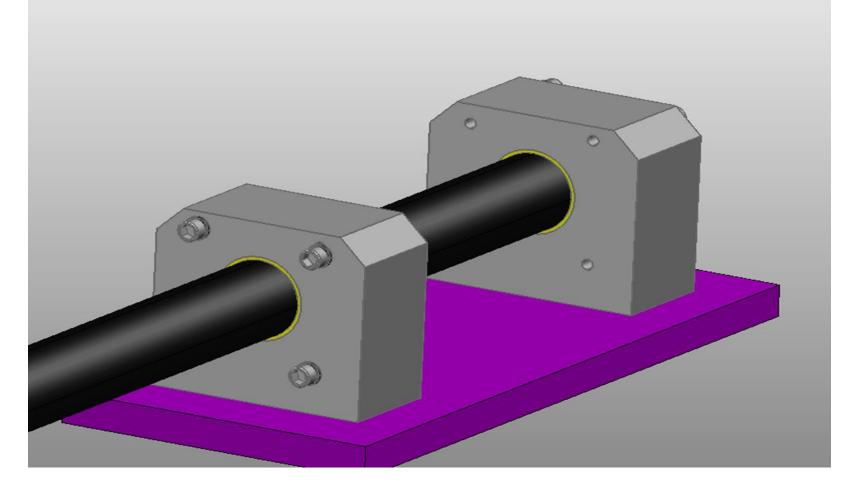
MODELLING OF WAGON TIPPLER SEAL GUARD





SEALGUARD ASSEMBLY DEVELOPMENT – CONCEPT MODELLING





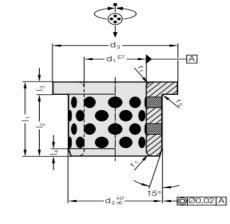
OLD DESIGN

Old Design – Shaft movement with PB2 Bush in open enviornment exposed to dust

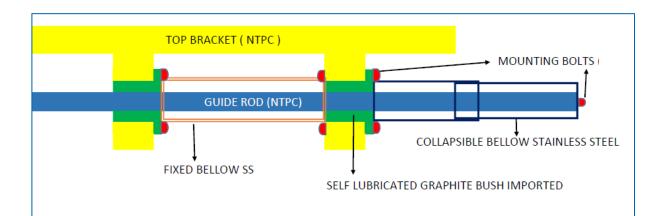


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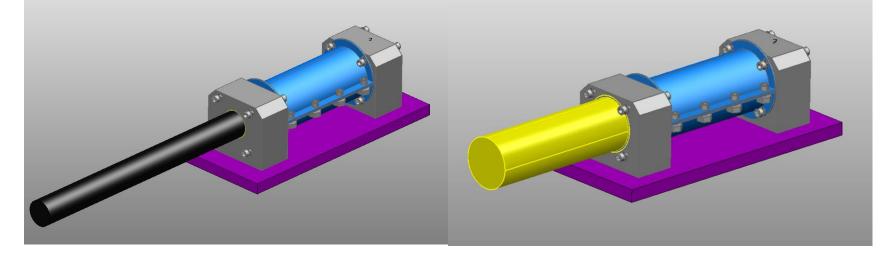




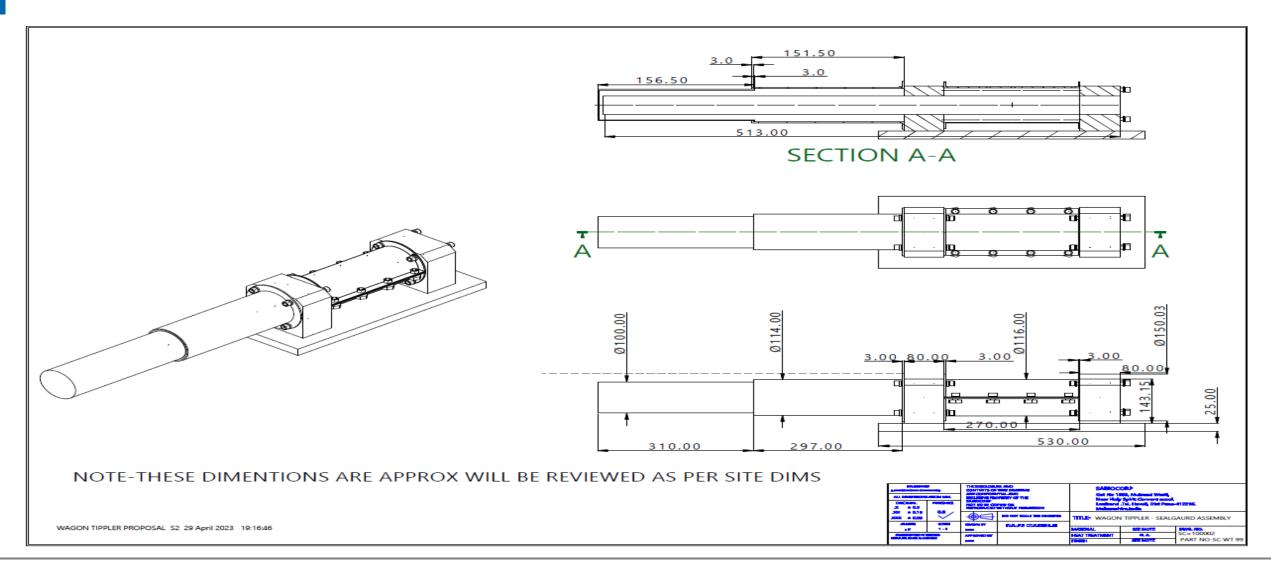
Material: Bronze with solid lubricant, oilless lubricating







SEALGUARD ASSEMBLY DEVELOPMENT – CONCEPT MODELLING



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MINUTES OF MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held on 30.09.2023 between NTPC and SABIOCORP for Supply of SABIOCROP SEALGUARD assembly for Wagon Tippler Guide rod in CHP (Refer PO No 4000309115-M55-1035)

Members present:

NTPC Ltd.	
1. Manish Kumar Sah, AGM	
2.Himanshu Kumar – DGM CHP	

Ms <u>SABIOCORP</u> 1. Bharat Sharma

2. Jejaram Bhoye

Followings Activities were completed are observations after final assembly: -

- SABIOCORP Engineers had taken / issued material from NTPC Stores (Ref PO No 4000309115-M55-1035) for insitu assembly at WAGON TIPPLER 2 on 25th Sep 2023.
- 2. Assembly was done in presence of NTPC CHP Team till 29th Sep 2023.
- 3. Following Assly procedure was followed :-
 - a. 12 Oil less Collar type bushes were press fitted in Base brackets after removal of old bush followed by bore cleaning. (refer Pic 1)
 - b. Bush Face butting with Base bracket was ensured.
 - c. Cup type (SS 304 material)cover assly was fitted with 3 M10 threaded studs which were TIG welded to bracket. (refer Pic no 2)
 - d. 5 mm rubber packing was fitted between Cup type SS cover & bracket face to ensure perfect sealing. (refer Pic no 3)
 - Central split type cover (SS 304 material)was also fitted with 5 mm rubber sheet packing to ensure perfect sealing. (refer Pic no 3)
 - f. Additional greasing nipple arrangement was provided so that regreasing can be done externally without disassembly of the whole system. (refer Pic no 4)
- All 6 child part sub assemblies as per BOM of abovesaid PO at Wagon tippler Site between 25 Sep to 29 Sep 2023. (refer pic 4 & 5)
- Dry run / Trial Run after fitment was found satisfactory (smooth, without any noise) on 30th Sep evening.
- SABIOCORP proposes to regrease this assembly on weekly basis initially, later on this frequency can be increased to 10 -15 days after one month of observation.
- 7. SABIOCORP will have joint inspection after 2 weeks as advised by NTPC CHP Head .



MINUTES OF MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held on 15th Nov. 2023 between NTPC and SABIOCORP for Supply of SABIOCROP SEALGUARD assembly for Wagon Tippler Guide rod in CHP

(Refer PO No 4000309115-M55-1035)

Subject : Joint Inspection at WT 2 Site.

Members present:

M/s. NTPC Ltd., Kudgi, STPP

M/s. SABIOCORP

1. Manish Kumar Sah - AGM 2. Himanshu Kumar – DGM CHP 1. Mr. Naresh Kumar Sharma, [CEO]

With reference to PO No. 4000309115-M55-1035 for the Supply of SABIOCROP SEALGUARD assembly for Wagon Tippler Guide rod in CHP.

All the 6 nos parts are jointly inspected at the W T 2 Site, during inspection below points are observed. From 45 DAYS of installation of SEALGUARD assembly there was no any operational problem observed. There was no need of guiderod greasing requirement since 45 days of continued operation.

- 1. The inspection was carried out in presence of above said persons.
- 2. All 6 nos parts were checked and found satisfactory.
- 3. Some observation points are discussed for improvement.

A) External greasing points to be incorporated/improved in the design.

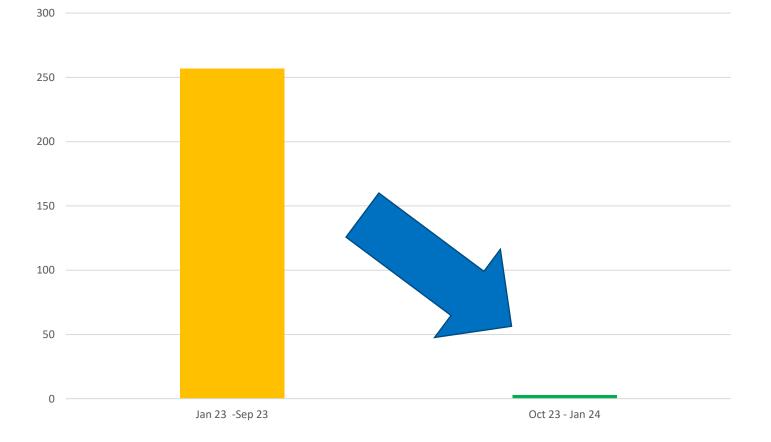
B) Back side locking to be improved for flawlessness.

(Two out of six Bush found shift/moved during Assembly. Same can be attended by providing in-situ locking arrangement)







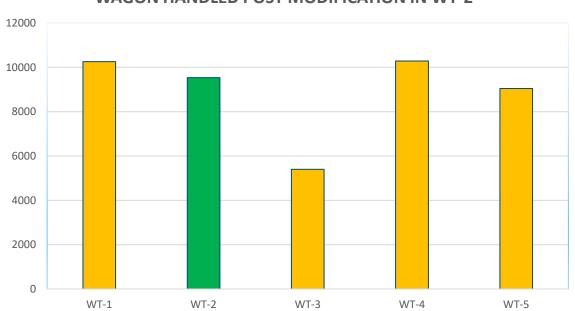


Guide Rod Greasing Requirement

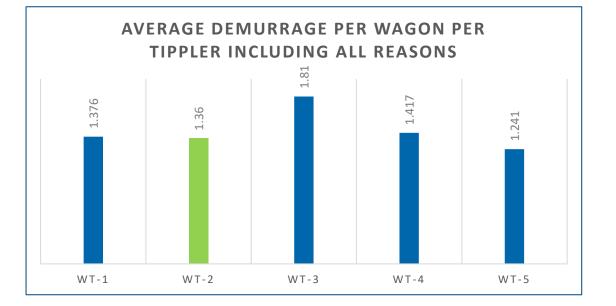
Greasing Frequency decreased 60 times per month to 1 time in 3 months. SAFETY FACTOR increased and maintenance cost reduced exponentially.

Break Even Period of Retrofitment of Sealguard = 5 Months





WAGON HANDLED POST MODIFICATION IN WT-2



SEALGUARD ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE BY OPERATION & FT DEPTT



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Re: Performance of RETROFITTED GUIDEROD SEALGUARD ASSEMBLY in WAGON TIPPLER -2

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Dear Sir,

After the modification in WT-2 Guide Rod Seal Guard Assembly, it has been observed that the greasing requirement in WT-2 has drastically reduced without any interuuption in tippling due to side clamp greasing issue so far. The reduction in requirement of Guide Rod Greasing permits have helped in improving safety (reduction of WHP), tippling

delay etc.

Regards.

Sd. Nawaz Amir / सैयद नवाज अमीर Addi. General Manager (FH-Oprn.) /अतिरिक्त महाप्रबन्धक (ईंधन प्रबंध-प्रचालन) NTPC LTd - KUDGI./एन टी पी सी Basavan Bagewadi, Bijapur(Dist.)/बसवन बागेवड़ी,बीजापुर (जिला) Karnataka-586121 /कर्नाटका- ५८६१२१ Contact:9431600789 /दुरभाष -९४३१६००७८९ Alternate E-mail Id:sdnawazamir@gmail.com / अतुकित ईमेल :sdnawazamir@gmail.com

From: Himanshu Kumar <HIMANSHUKUMAR@NTPC.CO.IN> Sent: 21 October 2023 7:17 PM To: Sd.Nawaz Amir <NAWAZAMIR@NTPC.CO.IN>: V P SATYENDRA KUMAR AMPOLU <AVPSATYENDRA@NTPC.CO.IN> Cc: Manish Kumar Sah <MANISHKSAH@NTPC.CO.IN>: Sandip S Malekar <SMALEKARSANDEEP@NTPC.CO.IN> Subject: Performance of RETROFITTED GUIDEROD SEALGUARD ASSEMBLY in WAGON TIPPLER -2

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Please give your kind response , So that furthur procurements can be made on TOP PRIORITY.

With warm regards

हिमोश कमार / Himanshu Kumar ईधन सेवहन - यांत्रिक अनुरक्षण / Fuel Handling - Mechanical Maintenance एनटीपीसी कुड्गी /NTPC KUDGI

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With ref to the trailing mail and as per the feedback from Tippler Operation, Side Beem of WT2 is performing smoothly compared to other tipplers and same modification/improvement may please be replicated in all other tipplers to avoid frequent greasing and reduction of demurrage in unloading due to Side Clamp operation.

सादर/ with regards,

एल. वेंकट रेड्डी/ L VENKAT REDDY अपर महा प्रबन्धक(ईधन प्रबंधन)/AGM(FM) एनटीपीसी कुडगी /NTPC KUDGI

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FUNCTIONAL TESTING - AFTER FOUR MONTHS OF INSTALLATION



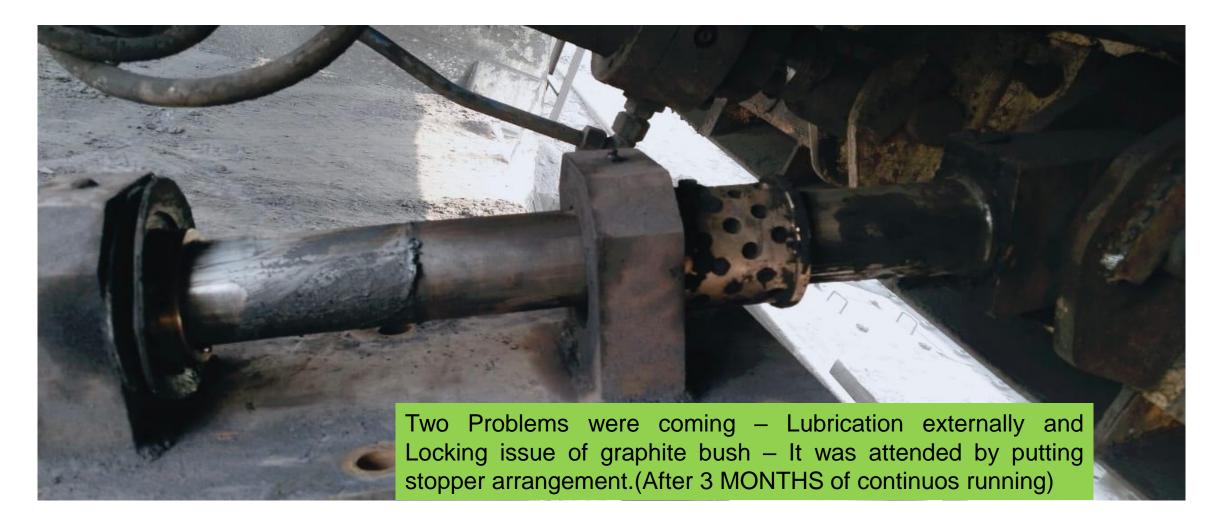


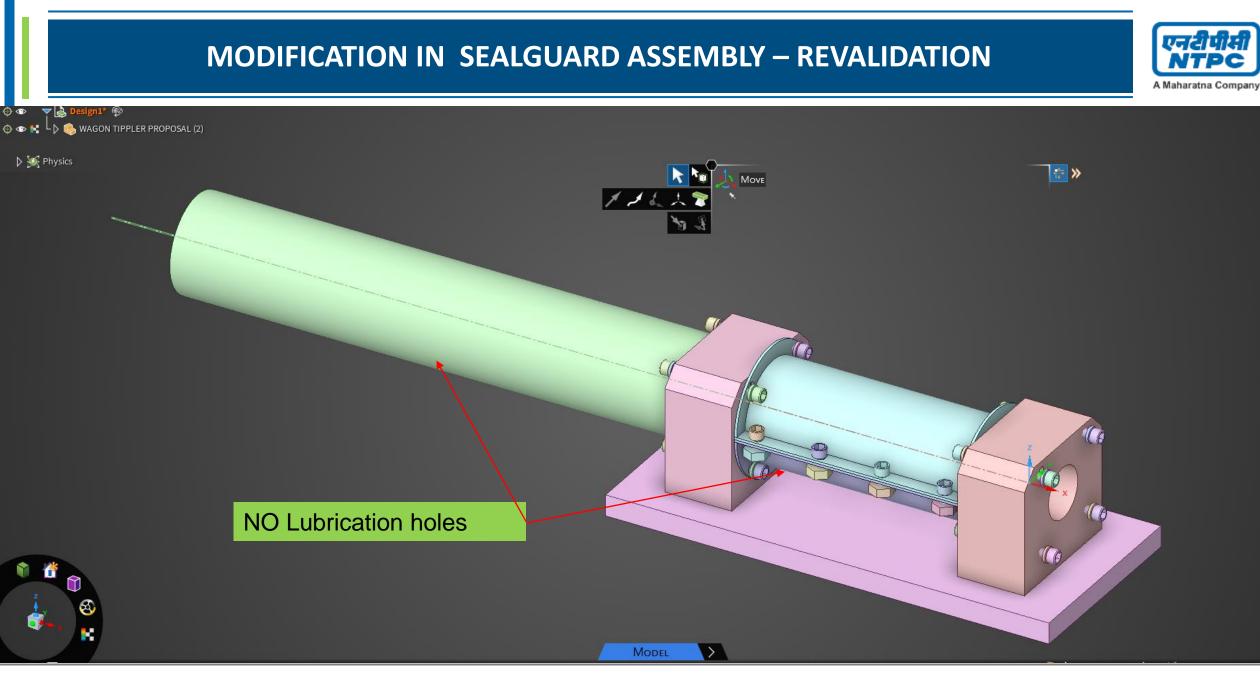
SAFETY FACTOR = RISK X LIKELIHOOD OF OCCURRENCE. SAFETY FACTOR reduced and repetitive maintenance eliminated.

- NO TIPPLING INTERRUPTION DUE TO GUIDE ROD GREASING. No Problem of PU PAD FALLING



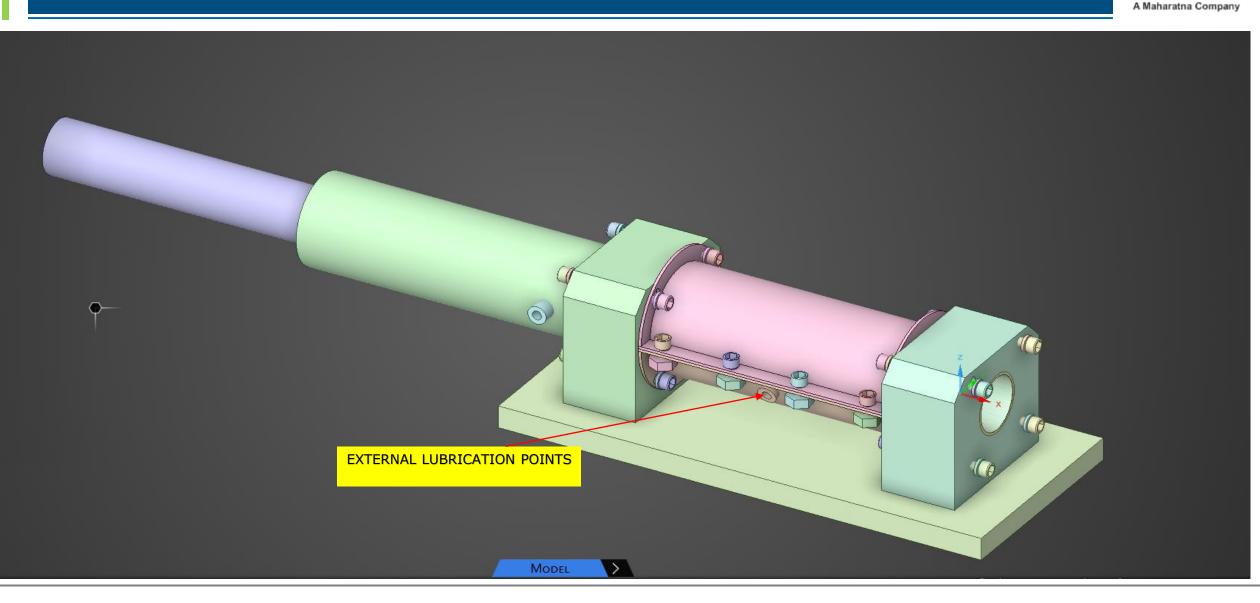






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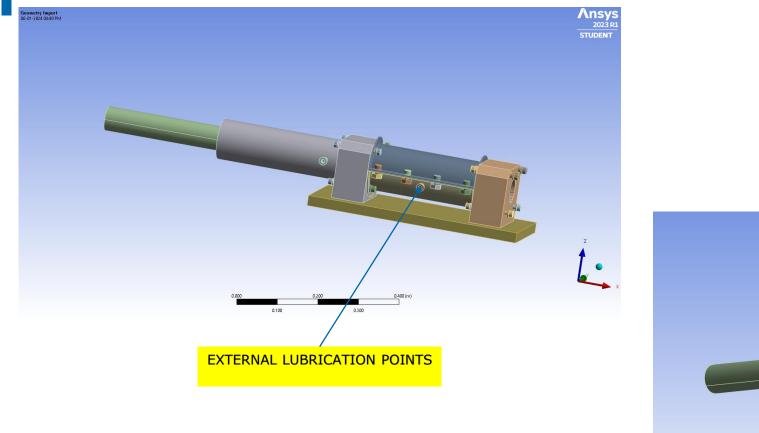
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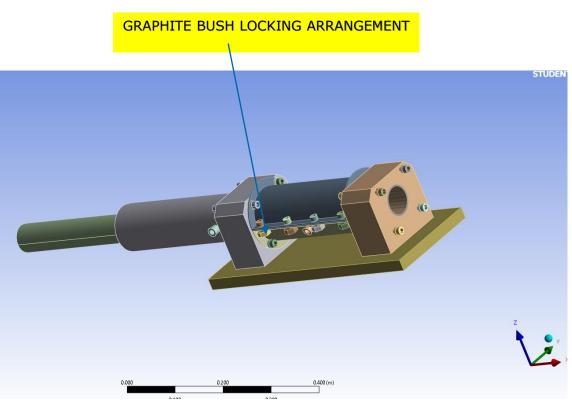
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MODIFICATION IN SEALGUARD ASSEMBLY – REVALIDATION









- So far Sealguard assembly Retrofitment has been impressive and requirement of guiderod greasing have been nullified and hence there is improvement in SAFETY FACTOR and MAINTENANCE COST and ofcourse elimination of tippling interruptions.
- Guideshaft material can be enhanced from present C40 to EN-19 /28 which has less stress stiffening.
- Proposal has been moved for implementation of same retro fitment in other wagon tippler whose materialisation is expected by April 2024.
- Breakeven is less than 5 months but operational efficacy is very high.

THANKS...

"After climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb" - Nelson Mandela