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South China Insurance Use of Heat Clause

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It is a condition precedent to the liability of the Company that when welding or flame-cutting equipment, blowlamps, blowtorches, hot air guns and/or any other equipment producing heat (“the equipment”) are used by the Assured the Assured shall ensure that:

(1) Before hot work commences:

- a) a permit to work is issued by a trained and competent person, this permit is to be issued when all procedures relating to the safety of the hot work operation have been carried out and accepted.
- b) within any enclosed space (limited ventilated area within the confines of the vessel) where the possibility of explosive vapours exists, a competent chemist will issue a gas free certificate for that space.
- c) a fire control centre is established, active and manned throughout each period of work as defined in the permit to work.
- d) the fire plan and any specific work procedures are brought to the attention of all employees and subcontractors.
- e) where practical, the vessel’s permanent fire-fighting systems are either partially or wholly activated.

(2) Before using the equipment.

- a) at the start of each working shift, each item of the equipment shall be examined for defects and any defects repaired or replaced.
- b) all movable combustible materials (including cylinders or canisters for use but not connected up to the equipment) or residues are removed from the vicinity of the work and all gases and vapours removed. Fixed combustible materials shall be kept wetted down or suitably protected with incombustible material.
- c) pipelines in the work area and in the vicinity of the work area are isolated by blanking, plugging or disconnecting.
- d) suitable portable fire extinguishing apparatus will be kept ready for immediate use as near as practicable to the scene of the work together with a person trained and competent in its use.
- e) the fire main is charged and hoses (controllable at the nozzle) are connected up in readiness for immediate use and tested prior to the commencement of the work.
- f) before the heat is applied to any plating, bulkhead or deck an inspection will be made prior to commencement of each period of work to make certain that there are no combustible materials or residues which may be ignited by direct or conducted heat on the other side of the plating,

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bulkhead or deck and that all gasses and vapours are removed.

g) the area below the hot work is free from all combustible materials or residues and all gasses and vapours removed.

(3) During use of the equipment.

a) the lighting and use of the equipment shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

b) the equipment is lit for as short a time as possible before use and extinguished immediately after use and is not left unattended whilst alight.

c) upon completion of the use of any equipment using gas, the gas supply is turned off at the cylinder before the equipment is left unattended.

d) the equipment shall be operated only by employees competent in its use.

e) blow lamps are filled and gas or fuel cylinders or canisters are changed in the open.

f) a responsible person shall act as fire watcher at each area of hot work.

4) A continuous fire safety check is made in the work area and in the vicinity of the work area for a period of thirty minutes after completion of each period of work and periodically thereafter until all likelihood of ignition has past.