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Good Morning LT [REDACTED]

Below is the Summary of Findings provided from the insurance company.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The fire scene analysis commenced on October 12, 2022. Conditions affecting the fire scene analysis included the firefighting and overhaul operation as conducted by the Newport News Fire Department and their mutual aid. The risk was a HS895 Hydraulic Crawler Crane which was positioned in the open waterway on a floating barrage several yards away from the Newport News Shipbuilding facility where it was in use. The crane presented with significant smoke and heat damage to the underside and rear sections, with fire and burn patterns that were directional towards the engine compartment (rear) and more specifically, the right side where the fuel, hydraulic lines, and exhaust system were located. The investigation could not eliminate fuel or hydraulic fluid leak in the engine compartment coming in contact with a hot surface and igniting. The fire was observed in the same location by employees who then advised the operator to shut down the crane and exit the cab.

A complete report of this examination, including a detailed scene analysis, interviews, and photographic documentation, can be completed upon request. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

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