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WITNESS STATEMENT FORM**
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Witness Name: William Auld Jr. Employer Name: Oceanering
 Street Address: [REDACTED] Employer Address: 5004 Railroad Ave
 City/State/Zip: [REDACTED] City/State/Zip: Morgan City, LA 70380
 Phone No: [REDACTED] Phone No: 1800-338-7615
 Position: Captain License/Doc. #: [REDACTED]

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

@ 1300 on Dec 19th I was at my desk on bridge involved in clerical work. 1303 Fire detection on bridge sounded indicating possible fire ZONE 6 (Engine space). Immediately noticed heavy smoke coming from vents on port stack. I immediately proceed to helm and activated General Alarm (continuous tone) and made PA announcement for crews to muster at Emergency stations. After full muster accounted for, informed fire teams to begin actions of vent closures and equipment prep. ECR crews inform bridge that engine space engulfed in smoke and space secured. Fire teams applying cooling water to affected deck areas. Distress call made to USCG Honolulu informing of situation, Company manager notified by phone. Continue application of cooling water and monitoring deck temps until

I have read my statement as documented above (and, if applicable, on continuation pages), and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true and correct.

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we saw a downward trend in temps. Standing by to activate CO_2 system if needed. Temps continue to decrease indicating fire being smothered. Notify local agent to assist with tug support. Continuous updates to CG for status updates. Boundary cooling continued until launch arrived with PEMKO arrived with fire fighter. Space entered and verified fire out. Continuous watches posted until towing assistance could arrive. See vessel log book for times and additional info.

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Witness Name: James Stinson Employer Name: Oceanneering
 Street Address: [REDACTED] Employer Address: 5004 Railroad Ave
 City/State/Zip: [REDACTED] City/State/Zip: Monroe City, LA 70380
 Phone No: [REDACTED] Phone No: 985-339-3900
 Position: Chief Engineer License/Doc. #: [REDACTED]

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

At approximately 1300 I was located in the EGS with the watch officer. I heard an out of the ordinary noise similar to something heavy dropping on the deck above. The watch officer had also heard the noise and proceeded to the WTD leading to the engine room. Prior to opening the door he observed heavy black smoke through the WTD window and we realized we had a fire that was likely on an engine although we could not visually confirm this. At this time DG-3 was on the bus and DG-1 was offline but still running having just been taken off the bus at 1250. I made the decision to E-stop both DG-1 & DG-3 and exited EGS via Aft Machinery space. Once on main deck I secured all fuel oil day this, the #1 P/S Fuel oil storage tank & lube oil thru using the reach rods on deck. All ventilation fans & fire dampers were secured along from fuel transfer equipment via main deck E-stops.

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At this point I also observed the EDG had
auto started & was providing Emergency Power.
I at this point ~~with~~ established comm with
bridge & Fire team to coordinate fire response.
This all happened in I'd guess 3-5 minutes.

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Witness Name: PAT WALSH Employer Name: OCEANERING, INTERNATIONAL, INC
 Street Address: [REDACTED] Employer Address: 5004 RAILROAD AVENUE
 City/State/Zip: [REDACTED] City/State/Zip: MORGAN CITY, LA 70380
 Phone No: [REDACTED] Phone No: 1 (985) 329-3900
 Position: CHIEF OFFICER License/Doc. #: [REDACTED]

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

I WAS ON THE BRIDGE AT AROUND 1300 HOURS ON DEC 19, 2020 WHEN THE
FIRE ALARM PANEL SOUNDED. AB WAS LOOKING OUT AFT WINDOW ? SAW SMOKE
COMING FROM PORT STACK LOUVERS. GENERAL ALARM : PA USED BY MASTER TO RELAY
ALARM WAS NOT A DRILL. GALLEY CREW GRABBED MUSTER SHEETS WHILE
MASTER CALLED USCG ? ADVISED OF SITUATION. FIRE TEAMS WERE SUITING
UP : IN CONTACT ON RADIO. I WENT AROUND AFTER FULL MUSTER WAS TAKEN
TO SECURE VENTILATION ON BOW/O2 LEVEL. I REPORTED BACK TO BRIDGE TO
ASSIST AS DIRECTED. SMOKE HAD CEASED COMING FROM PORT STACK
AT THIS TIME. I ASSISTED THE MASTER WITH VHF CALLS/PHONE CALLS ?
COORDINATING TAKING DECK TEMPERATURE READINGS ABOVE E/R SPACES
FOR REMAINDER OF EVENING ALONG WITH ASSISTING SHORESIDE FIRE
DEPT. OFFICIALS WITH GEAR AND ANY ASSISTANCE THEY NEEDED.

I have read my statement as documented above (and, if applicable, on continuation pages), and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true and correct.

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Witness Name: Shawn M. Vallot Employer Name: Oceanering Intl.
 Street Address: [REDACTED] Employer Address: 5004 Rail Road Ave.
 City/State/Zip: [REDACTED] City/State/Zip: Morgan City, LA - 70380
 Phone No: [REDACTED] Phone No: 985-329-3900
 Position: Utility hand / Galley Hand License/Doc. #: [REDACTED]

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

Around 1300 Hawaii time I was sitting in the galley across from Kyle Fontenot (cook) when the general alarm sounded followed by Captain Billy's announcement stating that this was not a drill. There was a fire in the engine room. I did as instructed to do for any fire emergency which was to go room to room and alert all personnel in their staterooms. Once cleared I proceeded to my assigned muster station. Once there I stood by as directed.

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Witness Name: RICARDO BUEYEROS JR Employer Name: OCEANEERING
 Street Address: [REDACTED] Employer Address: 5004 Railroad AVE
 City/State/Zip: [REDACTED] City/State/Zip: Morgan City LA 70380
 Phone No: [REDACTED] Phone No: 1800 338 7615
 Position: AB/ crane operator License/Doc. #: [REDACTED]

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

I was on watch on the Bridge when the general alarm went off. I went to my fire locker on main deck and suited up. Worked as directed by fire team leader.

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Witness Name: Christopher Brewer Employer Name: Oceanering
 Street Address: [REDACTED] Employer Address: 5004 R. L. Road Ave.
 City/State/Zip: [REDACTED] City/State/Zip: Virginia City La 70380
 Phone No: [REDACTED] Phone No: 985 329 8900
 Position: Electronic Technician License/Doc. #: [REDACTED]

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

I was on Bridge reviewing Permit to Work from
previous day for terminating Isolation transformer for
UPS 2. With Chief Mate Pat Williams. Alarm
on Fire Alarm sounded. The Captain and Chief Mate
checked Alarm location, Engine Room area. The
General Alarm sounded via PA for Fire. The Captain
Announced over PA Fire and personnel to report to
muster station. I stayed on bridge to work
As directed. Contacted office to report
emergency.

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Witness Name: Todd Mc Donough Employer Name: OCEANEERING INTL INC
 Street Address: [REDACTED] Employer Address: 5004 Railroad Ave
 City/State/Zip: [REDACTED] City/State/Zip: Morgan City LA, 70380
 Phone No: [REDACTED] Phone No: 985 379-1390
 Position: ASST ENGINEER License/Doc. #: [REDACTED]

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

I was in the EOS on watch with the C.E. AT
the time of the incident. We both heard several
noises. I went to the watertight door to the Eng/Room
and glanced out the doors window and saw only
black thick smoke. I knew at that time we had
a serious problem. We had some smoke at the door.
The C.E. hit the E-Stops for both DG#3 + DG#1.
DG#1 WAS NOT UNDER LOAD AT THAT TIME. THE CE. and
I then evacuated the EOS through the AFT MACHINERY
SPACE - ONCE OUT ON DECK THE C.E. ATTENDED TO
SECURING VENTILATION + FUEL SUPPLIES AS NEEDED.
THE DECK CREW USED THE EMERG FIRE PUMP TO
COOL THE DECK ABOVE THE ENGINE ROOM. THE FIRE
WAS OUT VERY QUICKLY.

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Witness Name: Nathan LaBell Employer Name: Oceanering
 Street Address: [REDACTED] Employer Address: 5004 Railroad Ave
 City/State/Zip: [REDACTED] City/State/Zip: Morgan City LA 70380
 Phone No: [REDACTED] Phone No: 985 329 3900
 Position: Qmed License/Doc. #: [REDACTED]

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

Watch # 1200 - 0001

I came on watch @ 1130 in control room. Around 1230 I did
a engine room round. About 15 minutes later after doing my
engine room round I went to ^{the} galley to grab a water bottle
and a snack, then I heard a strange noise coming from the
engine room and the ALC kicked off. As I was going down to
the engine room from the galley, Captain Bill made an announcement
"Fire this is not a drill" and sounded the fire alarm, immediately
ran to muster station

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Witness Name: Robert Lafleur Employer Name: Oceanering
 Street Address: [REDACTED] Employer Address: 5004 Rail Road Ave
 City/State/Zip: [REDACTED] City/State/Zip: Morgan City, La 70380
 Phone No: [REDACTED] Phone No: [REDACTED]
 Position: Bridge officer / Mate License/Doc. #: [REDACTED]

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

I was in the galley, off watch. My watch schedule was 1600-2400. I heard the announcement come over the PA that there was a fire. I was already heading to my fire muster when the GA sounded. As fire team One leader, I grabbed my radio and established comm's w/ the bridge, and took muster. Within one ~~minute~~ minute I had full fire team muster as well as three engineers. Two of my ABs were dressing out while I noticed the engineers securing the fuel to the day tanks from the deck shutoffs. In about 3 minutes the ABs were dressed and the two Q-meds were arriving at the fire muster, one fully dressed. Ventilation was being checked in the area to make sure all ~~vents~~^{vents} were closed or covered. While doing this we noticed the heat on the deck and strung out 2 hoses. We pressured up the emergency fire pump from the AB locker. The e-gen was already running at this point. We used the two hoses to apply cooling to the deck and surrounding bulkheads. All adjacent spaces were checked for heat transfer. All the while we were preparing to deploy to CO₂ system. Continue on back of page...

I have read my statement as documented above (and, if applicable, on continuation page [REDACTED]) and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true and correct.

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Full muster was taken and all accounted for. Space was deemed closed off. The master decided at this point that we needed to see if we still had a fire, prior to deploying CO₂. Two man fire team entered into the aft machine space in full gear and on air. The space was smoke free and proceeded to the aft entrance of the EOS. They entered the control room and there was smoke in the space but not enough to impend vision. The fire team looked through the window of the water tight door going into the main engine room and reported seeing no flames but the space was filled w/ black smoke - visibility was less than 5ft. I had the fire team back out of the space, securing all doors and coming off air when on deck. It was then decided to save the CO₂ and continue cooling boundaries. Deck temps were being taken on a regular interval of the area over the fire. As the temps trended ^{down}, it was decided to enter the EOS again and take another look. About an hour and half or so after the first entry the team suited up and went on air to enter the aft machine space. When they looked into the main engine room through the window, the space had cleared significantly of smoke and they could see that no fire was still present in the space. The team backed out and we awaited the salvage / fire fighters to arrive. When they arrived the Salvage team and bridge crew had a discussion about how to enter the space, referencing the fire plan. Two salvage fire fighters and the chief engineer entered the main engine room on air. Space was clear of any immediate fire danger, only possible smoldering.

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Witness Name: Peggy Fontenot Employer Name: Oceanering International
 Street Address: [REDACTED] Employer Address: 5004 Railroad Ave
 City/State/Zip: [REDACTED] City/State/Zip: Morgan City La 70380
 Phone No: [REDACTED] Phone No: 1800-337-7615
 Position: Cook License/Doc. #: [REDACTED]

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

I Peggy Fontenot worked Midnight to Noon. Got off @
about was sitting on Row Deck and heard to Alarm
go off Five Five Five This is not a Drill. @ (1:05 pm)
Proceeded to do Room Checks to get everyone out did
all Room Checks when to Bridge, Related to Captain that
all Rooms have been checked and continued to collect
the Muster list on Port Side Muster and followed orders
from Captain.

I have read my statement as documented above (and, if applicable, on continuation page [REDACTED]) knowledge and belief, it is true and correct.

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When the Alarms went off for the fire I went down to help the fire team suit up. Then got the fire hose started to cool down the deck until the deck was not hot anymore.

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Witness Name: John L Martin Employer Name: Oceanweering
 Street Address: [REDACTED] Employer Address: Houston, Tx
 City/State/Zip: [REDACTED] City/State/Zip: 77041
 Phone No: [REDACTED] Phone No: 1-713-329-4500
 Position: A/B CO License/Doc. #: [REDACTED]

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

When the Emergency Fire Horn sounded I went
Strightt to my muster station And suited up
And I was Helping others get suited up as
well and I followed Directions Fire Team leader

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Witness Name: Clement E. Stovall III Employer Name: Oceanneering Int.
 Street Address: [REDACTED] Employer Address: 5004 Railroad Ave.
 City/State/Zip: [REDACTED] City/State/Zip: Morgan City, LA 70380
 Phone No: [REDACTED] Phone No: 985-329-3900
 Position: Bridge officer DFO License/Doc. #: [REDACTED]

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

At approximately 1300 on Saturday December 19 I was off watch in my stateroom when a PA announcement was made of a fire onboard followed by the general alarm. I immediately reported to fire locker 2 (inside change room), where my team musters. I am fire team 2 leader and am in charge for the on & off tower QMEDS Josh Lacy & N. LaBell who began dressing out in turnout gear. As soon as I verified their presence I proceeded out the main deck level back door to fire locker 1 obtained my response UHF radio, reported in all team accounted for. At that point I identified the deck on the back end of the ROV hanger emanating heat notified fire team 1 members to shift themselves to the deck grating adjacent to the fire locker as it is elevated from the deck itself. While both teams continued dressing out I instructed J. Lacy & J. Ranger to lay out the hose from station #6 while I pulled hoses from stations #3 & #5. My purpose was for applying water

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For cooling boundaries, I observed semi heavy whitish grey smoke billowing from starboard side engine room stack located 02 level aft of FRB. Myself and Robert LaFleur instructed the non dressed out members of our fire teams to man hoses, we both were communicating the SITREP from the scene w/ the bridge. Robert informed them (Bridge) we were starting the emergency fire pump from the A/B locker main deck stbd side, began applying cooling water onto the deck. We then proceeded w/ the two dressed out members to the main deck entrance to the Aft machinery space, both members went on air and made entry for investigating status and exact location of fire. They proceeded to the EOS or ECR, made a visual inspection through the port hole in the WTD from EOS to E/R. Bridge directed no entry to be made and to retreat back to hanger area where cooling water was being applied, decision was made by Capt and Chief Eng to not release CO₂ as E/R was sealed off and no visual evidence of fire present also the lack of smoke emanating from stbd exhaust. All fire team members stayed assembled around back of ROV hanger and continued applying cooling water and checking status of adjacent boundaries.

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Witness Name: John J. Ranger Employer Name: Oceancoast
 Street Address: [REDACTED] Employer Address: 5004 Railroad Ave
 City/State/Zip: [REDACTED] City/State/Zip: Morgan City, LA 70380
 Phone No: [REDACTED] Phone No: 985-329-3900
 Position: ASST ENGINEER License/Doc. #: [REDACTED]

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

I WAS OFF WATCH in my State Room
when Alarm went off and announcement was
made over P.A. system. I went straight to muster
for head count then straight to shut off fuel
and rods on deck and make sure all ventilation
was closed and verified start-up cooling boundaries
and monitor for hot spots and smoke and
assist fire team

I have read my statement as documented above (and, if applicable, on continuation pages) and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true and correct.

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Witness Name: Kyle Fontenot Employer Name: Oceanwearing
 Street Address: [REDACTED] Employer Address: 5004 Railroad St
 City/State/Zip: [REDACTED] City/State/Zip: Wardman City, LA 70390
 Phone No: [REDACTED] Phone No: 985-324-3251
 Position: AB/cook License/Doc. #: [REDACTED]

I, the undersigned, make the following statement voluntarily, without threat, duress or promise of reward:

I was on shift in the galley when the
general alarm rang, announcing fire. I secured
the galley, checked state rooms and went to
my mess station and remained there as the
fire teams performed their duties. I remained
there until otherwise directed by the
captain to dismiss. This took place on 12/19/2020,

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