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Contract #: 04-0120F4Cty: SF/ALA Rte: 80 PM: 13.2/13.9File #: 69.28**WELDING INSPECTION REPORT****Resident Engineer:** Pursell, Gary**Address:** 333 Burma Road**City:** Oakland, CA 94607**Report No:** WIR-002592**Date Inspected:** 19-Apr-2008**Project Name:** SAS Superstructure**OSM Arrival Time:** 630**Prime Contractor:** American Bridge/Fluor Enterprises, a JV**OSM Departure Time:** 1930**Contractor:** Zhenhua Port Machinery Company, Ltd (ZPMC), Changxing Island **Location:** Shanghai, China**CWI Name:** See below**CWI Present:** Yes No**Inspected CWI report:** Yes No N/A**Rod Oven in Use:** Yes No N/A**Electrode to specification:** Yes No N/A**Weld Procedures Followed:** Yes No N/A**Qualified Welders:** Yes No N/A**Verified Joint Fit-up:** Yes No N/A**Approved Drawings:** Yes No N/A**Approved WPS:** Yes No N/A**Delayed / Cancelled:** Yes No N/A**Bridge No:** 34-0006**Component:** OBG/Tower**Summary of Items Observed:**

Caltrans Quality Assurance (QA) Inspector Sherri Brannon arrived on site at the Zhenhua Port Machinery Company (ZPMC) facility at Changxing Island, in Shanghai, China to periodically monitor welding and Quality Control (QC) functions. While on site the QA Inspector observed and/or discovered the following.

OBG/Tower Sub-Assembly**Bay 2****77 & 144 Meter Mock-up:**

QA Inspector Brannon observed tower mock-up to be idle during this shift. QA Inspector Brannon also, randomly observed ZPMC personnel CNC torch cutting with 75% natural gas and 25% oxygen for interior splice plate for various tower elevations.

Bay 3-OBG side panel (Gantry 1):

QA Inspector Brannon randomly observed ZPMC qualified welders Mr. Liz Hao Qian ID#048810, Mr. Xin Meng ID#053742 and Mr. Sun Ti Yu ID#054459 fillet welding joining T-stiffeners to side panel plate for SP473-001 weld joints 006~011 and SP513-001 weld joints 059~070. Mr. Liz, Mr. Xin and Mr. Sun was observed welding in the 2F (horizontal) position utilizing flux cored arc welding (FCAW) process with a 1.4mm diameter electrode, filler metal brand Supercored 71H, class E71T-1. Welding parameters observed by QA Inspector Brannon appear to be in general compliance with the approved WPS-B-T-2132-3.

Bay 3-OBG side/bottom/edge panels:

QA Inspector Brannon randomly observed ZPMC qualified welder's, tack welding various T stiffeners plate

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utilizing a shielded metal arc welding (SMAW) process with a 4.0mm diameter electrode, filler metal brand E7018, class TL508 non-FCM and filler metal brand E7018, class THJ506Fe-1 for FCM material. Welding parameters observed by QA Inspector Brannon appear to be in general compliance with the approved WPS-B-P-2112 and WPS-B-P-2112-FCM respectively.

Bay 4 – Heat straightening side panel:

QA Inspector Brannon randomly observed ZPMC personnel performing heat straightening on various side/bottom/edge panels and tower diaphragm plates. Side/bottom/edge panels cause for heat straightening welding distortion and tower diaphragm plates cause for heat straightening mill induced. Heat Straightening is performed by flame straightening using oxygen acetylene or natural gas using a hand torch.

Bay 4 Tower 43 Meter Elevation:

QA Inspector Brannon randomly observed ZPMC welder Mr. Jiang Jingfeng ID #046830 welding fill/cover pass's joining SA268 (E) to P590 (E) weld joint # ESD1 SA268 -16B. Mr. Jiang was observed welding in the 1G (flat) position utilizing a submerged arc welding (SAW) process with a 4.0mm diameter electrode, filler metal brand LA-85, class ENi5, machine. QA Inspector Brannon observed the ZPMC QC CWI Inspector Mr. Zhao Chen Sun verifying that the welding parameters and pre-heat were in accordance with the Welding Procedure Specification (WPS). QA Inspector observed preheat and welding parameters measured by the QC CWI Inspector Zhao Chen Sun to be: preheat temperature of 180°C and welding parameters amps of 680, volts of 29.8, and a travel speed of 455. Welding parameters observed by QA Inspector Brannon appear to be in general compliance with the approved WPS-B-T-3221-B-U3c-S-1.

Bay 3-OBG side/bottom panels:

ZPMC NDT (MT):

QA Inspector Brannon observed ZPMC magnetic particle (MT) technician Mr. Bo Ting Rui, Mr. Zhou Dong Yun and Mr. Cai Xin Xin performing (MT) at SP511-001 welds joints 013~024 (accept), SP563-001 welds joints 001~012 (accept) and BP137-001 welds joints 007~018 (accept). QA Inspector Brannon observed accept and rejected marked on the side/ bottom panels.

Bay 7-OBG - Floor Beam Sub Assembly:

QA Inspector Brannon randomly observed ZPMC personnel performing heat straightening on various floor beam plates. Cause for heat straightening welding distortion. Heat Straightening is performed by flame straightening using oxygen acetylene with hand torch.

Bay 7-OBG - Floor Beam Sub Assembly:

QA Inspector Brannon randomly observed ZPMC qualified welder Mr. Zhang Qing Quan ID#044774 repair welding at the weld joint FB026-01-127. Mr. Zhang was observed welding in the 2G (horizontal) position utilizing a flux corded arc welding (FCAW) process with a 1.4mm diameter electrode, filler metal brand E71T-1, class Supercored 71H, semi automatic. QA Inspector Brannon observed the ZPMC QC Inspector Mr. Hu Wei Qing verifying that the welding parameters and pre-heat were in accordance with the Welding Procedure Specification (WPS). QA Inspector Brannon observed preheat and welding parameters measured by the QC CWI Inspector Mr. Hu Wei Qing to be: a minimum preheat temperature of 110°C and welding parameters amps of 282, volts of 30.4, a travel speed of 537 mm/min and a gas flow of 22L. Welding parameters observed by QA Inspector Brannon appear to be in general compliance with the approved WPS-345-FCAW-2G(2F)-FCM-Repair. See also,

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ZPMC welding repair report #B-WR204 and ZPMC UT report #787-UT-480 for more information.

Bay 7-OBG floor beam panels:

QA Inspector Brannon randomly observed ZPMC qualified welders, tack welding various floor beam web splice connections utilizing a shielded metal arc welding (SMAW) process with a 4.0mm diameter electrode, filler metal brand E7018, class TL508. Welding parameters observed by QA Inspector Brannon appear to be in general compliance with the approved WPS-B-P-2211-B-U2.

Bay 7-OBG - Floor Beam Sub Assembly:

QA Inspector Brannon randomly observed ZPMC qualified welder Mr. Yin Guo Qin ID #058081 splice welding various floor beam diaphragm plates FB012-011-026. Mr. Yin was observed welding in the 1G (flat) position utilizing a submerged arc welding (SAW) process with a 4.8mm diameter electrode, filler metal brand EM12k, class JW3 machine. QA Inspector Brannon observed the ZPMC QC CWI Inspector Hu Wei Qing verifying that the welding parameters and pre-heat were in accordance with the Welding Procedure Specification (WPS). QA Inspector observed preheat and welding parameters measured by the QC CWI Inspector Hu Wei Qing to be: preheat temperature of 65°C and welding parameters amps of 536, volts of 30.1, and a travel speed of 445 mm/min respectively. Welding parameters observed by QA Inspector Brannon appear to be in general compliance with the approved WPS-B-T-2221-L2C-S-1.

Bay 8 – 38 Meter Tower Diaphragm Sub Assembly:

QA Inspector Brannon randomly observed ZPMC qualified welder Mrs. Xi Pei Pei ID #048431 groove welding fill pass's joining SA371 (E) to P965 (E) weld joint ESD1 SA371-6A. Mrs. Xi was observed welding in the 1G (flat) position utilizing a submerged arc welding (SAW) process with a 4.8mm diameter electrode, filler metal brand LA-85, class ENi5 machine. QA Inspector Brannon observed the ZPMC QC CWI Inspector Lv Li Qing verifying that the welding parameters and pre-heat were in accordance with the Welding Procedure Specification (WPS). QA Inspector observed preheat and welding parameters measured by the QC CWI Inspector Lv Li Qing to be: preheat temperature of 180°C and welding parameters amps of 586, volts of 30.4, and a travel speed of 480 mm/min. Welding parameters observed by QA Inspector Brannon appear to be in general compliance with the approved WPS-B-T-3221-B-U3c-S-1.

Bay 8 – Heat straightening:

QA Inspector Brannon randomly observed ZPMC personnel performing heat straightening on various tower diaphragm flange plates. Tower diaphragm plates cause for heat straightening mill induced distortion. Heat Straightening is performed by flame straightening using natural gas with a hand torch.

Bay 1 – Deck Panels

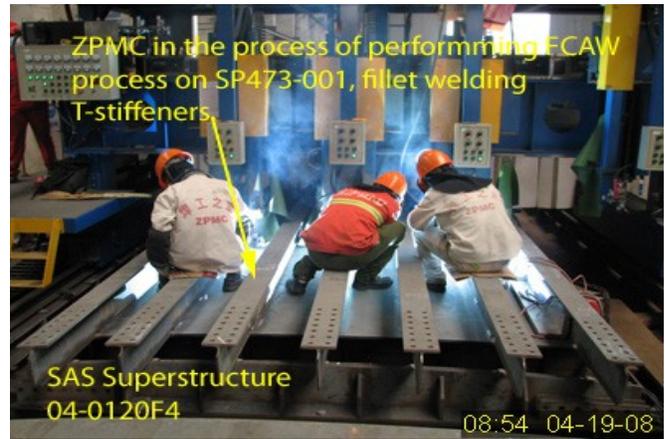
QA Inspector Brannon observed welding utilizing the dual process WPS-B-T-2342-U1 (U-rib)-3 welding procedure specification for closed rib welding of the Production Monitoring Test (PMT) #1 for Production Panel DP086-001 and DP273-001 on closed U-rib Partial Joint Penetration (PJP) welds in Bay #1. ZPMC welding personnel performed Gantry Machine, Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) for the root pass and immediately performed Gantry Machine, Submerged Arc Welding (SAW) for the cover/final pass on PMT #1, using gantry machine #1. Upon completion of the SAW pass on U-rib PJP welds on PMT #1 Visual Testing (VT) was performed on weld #1 through #6 by ZPMC personnel and was accepted then VT was verified by the Caltrans QA inspector. Ultrasonic Testing (UT) was then performed by ZPMC inspector and PMT #1 was determined to be

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acceptable. Macro etch samples were selected by the Caltrans QA inspector on PMT #1.

The following digital photograph below illustrates observation of the activities being performed.



Summary of Conversations:

No relevant conversations to report.

Comments

This report is for the purpose of determining conformance with the contract documents and is not for the purpose of making repair or fit for purpose recommendations. Should you require recommendations concerning repairs or remedial efforts please contact Mazen Wahbeh, (818) 292-0659, who represents the Office of Structural Materials for your project.

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QA Reviewer
