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Contract #: 04-0120F4Cty: SF/ALA Rte: 80 PM: 13.2/13.9File #: 1.28**WELDING INSPECTION REPORT****Resident Engineer:** Casey, William**Address:** 333 Burma Road**City:** Oakland, CA 94607**Report No:** WIR-027599**Date Inspected:** 12-May-2012**Project Name:** SAS Superstructure**OSM Arrival Time:** 700**Prime Contractor:** American Bridge/Fluor Enterprises, a JV**OSM Departure Time:** 1530**Contractor:** American Bridge/Fluor Enterprises, a JV**Location:** Job Site**CWI Name:** Bernie Docena**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:** SAS Tower**Summary of Items Observed:**

Caltrans Office of Structural Material (OSM) Quality Assurance Inspector (QAI) Joselito Lizardo was present at the Self Anchored Suspension (SAS) job site as requested to perform observations on the welding of components for the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge (SFOBB) Project.

At Tower Base 13 meter outer East external diaphragm, QA randomly observed ABF/JV qualified welder Xiao Jian Wan continuing to perform Partial Joint Penetration (PJP) T-joint welding fill pass on 80mm thick shear plate to 45mm thick diaphragm plate weld joint #W102. The welder was observed welding in the 2G (horizontal) position utilizing a Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) with 3.2mm diameter E7018H4R electrode and implementing Caltrans approved Welding Procedure Specification (WPS) ABF-WPS-D15-1160. The PJP T-joint was preheated to greater than 225 degrees Fahrenheit using Miller Proheat 35 Induction Heating System with the heater blankets located on top of the plate prior welding. During welding, ABF Quality Control (QC) Bernie Docena was noted monitoring the welding parameters of the welder. Measured welding parameter during welding was 128 amperes on a 3.2mm E7018H4R electrode. At the end of the shift, FCAW-G cover pass welding was completed and the welder held the preheat using the same Miller Proheat 35 Heating System for three hours after welding as required.

At the request of Quality Control Field Supervisor, Bonifacio Daquinag, QA has randomly verified the QC VT/MT of the Partial Joint Penetration (PJP) welding of two (2) PJP T-joints and two (2) butt joints and one (1) fillet weld joint. The QA verification was performed to verify that the welding and the VT/MT inspection performed by the QC inspector at 9 meter diaphragm meet the requirements of the contract documents. At the conclusion of the QA verification it appeared that the weld and the QC inspection complied with the contract

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1. Stiffener plate fillet weld P440-6 – weld cover QA verified
2. PJP T-joint W057-3 & 4 - weld cover QA verified
3. PJP butt joint W058-1 & 2 - weld cover QA verified

Other welding related activities noted during the shift include cleaning/grinding off rust on the bevel of 45mm thick outer West diaphragm plate to 80/100mm transitioned shear plate Partial Joint Penetration T-joint W110. The bevel of the joint is being prepped in preparation for the horizontal welding of the mentioned joint. The other activity noted was flush grinding on the weld cover of PJP T-joints W114/115. ABF personnel were noted flush grinding the weld cover using flapper disc to make the surface smooth. Both activities were still continuing at the end of the shift and should remain Monday.

**Summary of Conversations:**

No significant conversation occurred today.

**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 SMR Nina Choy 510-385-5910, who represents the Office of Structural Materials for your project.

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<b>Inspected By:</b>	Lizardo, Joselito	Quality Assurance Inspector
<b>Reviewed By:</b>	Levell, Bill	QA Reviewer

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