## **UNIT TRIPPING REPORT**

UNIT No: 2

STATION: NTPL, TUTICORIN.

OUTAGE: NO. 17

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Date of tripping : 03-03-2018
 Time of tripping : 23:15:27 Hrs

3. Status before tripping

a) Unit load : 480MW @ 19:30 Hrs

b) Mills in service : A, C, D, E & F

c) Oil guns in service : NIL

d) Boiler feed pumps in service : TDBFP A&B

e) CEPs in service : B&C
f) ID fans in service : A&B
g) FD fans in service : A&B
h) PA fans in service : A&B

i) CWP in service : A&B

4. First Up protection acted : Turbine was hand tripped

5. Similar occurrences in the Financial Year: Nil

6. Other relays/protection acted : Turbine trip/Generator trip/Boiler trip

7. Supporting documents attached : SOE & Trend

8. Any operation done prior to tripping : Load was reduced to 80 MW

9. Analysis of tripping

@18:00 Hrs, while the unit was in normal operation, ASLD-13 picked up a weak signal of about 3 Db and a difference of about 100 T/hr was noticed between Feed water and Steam flows. However, no audible noise or any other abnormalities could be detected during local inspection in that area. Drum level was also maintaining around (-)150 mm. No appreciable loading could be noticed in ID Fans. Average system make up found to have increased.

@ 21:00 Hrs, after detailed inspection at local, it was decided to hand trip the unit to attend BTL @ 25 ML. Load was gradually reduced to 80 MW and turbine was hand tripped from Control Room. Generator got tripped on 'reverse power' and subsequently Boiler got tripped on 'SH-RH Conditions' since the HPBP didn't come into service.

## 10. Root cause

Front water wall tube no.20 from LHS was damaged due to steam erosion from WB 67, since its seal box sleeve was damaged and missing. The pin hole puncture in tube no.20 at 21 ML resulted in erosion thinning of three more tubes, viz. 21, 22 & 23 at the same level and location.

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The failure of tube no.20 @ 21 ML resulted in starvation of the same tube resulting in 'fish-mouth opening' @ 31 ML elevation. Tube nos. 21 to 25 were also affected by erosion from tube no. 20 @ the same level and location.

ASLD in that area didn't pick up due to instrument cable fault.

11. Remedial measures taken/to be taken : See recommendations.







