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To,
All Registered Shipping Agents,
Operating in JSW JPL
Date: 10 Mar 2025

Trade Notice: Gangway and Pilot Ladder Safety Instructions for Vessels Calling at JSW Jaigad Port

For Attention of Vessel Masters and Crew Calling JSW Jaigad Port

To prevent hazardous situations while accessing a vessel by gangway or by the pilot ladder for embarking or disembarking at sea or berth, safety precautions must be taken by vessel crew while rigging gangways or pilot ladders to prevent injuries to ship crew, port personnel, and port pilots. In view of this, all Masters and crew are advised to comply with the following:

Providing safe access to a ship is an integral part of ensuring safe working practices and maintaining a secure environment on board, as required by **SOLAS Chapter V, Regulation 23**, and **MSC.1/Circ.1331** – Guidelines for the construction, installation, maintenance, and inspection/survey of means of embarkation and disembarkation – which provides specific guidance for accommodation ladders and gangways under **SOLAS Regulation II-1/3-9 as amended**.

Accordingly, the following **safety precautions** are the **minimum requirements** for all vessels calling at **JSW Jaigad Port**:

1. The **Vessel Master** must ensure the safe rigging of the **Pilot Ladder** as per **SOLAS Ch-V, Reg. 23** and **IMO A.1045 (27)** and inform **Port Control** regarding safe access for pilot boarding and disembarking.
2. The **gangway** must always be manned by vessel crew with a **handheld walkie-talkie** or other suitable means of communication.
3. The **Master and crew** are responsible for providing a **safe means of access** for embarking or disembarking.
4. The **Master** must ensure a **safe means of access**, even if the **gangway is provided from the shore-side**.
5. The **gangway** must be promptly placed in position after securing the vessel and remain in place as long as the vessel is alongside.
6. The gangway should be **properly rigged, secured, deployed, and safe to use**.
7. The gangway and **immediate approaches** must be **adequately illuminated**.
8. **Main engines** must not be **tried out** when the **shore gangway is placed**, without prior intimation to **JSW Jaigad Port Control** on **VHF Ch-11**.
9. The **maximum SWL of the gangway** must not be exceeded, and a maximum of **persons** as per marked should be allowed on the gangway at any given time.
10. The **gangway must be adjusted periodically** to maintain safe access.





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11. A lifebuoy with a **self-activating light** and a **safety line attached to a quoit or similar device** should be readily available near the gangway.

During rigging, seafarers must be **mindful of their safety** and **follow height safety guidelines**, including using **fall prevention devices and lifejackets**. Any **non-compliance** with these safety measures **will be treated as a serious safety violation** and **immediately reported to relevant agencies for inspection**.

Thank you.

Marine Head
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Place: Jaigad

