## HAZOP GUIDEWORDS

## FOR

## **ELECRICAL SYSTEMS**

(INCLUDING ELECTRICAL)

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## HAZOP GUIDEWORDS - ELECTRICAL

| DEVIATION          | CAUSES  | DEVIATION                | CAUSES  |
|--------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| HIGH CURRENT       | ONE SUPPLY, TWO SUPPLIES<br>SHORT CIRCUIT<br>LEAKAGE TO GROUND<br>REQUIRED LOAD EXCEEDS SUPPLY OR DESIGN<br>OVERLOAD SETTING TOO HIGH | FREQUENCY                | TOO HIGH?<br>TOO LOW?   |
| LOW CURRENT        | FAULTY LOAD SHEDDING<br>REDUCED GENERATOR CAPACITY<br>PHASE IMBALANCE   | PHASE                    | LEAD/LAG<br>LOSS OF<br>INDUCTIVE/CAPACITIVE<br>SYNCHRONISING  |
| NO CURRENT         | DISTRIBUTION BOARD COMPONENT FAILURE<br>CONNECTION FAILURE<br>FAULT IN OVERLOAD PROTECTION TRIP<br>ISOLATION ERROR (HUMAN)            | START UP/SHUT DOWN       | SWITCHING - COMMON MODE / SPURIOUS<br>FAILURES<br>MAINTENANCE<br>SYNCHRONISING/SEQUENCING<br>TESTING COMMISSIONS/SPARES<br>CORROSION, WATER INGRESS, INTERFERENCE, FIRE, EXPLOSION<br>TOO FAST, TOO SLOW, NEVER, PARTIAL, ERRATIC, TOO LATE, TOO<br>SOON, ACCESS, ISOLATION, PROCEDURES, INTERLOCKS |
| REVERSE<br>CURRENT | WRONG CONNECTIONS AFTER MAINTENANCE SUPPLY<br>GRID AND GENERATOR IMBALANCE  | INCREASED<br>TEMPERATURE | RESPONSIBILITIES<br>RESISTANCE TO FIRE SITUATION, EFFECT OF AMBIENT CHANGES,<br>OVERHEATING OF DISTRIBUTION BOARD COMPONENTS, (HOW<br>DETECTED), DETECTION OF ELECTRICAL FIRES - SWITCH ROOM<br>ETC. FAILURE OF PROTECTION SYSTEMS, CABLE ROUTING   |

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| DEVIATION                  | CAUSE  | DEVIATION              | CAUSE  |
|----------------------------|--|------------------------|--|
| VOLTAGE<br>CHANGES         | HIGH<br>LOW<br>REVERSE<br>POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE - TOO GREAT, TOO LITTLE<br>NONE<br>SURGES, SPIKES, TRANSIENTS, FLASH-OVER,<br>VOLTAGE DIPS, FLUCTUATIONS, BACK EMF,<br>CONNECTING ERRORS, HIGH IMPEDANCE, LOW<br>IMPEDANCE. | REDUCED<br>TEMPERATURE | WINTER CONDITIONS, SUB-ZERO TEMPERATURES, ICE<br>FORMATION AROUND ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS  |
| CONTAMINATION              | INGRESS OF FLAMMABLE ATMOSPHERE INTO<br>ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION ROOMS, CERTIFIED FOR<br>THE HAZARDOUS AREA CLASSIFICATION, INTERNAL<br>DAMAGE BY ANIMALS/INSECTS/MECHANICAL AND<br>WATER DAMAGE                            | INSTRUMENTS            | SET POINTS FOR MAX OVERLOAD CONDITION (HOW TESTED AND<br>ADJUSTED), LOAD SHEDDING ARRANGEMENTS,(HOW<br>CONTROLLED), GROUND LEAKAGE DETECTION |
| ELECTRICAL<br>INTERFERENCE | AC ON DC, DC ON AC, TRANSIENTS, LIGHTENING,<br>EARTH FAULTS, INSULATION FAULTS, CORROSION,<br>ELECTRO-CHEMICAL, MAGNETIC FIELDS  |                        |  |
| EMERGENCIES                | FOWER FAILURE - EMERGENCY   - EMERGENCY   DRIVES - ALARMS   - BATTERY FAILURE   - UPS SYSTEMS   COMMUNICATIONS - EMERGENCY GENERATION  |                        |  |
| GROUNDING                  | CATHODIC PROTECTION EARTH POTENTIALS   |                        |  |

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