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Modification Sheet No. RDSO/2008/EL/MS/0365 (Rev.'0') Dtd.28.07.2008

- 1.0 Title:** Improved Grounding of ALG Rack in Traction Converter of three phase electric locomotives.
- 2.0 Object:** Grounding of ALG rack is very important to reduce EMI effects / interferences. The EMI interference results sometimes in misfire of GTO (i.e. shoot through failures). With the implementation of improved shielding / grounding techniques, shoot through failures of valve sets shall be arrested.
- 3.0 Existing Arrangement:** The existing grounding system of ALG rack consists of two 2.5 sq.mm cables from ALG rack to ALG housing body, which in turn is mounted on converter body. Converter body is earthed with a separate earthing cable. Thus the ALG rack is not connected directly to earth resulting in to inadequate ground termination of ALG rack and subsequent possibility of EMI interference. EMI effect is not fully neutralized as existing grounding is through various fixtures of ALG rack and converter body introducing high resistance path.
- 4.0 Modified Arrangement:** To improve the grounding termination, direct grounding from ALG rack to earth terminal of converter body is to be provided. For this, an additional earthing cable from ALG rack to converter body earthing terminal has to be provided using 4GKW, 6 sq.mm cable. The cable should be routed along the existing cables and shall be terminated at the converter earthing terminal where the main earthing cable is terminated. Modification should be carried out as shown in **Annexure I, II & III (enclosed)**.
- 5.0 Application to Class of Locomotives:** WAP5, WAP7, WAG9 & WAG9H three phase electric locomotives.

6.0 Material Required (per converter):

- i) 4 GKW, 6 sq.mm Cable approx. 2.5 m long = 01 No.;
- ii) Lug 6 sq.mm, 6 mm dia (ALG rack side) = 01 No. &
- iii) Lug 6 sq.mm, 10 mm dia (Converter body side) = 01 No.

7.0 Material rendered surplus: Nil

8.0 Reference: Nil.

9.0 Modified Drawings: Photographs in Annexure-1, 2 and 3 are enclosed.

10.0 Agency of Implementation: CLW and Electric Loco Sheds holding 3-phase electric locomotives.

11.0 Periodicity of Implementation: During Minor & Major Schedules.

Encl: As above.

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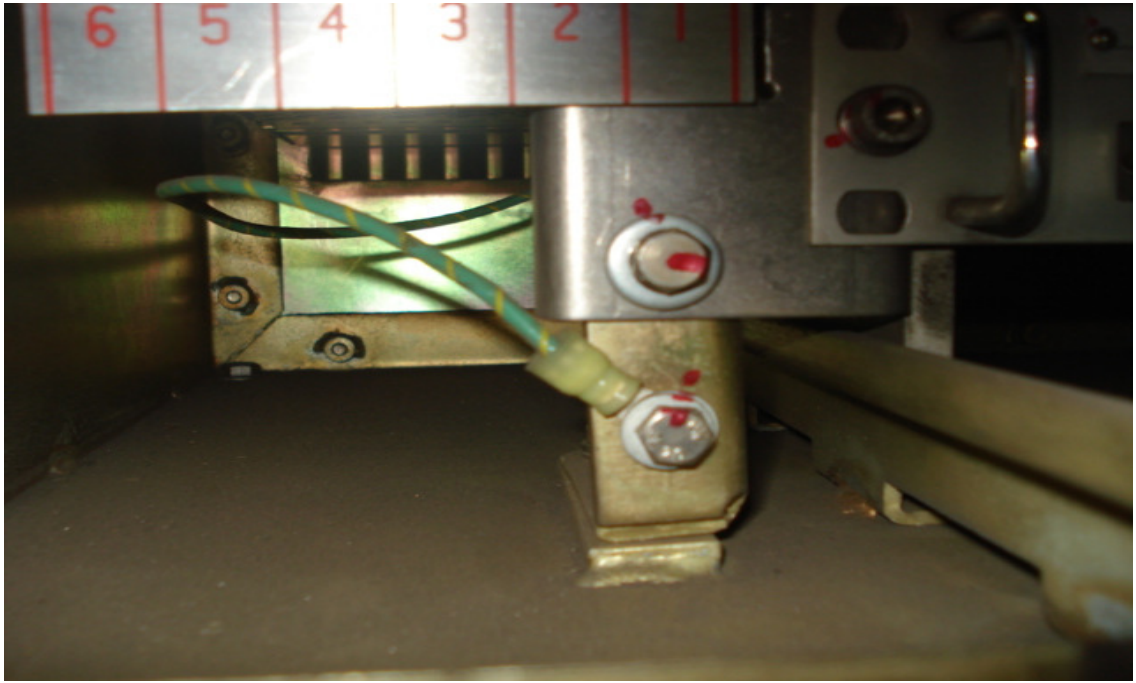
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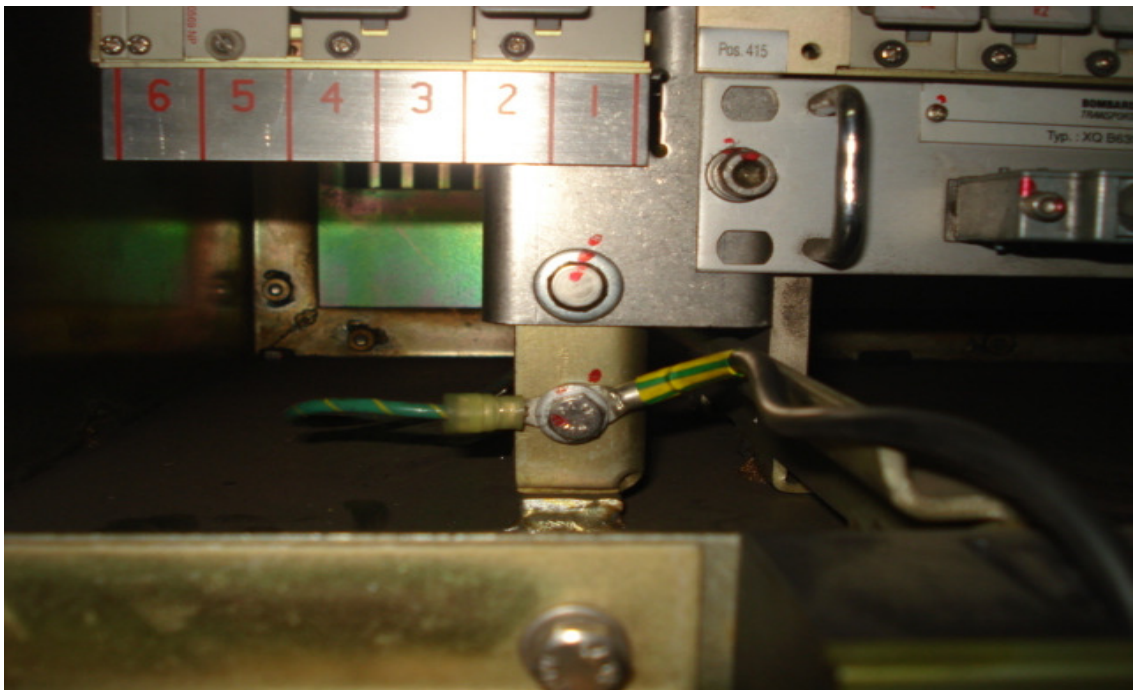
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Annexure-I



(ALG Rack Existing Arrangement)



(ALG Rack-Modified Arrangement)

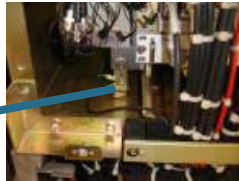
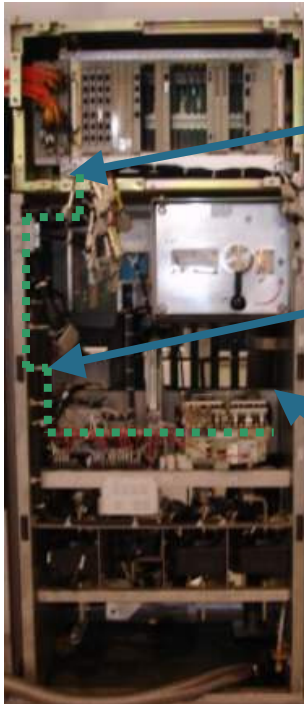


(SR Earthing- Existing Arrangement)



(SR Earthing-Modified Arrangement)

Improvement in ground termination of ALG:



Ground termination of ALG Rack



Ground termination of ALG Rack connected with the DC Link voltage sensor ground



From the top of the DC link voltage sensor, it is connected to the earthing of main converter (back side)