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from Messrs. Olsen & Ugelstad, Oslo.

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M/T "HAUKEFJELL".

We purchased last year one of the oil engines ex. the M.S. "VEGA", and fitted same into the above named vessel. In this connection our insurers have requested us to obtain a statement regarding the age of the engine in view of the deductions for age &c. at possible computations of compensation claims.

We have communicated with the "Vega's" former owners, Det Bergenske Dampskibsselskab, Bergen, and Nortraship, Oslo, in order to obtain the necessary particulars regarding the length of time the oil engine had been running in service.

We have been informed that the M/S "Vega" was running in the Bergenske's regular service Bergen/Newcastle from the 5th May 1938 until the 4th September 1939. As far as we understand the effective time of service in this period must be taken as ab. 4 months, i. e. 3000 running hours.

Subsequently the vessel was laid up until the Germans took her over for use during the time from the 11th September 1940 until the 16th October 1940, i.e. one month with an assumed time of service of ab.

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Thereupon the vessel was laid up until the 18th March 1941, when she was again placed in service by the Germans.

As far as we understand the vessel was employed as a hospital vessel, transporter, and receiving vessel. The effective time of service may in these circumstances probably be assessed at ab. 25%. The vessel was sunk on the 4th May 1945. This will give a time service of ab. 1485 days, 25% of this is ab. 370 days, i.e. ab.

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Effective running hours 12230
which corresponds to ab. 4 years in the vessel's regular service Bergen/Newcastle, or 510 days' continuous use of the engine.

In our opinion the engine might thus perhaps be given a class from 1945, so that the first survey became due during the installation in the "Haukefjell" at Howaldtswerke, Kiel, June-September 1949.

We shall be glad to be informed whether the Society would take the same view, and shall await your reply as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully
OLSEN & UGELSTAD (sgd.).

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