

DRAFT LETTER TO MR. S.A. EIDE

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 20th instant regarding the case of the motor tanker "GARD" we are sorry to hear that as a result of the possible strengthening of this ship the Owners appear to contemplate the change in classification of Helsingborg Werft A.B. Yard No. 79 from L.R. to N.V. class. You should take an early opportunity to impress on the Owners that the action taken by the Committee in regard to these ships follows, as indicated in the circular letter addressed to you, the serious structural failures which have occurred in three ships of this type classed with the Society, ^{two of which broke in two} and also following investigation into the records of many others which have shown themselves prone to structural damage. With regard to the tanker "GARD", the Copenhagen Surveyors' report has now been examined and in view of the condition and history of this ship it ~~was~~ ^{has been} not considered necessary to recommend immediate stiffening at Copenhagen. ~~but it you~~ ^{should however} ~~will be suggested~~ to the Owners that it would be advisable to fit two intercostal girders port and starboard to the deck as a prudent measure in view of experience with this class of tanker.

We understand that the Norske Veritas are
~~asking~~ ^{taking} somewhat similar action with regard to the
stiffening of ^{Tankers of} this type ~~of tanker~~, ^{closed with them *} and you should endeavour
to ascertain and report the Norske Veritas requirements.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Mr Siggers
at Gothenburg

~~Write Mr Eids Oslo.~~

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N.V. requirements on stiffening of ~~this~~
Transversely framed Tankers.

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