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P. T. Haugesund
20th August 1952.

Dear Sir,

You will see from the enclosed copy of a letter I have sent Mr. Siggers at Gothenburg today that there is some connection between the possible strengthening of the oil tanker "GARD" and the desire of the owners of that ship to change the contemplated L.R. classification of Yard No. 79 at Helsingborgs Varfs A.B to N.V. class.

I had a very friendly talk with the three partners today but could not get any definite decision that the ship would be classed L.R. and it seems that they are awaiting the results of the drillings for "GARD" before they will commit themselves as to the classification of above-mentioned newbuilding.

The partners stated it came as a shock to them that an oil tanker which had been built to L.R. classification should require any stiffening if the scantlings have not deteriorated and they are eagerly awaiting the results of the drillings recently submitted by the Copenhagen Surveyors.

It is therefore important that this case is decided as soon as possible and I trust that whatever is the result of the findings that Yard No. 79 at Helsingborgs Varfs A.B. will be classed L.R.

As I am proceeding now to Stavanger and will not be in Bergen before Friday morning I am writing now in order to save time.

I am, Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
S. A. Rude.

The Secretary,
Lloyd's Register of Shipping
London.



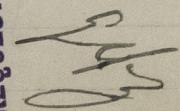
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