

Translated copy of a letter dated 9th February, 1953 from
Messrs. Iver Bugge, Larvik.

Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

Larvik, 9th February, 1953.

to.

of "SKOTAAS".

With reference to your letter of the 4th instant, I beg to inform you that I have never been unwilling to carry out the strengthening proposed. I have only asked Lloyd's for postponement until autumn, in order to combine this work with the usual docking and overhaul of machinery.

Honestly speaking, I think London is a little unjust when pointing out that already as long ago as the 26th September last you requested strengthening to be effected. I here beg to remind you that the ship was at the repairers at Amsterdam from the 1st to the 15th September last, and scantlings of several parts gauged. A recommendation or request of strengthening was made then. In addition the hull was placed in very good condition during the 1951 Special Survey in July 1951.

As mentioned previously no signs of fractures or the like have ever been observed on the "Skotaas". I can therefore not understand that now, the vessel having run satisfactorily for over 22 years, and the Owners always being painstaking (conscientious) regarding testing and renewals of plates and sections, it would suddenly and without fail become necessary further to strengthen the vessel.

I will, of course, never set myself against the recommendations of the classification society, but I think on the other hand that it ought to show some understanding.

I shall be glad if you will kindly take up the matter with London and anticipate your reply in due course.

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ARAAS".

This vessel will arrive at Amsterdam about the 15th
for ordinary drydocking and repairs. In order to evade
troubles as we have had in the case of M/T "Skotaas",
I would be glad to be informed of the work required to be car-
ried out. The work will be done by Netherlands Dock and Ship-
ping Co., Amsterdam, and as you will know, all repairs
in the latter years have been carried out at this yard.
My representatives at Amsterdam therefore knows the ship very

Yours faithfully,

Iver Bugge.
(sgd.)



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