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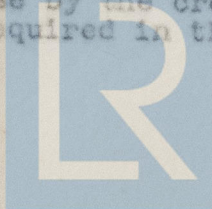
10th October, 1940.

Dear Sirs,

I was duly favoured with your letter of the 7th instant respecting the motorship "TIRADENTES" and, in reply thereto, I have to state that it is not possible to determine the exact freeboards which could be assigned in this case, owing to the absence of complete information. It would appear, however, that a freeboard corresponding to a summer moulded draught of about 27'-9" could be assigned, i.e., a draught about 17 inches greater than the present draught.

The conditions of assignment would be as follow:-

1. the tonnage-opening, the freeing ports in the tonnage-well, and all overboard scuppers draining the shelter 'tween decks being permanently closed, the 'tween decks being drained in lieu to the bilges.
2. any overboard sanitary discharges from spaces in the shelter 'tween decks being fitted with automatic screw-down non-return valves controlled from the shelter deck.
3. the freeing port area on each side of the ship being increased to 50 square feet.
4. suitable provision being made for rigging lifelines, which should be available for use by the crew in all parts of the ship which might be required in the regular working thereof.



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5. all bulkheads being carried watertight to the shelter deck. If this is not done, a notation regarding their omission in the 'tween decks will be made in the Register Book.
6. the openings in the forecastle bulkhead being closed as required for full allowance.

I shall be glad if you will be good enough to advise this Office if you desire instructions to be forwarded by cablegram to the Society's Surveyors at Sydney.

It is hoped to furnish you with the necessary information regarding the "TROJA" and "THERMOPYLAE" at an early date.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

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