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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING

71, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.3

29th July 1966.

Your ref: MS-PS/8504.

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Dear Sirs,

Motorship "PHOENICIAN STAR".

I acknowledge the receipt of your cablegram and letter of 26th instant, and have informed the Committee of your further remarks. In reply, I am asked to point out that it is not strictly correct to say that the Special Survey is due in August 1966; for in actual fact the survey fell due in August 1965, and it is the year of grace will expire in August 1966.

As indicated to you in my letter of 22nd instant, this ship is showing signs of her age, and the Committee are not very happy about her taking an ore cargo from Mormugao to Japan. Nonetheless, they appreciate the Owners may find considerable difficulty in holding the overdue Special Survey at either Karachi or Bombay, and the Committee will be prepared to reconsider the whole question when they know the present condition of the ship.

To this end they will be agreeable to the Society's Surveyors at Karachi making a thorough general examination of the hull, including an internal examination of any water ballast deep tanks, with special attention being given to the side shell plating which seems to be a sensitive part of the ship. The Surveyors will also be expected to pay special attention to the possibility of grooving at the heel of the frames and wastage of bilge shell plating and structure in way. The machinery should also be generally examined with special attention being given to the outstanding recommendation regarding the electric cable in the holds.



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The Surveyors will be requested to cable their report here so that a decision may be reached at the earliest practicable moment.

The existing Loadline Certificate will expire on 31st August and a Loadline Survey should therefore be held in conjunction with the General Examination required from the classification point of view.

You should communicate with our Surveyors at Karachi as to when their attendance is desired.

Yours faithfully,

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