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71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

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AIR MAIL

Enclosure

Dear Mr. Boyle,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant from which I am pleased to note that there will be no difficulty in arranging for the requisite Confirmatory Survey for B.C. class to be held in the case of the steam whaler "IMPALA".

Regarding the "BOKKEVALD" I can only say that you are not expected to carry out a full Special Survey in this case, the Confirmatory Survey referred to in my previous letter being one which consists of a General Examination of hull and machinery without drydocking or opening up. Although it is not stated so directly in official correspondence, the main purpose is to obtain for the Committee an assurance that the Non-Exclusive Surveyor, so far as can be seen from the foregoing examination, has in fact carried out the Special Survey for classification with reasonable efficiency.

An experienced Surveyor can form a useful opinion on that from such a general examination which, in most cases in the past, has not required any more than one visit of short duration. It is thought well to mention that it is clearly understood here that the Surveyor cannot be held responsible for the condition of all parts.

From Mr. van Lare's reports doubt is cast on the efficiency with which the B.C. Non-Exclusive Surveyors have carried out the Classification Survey, and, in view of this and the Owners' affairs being in the hands of a Liquidator, it might be well if nothing is done at the moment.

It is perhaps well to mention again that the ship is not yet classed with the British Corporation, and that she cannot be classed B.C. until a satisfactory report on a confirmatory survey by an Exclusive Surveyor has been received here.

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I think it well to enclose herewith a copy of a further letter dated 15th instant received from Non-Exclusive Surveyors to the B.C. and perhaps you will be good enough to let Mr. Robinson know the present position.

So far our records show that the provisional lead line certificate issued by him on the 31st October has expired on the 30th April of this year, and I shall be glad to learn on what lead line certificate the vessel is at present trading.

If Mr. Robinson has issued a further lead line certificate please ask him for a copy.

With kindest regards,
Yours sincerely,

S. In compliance with your cable of the 18th, I enclose the original thicknesses of the shell plating.

A. H. Boyle, Esq.,
PORT NATAL.



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