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High Close, Wokingham, Berks.

ENCLOSURE

5th January, 1943.

Dear Sir,

s.s. "SINGKEP"

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With reference to San Francisco Report No. 8608 mentioned in your letter of the 24th September last, I have to acquaint you that the information given by the Surveyors in their first entry report of the scantlings of this vessel's boilers does not warrant the assignment of a working pressure of 213 lb. per square inch as indicated in the Bureau Veritas Register Book.

Photostat copies of the reports are enclosed and I shall be glad if you will arrange for a plan or sketch of the boilers to be obtained from the San Francisco Surveyors or from the Owners at your end.

Confirmation is required of the following:-

- (a) Diameter and pitch of rivet holes in longitudinal shell seams.
- (b) Thickness of shell plating.
- (c) Thicknesses of combustion chamber top, side and back plates and pitches of the screwstays supporting these plates.

The sizes of the shafting as shown on the First Entry Report meet the requirements of the Rules, but insufficient particulars are given of the pumping arrangements and a plan or sketch should be given.

It is noted that in their Rpt. 9 the San Francisco Surveyors state that the safety valves were adjusted to 225 lb. per sq. inch, but from the particulars at present available this cannot be agreed until the statements made by the San Francisco Surveyors have been substantiated or corrected.

Seeing the delay which has already occurred, it is considered that the details of this case should have been investigated at your end before the reports were transmitted to London. Meantime the question of fees referred to in your letter of the 24th September is in abeyance.

As regards the hull, the vessel appears worthy

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to be classed with notation of "S.S.No.3-6,41." but it is concluded cement has been laid on the bottom in the dry tank under the boilers and that the Surveyors have satisfied themselves as regards the efficiency of the hatchways with their supports and closing appliances, and the scantlings of all watertight bulkheads.

I shall be glad to have the San Francisco Surveyors' confirmation on these points.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

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