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2 Certificates enclosed.

8th May, 1934.

*Sydney*

[13534. "NALPA".] I have to acknowledge the receipt of your cablegram of the 1st instant respecting this case, which, decoded, reads as follows :-

"NALPA" REFERRING TO YOUR LETTER OF THE 28TH MARCH VESSEL ON TIME CHARTER QUEENSLAND CHARTER WILL EXPIRE FEBRUARY OWNERS AGREE YOUR RECOMMENDATION THEN NOW RUNNING LLOYDS REGISTER OF SHIPPING PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE."

Action on your reports had been deferred pending the receipt of a reply to my letter of the 27th March last indicating that it would be necessary for additional stiffening to be fitted in the double bottom of this vessel, and in view of your cabled message the Committee have now had the case under consideration. With regard thereto I have to inform you that, in view of the additional stiffening required, the Committee have been placed in an awkward position, having regard to the fact that the vessel



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is now running on time charter on the provisional certificate of classification which you have issued.

however,

As the Owners have agreed to carry out the necessary recommendations at the expiration of the time charter in February next, the <sup>Committee</sup> are reluctant to prejudice the Owners' position by recalling this provisional certificate, and, after carefully considering all the circumstances, have decided to assign a class of: 100A1, subject to the additional stiffening in the double bottom, as specified in my letter of the 27th March, being fitted in February next on the expiration of the vessel's present charter. As all the requirements of a Special Survey No.3 have been carried out on the hull and machinery, notations of: S.S.No.3-1,34 and LMC.1,34 have been assigned, together with "Cargo battens not fitted".

I therefore enclose herewith the classification certificates and have to request that you will be good enough to keep this case in view and see that the stiffening referred to is duly fitted at the earliest possible time, and in any case not later than February next.



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