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THESEN'S STEAMSHIP CO. LTD.?

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26th January, 1951.

The Surveyor,
Cape Town.

Dear Sir,

M.S. "BASUTO"

25 FEB 1951

Referring to your letter of the 28th December on this subject we very much regret again having to approach you on the subject of a further postponement of this Survey.

Our letter of the 23rd November indicated our difficulties resulting from the "MASHONA" breakdown and the programme there envisaged appeared reasonable in the light of the circumstances at that date. The delivery of the new engine was unfortunately considerably delayed, making it impossible to get the "MASHONA" to sea before about the middle of February.

In addition we have since suffered the total loss of the "BECHUANA" which leaves us at present critically short of tonnage.

Two vessels, viz: the "ZULU COAST" and "MATABELE COAST" are at present being prepared in the United Kingdom for transfer to us at Cape Town and both these ships should be operating here before the end of March.

We ourselves are most concerned at the repeated postponement of the Survey, as it is our definite policy to keep all Survey and Annual refits up to the appointed schedule.

We find it most distasteful having once again to approach you in this matter, but our difficulties at the moment are so exceptional that we have no alternative but to request that it be again extended to the 31st March, or the commissioning of "ZULU COAST" in South African waters, whichever be the earlier.

Yours faithfully,
COAST LINES AFRICA (PTY.) LIMITED - MANAGERS.

Sgd.

MANAGING DIRECTOR.

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