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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING.

7, T.de Caes de Tejo, 1,
LISBON.

17th July, 1920.

Dear Sir,

A further hitch has now occurred with regard to the steam trawlers "MARIA HELENA" ex "Rio Lima", No.24584 in the Register Book and "MARIA LEONOR", No.20159 in the Register Book, as these two vessels have been sold to a large Company that has been formed, by name Companhia Portugueza de Pesca. The surveys are finished with the exception of drydocking in each case for rudder, bottom, tailshaft, anchors and cables, and owing to the sale this docking has again been put off. Said Company have practically acquired all the trawlers here except about 6 or 7, giving them a fleet of about 16, and I believe the remainder will also be absorbed, being at present only a matter of money required by present Owners. I have tried to get into touch with the new Owners but so far have not had a decisive answer and I have now written to them specially and hope to have a reply in a few days. The Owners in each case of the "MARIA LEONOR" and "MARIA HELENA" have advised me that the fees are now to the account of the new owners. Other vessels affected are the "MARIA LUIZA II" also the "EMILIA" ex "Daimler". I have reason to believe that these vessels will be kept in class. Most of the trawlers bought are laid up on account of no coal being available.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

(signed) LEO R. GUNNER.

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P.S. I enclose copy of letter sent to
Messrs.Companhia Portugueza de Pesca.