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2nd March 1948.

Messrs. Trinidad Leaseholds Ltd.,
POINT A PIERRE.

Attention Mr. L.J. Gray,
Acting Marine Supt.

Dear Sirs,

Reference my letter of 21st ult. & subsequent conversation with you in respect of internal condition of your s/s "IERE", this vessel was examined whilst on Slipway on 27th & 28th February.

The opinion expressed in my previous letter has been confirmed & No 3 tanks are actually in a worse condition than anticipated. Many of the intercostals as well as the floors are only of paper thickness, thwartship beams are corroded through in many places & deck beams, knees bulkhead stiffeners etc. are very badly corroded.

To make this vessel seaworthy to cross the Atlantic, I recommend that the following repairs be carried out:-

No. 3 Port & Starboard Cargo Tanks. All floors, intercostals, deck beams & knees, main beams, also vertical stiffeners on summer tank bulkheads, to be renewed.

Nos 1 & 2 tanks which had not been scaled at time of examination are in rather better general condition than No.3 Tanks and could probably be left as they are until the vessel reaches the U.K. apart from renewing thwartship beams.

I may add that above repairs are only minimum necessary for vessel to make the voyage to the U.K. but very considerable repairs will soon be required in order to maintain her class. If only minimum repairs are carried out now, much of the work will be duplicated later on when bottom plates etc. require to be renewed.

Yours faithfully,



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