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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

6th December, 1935.

Dear Sirs,

With further reference to my letter of yesterday's date respecting the steamer "GUN 7" and to the conversation with you over the telephone today regarding the communication which has been received from Lloyd's, who telephoned this morning, stating that the following sentence had been added at the end of the cablegram they received from their Agents at Dakar, viz: "Inform Lloyds Register the Gun 7 left last night without entering port", I have to inform you that, in view of this communication, the Committee had the case under consideration at their meeting today. They felt that in the circumstances they would/^{now} have no alternative but to deal with the vessel's class, but before doing so they requested me to communicate with you by telephone to ascertain whether Messrs. Chr. Salvesen & Co., had received any further communication regarding the case.

It is understood that you ascertained from your interview with Messrs. Salvesen, after receiving my message, that the vessel does not actually become their property until she is handed over on arrival at Tonsberg. In these circumstances therefore it would appear that the late Owners

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are responsible for the vessel having left the West Coast of Africa for the voyage to Norway, without advising this Office, and as they had previously promised that the overdue Second Special Survey No.1 would be held at Walvis Bay, before she was commissioned, it should have been clear to them that the Committee's requirements should have been complied with, or permission sought for the vessel to leave, if her class was to be maintained.

The information you have furnished by telephone was of course too late for the case to be dealt with by the Committee, but the Chairman of the Classification Committee was advised this afternoon of the position as explained by you, and he desires me to say that the case will be again considered by the Committee at their meeting next Tuesday, when there appears to be no alternative but to expunge the vessel's class with a Red Line.

It will be well for you to advise Messrs. Salvesen of the position.

I may add that the charge for my telephone message will be 8/- and I shall be glad if you will include this amount with the other charges referred to in my letter of yesterday's date, to be collected from the Owners.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

The Surveyors,

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