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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

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1st July, 1925.

Dear Sirs,

I am in receipt of your telegram and letter of yesterday respecting the case of the steamer "WESTLAND" ex "ZAANSTROOM" and the contents have been carefully noted.

It is observed that the scantlings of the double bottom have been examined and are found to be in accordance with the approved plan, and that the double bottom and its connections were in good condition, also that there are pillars to every fourth beam at the sides of the hatchways, and that the plating at all decks is .28" in thickness.

It is also noted that the Owners' representative states that he agrees to the additional stiffening to the side framing and to the fitting of vertical struts to the open floors as arranged with him in this Office, and I am directed to state that provided the vessel be submitted to the requirements of the Rules for ships not built under survey, the panting arrangements and bottom strengthening forward be found or made equivalent to the Rule requirements, and on completion of the survey satisfactory reports be received from you she will be eligible to be classed 100A-.

Should the figure 1 be desired you should report

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the details of the equipment found on board, with particulars of the testing.

As the vessel was built by the Rotterdam Dry Dock Company you will probably be able to satisfy yourselves in regard to the steel used in her construction from documentary evidence in the Builders' possession, as to source of origin, process of manufacture and test.

In the circumstances, I have wired you today as follows, namely :-

"WESTLAND YOUR TELEGRAM AND LETTER RECEIVED PROVIDED
"STRENGTHENING SIDE FRAMING AND DOUBLE BOTTOM FITTED AS
"ARRANGED WITH OWNERS VESSEL COULD BE RECOMMENDED CLASS
"100A WRITING FULLY TONIGHT".

The two plans forwarded with your letter are again forwarded for your information and guidance in the survey of the ship.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

The Surveyors,
ROTTERDAM.



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