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Port

SHANGHAI

1st November, 1947

This is to Certify that

CHARLES RITCHIE

the undersigned Surveyor to this Society did at the request of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co., Ltd. (Lloyd's Agents) on behalf of Messrs. Indo-China S.N. Co., Ltd. (Owners) survey the Steel Twin Screw Steamer "PING WO", 3105 tons gross of London, on the 1st November, 1947 whilst the vessel lay in dry dock at Shanghai, for the purpose of ascertaining the nature and extent of any damage due to recent grounding.

It was reported that when navigating the Hai Tan Straits on 22nd October, 1947 whilst on voyage from Hong Kong to Shanghai, the vessel grounded on port side of the channel, being brought up easily on sand at 1003 hours at approx. low water. Engines were manoeuvred to float her but had to be discontinued owing to sand entering condenser. An anchor was dropped and vessel was floated at 1102 hours on rising water. Condensers were cleared and at 1424 hours voyage was resumed.

For further particulars see Log Books.

A report dated 29th October 1947 issued by the undersigned was submitted dealing with the examination made on the 28th October 1947 whilst vessel was afloat at Hoeng Shin Wharf, Pootung, of the internal side of the bottom shell plating in forehold, when no damage nor leakage was found.

The undersigned upon examination in dry dock.

- | <u>FOUND</u> | <u>RECOMMENDED</u> |
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| 1) The fore part of the vessel in way of forehold, at strakes B, C & D, at P. & S. sides, the covering anti-corrosive & anti-fouling composition rubbed off in places. | 1) To touch up with anti-corrosive composition the bare patches at fore part where vessel had grounded. |

No structural damage was found due to recent grounding.

Charles Ritchie

Surveyor to Lloyd's Register.

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