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Dear Sir,

S.S. "DON LUIS"

We write to advise you that the above vessel has been purchased by Mr. Hernan Ossa of Valparaiso, and we have received a cabled request from him concerning the possibility of extending the vessel's classification for a period of four months, so that the pending repairs may be completed.

The vessel is at the moment on a round voyage to Buenos Aires for the new owner.

Mr. Herman Ossa is personally known to the writer, and perhaps you will recall that he founded the steamship owning section of the Compania de Muelles de la Poblacion Vergara. Whilst he was General Manager of that Fleet from its inception they had not a single loss, and although at the time of his resignation they owned seven steamers, the claims record was such that only one claim, and that of under \$4,000, was made.

Mr. Ossa is the son of one of the Partners of Mr. R. W. James, an Englishman who used to run a fleet of steamers on the West Coast of South America, and from his earliest days our Client has had maritime experience, going as a schoolboy stoking in his father's ships and acting as deck hand. He joined the Chilean Navy and rose to command one of their units, and upon retirement founded the ship-owning side of the Muelles Company.

We had the pleasure of bringing Mr. Ossa to introduce him to your Chief Refrigerating Engineer, when he was in London about five years ago, and we gathered from the interview that Mr. Ossa had made an exceedingly favourable impression as a shipowner.

We are very anxious that Mr. Ossa's keenness for retaining classification of his ships should be fostered to the utmost, and we should be deeply grateful if you would place this request before your Committee.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed)

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