

LLOYDS REGISTER OF SHIPPING

ARUBA

June 28, 1955

Principal Surveyor

NEW YORK

Dear Sir:

"ESSO BACHAQUERO"

With reference to your letter of the 20th June in connection with the Special Survey and Boiler Survey of the above vessel, I wish to advise that I have been in communication with the vessel's Owners at Caracas and have been informed that due to the vessel now being surplus to their requirements, they do not intend to make any arrangements to deal with the Special Survey or Boiler Survey at this time, but do not indicate whether the vessel is to be laid up or otherwise.

I may add that on May 18, last, I was requested to visit this vessel at La Salina, Venezuela, to examine the vessel for renewal of the Load Line Certificate and during the course of the examination, I found the port rudder stock twisted and port propeller blades badly bent., the damage stated to have been caused by the vessel grounding in Lake Maracaibo on April 25, 1955.

At this time it was stated that the port and starboard rudder stocks were badly bent and as a temporary repair, the stocks were removed, straightened and replaced.

Due to, in my opinion, the unsatisfactory repairs carried out, I recommended that the vessel proceed to Curacao where both rudder stocks and port propeller should be renewed and advised the Surveyor appointed by Lloyd's Agent at La Salina, who carried out the Damage Survey, to word his report accordingly.

In view of the condition of the vessel as found, the renewal of the Load Line Certificate was withheld until satisfactory repairs were carried out, and to date, no arrangements for dealing with the repairs have been made.

Yours faithfully,

W.D. Wardle



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