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Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Port Colombo,

31st March, 1930.

This is to Certify that

I, H. S. MELTON,

the undersigned Surveyor to this Society did at the request of Messrs Delmege Forsyth & Co. Ltd., Agents, the Asiatic Petroleum Co. (Ceylon) Ltd. on the 8th inst. at Walker's Slipway survey the bottom of the Self Propelled Barge "Bentota", No.15528 in the Register.

I found the Port Side plating at the turn of the bilge to be still subject to active local pitting, the plating under hammer test shewed generally the thickness of the plate to be in noway impaired and the method employed viz. electric weld filling to be the only way possible to prevent ultimate holing.

The plating on the Starboard Side was found in good order, also the rudder and stern post.

The stern shaft was a neat fit in the bush and the propeller in good order, also all sea connections.

I examined both cables and anchors. The Starboard cable inboard length I found to be a 11/16" diameter length against a required 3/4" diameter. This I recommend should be replaced at the first opportunity convenient to owners.

The vessel's bottom received two heavy coats of a special red lead composition.

Other than the defects noted I found the general condition of the bottom to be satisfactory.

Survey Fee Rs.60/-
(1 visit)

H.S. Melton
Surveyor to Lloyd's Register.

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