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Lloyd's Register of Shipping.



Port Colombo,

12th December, 1924.

This is to Certify that

I H. S. MELTON,

the undersigned Surveyor to this Society did at the request of Messrs Delmege Forsyth & Co., Agents, Asiatic Petroleum Co.. And Messrs Walker Sons & Co. Ltd. builders survey during construction the Motor Self Propelled Barge "Bentota" gross tons 223.96.

All recommendations made by the Committee of this Society have been faithfully carried out by the Contractors as per their Drawing No.2740 dated the 14th November, 1923.

Work was started on the 31st May, 1924, and vessel launched on the 15th November 1924. The vessel has been designed to carry Liquid fuel in bulk F.P. 150 FAH eligible to be classed 100A - "For Harbour Purposes" in the Society's Register.

All Oil Tanks have been tested to a Hydraulic head of 8 ft. and found perfectly tight.

Cofferdams have been water tested to Deck level, fore and after Peaks have been similarly tested to my satisfaction.

Engine Room, forward accommodation and Decks were water hose tested and found tight.

Bottom of tanks, Bilges, fore and after Peaks were cemented on

The Engine Bilge Pump was tested during trials and worked satisfactory, also the Engine Room Hand Bilge Pump.

The Portable Bilge Pump (Downtons) is capable of being connected to Cofferdams, forward accommodation and Peak sounding pipes, and worked satisfactory.

All materials used in the vessel's construction has been passed by the Society's Surveyors, and the workmanship has been to my entire satisfaction throughout.

The vessel's bottom received 2 coats of red lead and one of Anti Fouling with the usual boot topping.

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

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