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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

28th July, 1930.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to your Mr. Thirkettle's call at this M. Office respecting the proposal to place the S.S. "JOHN HARKIN", your Yard No. 34, on service from Hull to Coryton until the end of October, I am directed to acquaint you that as explained to him the conditions obtaining in the North Sea are practically equivalent to an unrestricted service, and that the vessel, as at present constructed, is not suitable for this service.

He was informed, however, that provided a forecastle, efficiently constructed, be fitted extending to the after side of the crews' companion, and the pump room deckhouse be extended on the port side so as to form an entrance house to the engine room with a door in the casing side and a second door in an internal bulkhead, it would be recommended that no objection be raised to using the vessel on the Coryton/Hull service until the end of October.

Mr. Thirkettle explained that the vessel was being constructed primarily for service between Worcester, Swansea and Bideford, and the fitting of a forecastle would render her unsuitable for this service, and it was therefore probable that you would not proceed further with the question of using her

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in the North Sea, and the Owners would probably charter another vessel for this service.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Messrs. J. Harker, Ltd.,
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