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Original letter with: Boundary
Copy of ~~Extract from~~ letter received from

NAME Surveyors,
ADDRESS Durban.

Reference, if any:

Dated 27.9.55 Received 30.9.55 Answered

Vessel's Name: "BOUNDARY"

We are in receipt of your letter Classn. (H) of the 23rd instant in respect of the renewal of wood sheathing in the forward tween deck of the above named ship, and in reply have to state that this has not been dealt with as yet.

The Owners were interviewed today and they explained that circumstances beyond their control have prevented the laying up of this ship for renewal of the wood sheathing. The circumstances referred to are as follows.

Their ship the "~~BORDER~~" was laid up for Special Survey as long ago as June and did not complete this survey until the end of August.

The Owners put her back into service and shortly after going into service the boiler sustained severe damage, presumably through loss of water and this ship had to be towed back to Durban where she is now lying whilst the boiler is being repaired.

The "~~VOORTREKKER~~" was then laid up for Special Survey, (this survey is now complete) and she sailed yesterday. Our reports on this survey will follow in due course.

Due to the fact that two ships were laid up at the same time the Owners pointed out that a serious accumulation of cargo has built up and until this is cleared they feel that they are unable to lay up the "BOUNDARY" if they intend to honour their commitments.

They have assured us that the "BOUNDARY" will be laid up within the next three weeks as they are confident that the backlog of cargo will be cleared by then. They asked us to convey to you their regrets at not being able to deal with this matter earlier and apologise for any inconvenience caused.

The forward tween decks were examined today by ourselves and there is no deterioration of the condition of the wood sheathing and in our opinion bearing in mind the aforementioned circumstances the deferment of this repair for another three or four weeks merits favourable consideration.

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