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"HOEG RAY"

Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

80, Boulevard Haussmann
PARIS (8e)

22nd September, 1938

The Secretary,
London

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Dear Sir,

With reference to the oil tankers "ARGUS" (No. 69966 in R.B) "ACTOR" (No. 69092), "HARALD BROVIO" (No. 75620) and "HOEG RAY" (No. 76078) which have been purchased recently by the Societe Nationale de Transports Petroliers, a new Company financially helped by the French Government, and whose head Office will be 41, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris, I beg to inform you that, on the 20th instant, I have paid a visit to Mr. Achard, of Messrs. Worms, Managers of these vessels, this gentleman being appointed Ingenieur en Chef of the new Company with a view to obtaining that these vessels continue to be classed with this Society.

Two days before, on arrival at Havre of the "HOEG RAY", a similar "demarche" had been made by the Society's Surveyors at Havre, at Messrs. Worms' Agency in that port, and I have to add that during the visit paid to Mr. Achard, I was accompanied by Mr. Milet, who was crossing Paris on his way to the Nantes district.



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I regret to inform you that the result of this visit is that there is no hope that the classification of the Society will be retained by the new Owners, and the necessary arrangements have been made for the classification of the S/S "HOEG RAY" being transferred to the Bureau Veritas.

The reasons for this transfer, as explained, would be a question of fees. Messrs. Bureau Veritas would not charge any fee for transferring the vessels to their class and will make an inclusive annual fee for the subsequent surveys of these vessels.

I may add, in order to make this report complete, that Mr. Achard stated that his Company would be inclined to retain the classification of two of these vessels with Lloyd's Register, should this Society be agreeable to adopt a similar course, that is suggesting a "reasonable" inclusive fee, and that he would present to the Society's class a vessel of similar size, classed with the Norske Veritas and which has just been purchased by them, should the Society be inclined to class her without charging any fee!

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

J. TAXIL



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