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Dear Sirs,

I have to acquaint you that the cases of the tugs "ARTHUR BEMELMANS" and "VIVI" were brought to the notice of the Classing Committee today who commented on the absence of any replies to my various enquiries since September last.

You will recall that, at that time, the Committee were not satisfied with the steering chains of the "VIVI"; and that a number of surveys were also due on the "ARTHUR BEMELMANS".

It should be obvious to the Owners that the Committee cannot continue the classes of these ships in the Register Book unless they receive evidence that the Periodical Surveys required by the Rules are complied with. The arrangements made for such compliance were unusual but unless they are complied with meticulously the Committee will be unable to agree to them being continued.

From the scanty news which has come to hand lately we are not even aware that the ships are still operating at Matadi, nor do we know anything of their condition within the last 12 months.

Accordingly the Committee have had no option but to suspend their class in the Register Book as a temporary measure, and I shall be glad if you will make it clear to the Owners that such suspension will not be lifted until good reports are received of satisfactory compliance with periodical survey requirements and with all outstanding recommendations.

Yours faithfully,

The Surveyors,
ANTWERP.



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