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Reference

Dear Mr. Sladden,

Tug "Biddy"

I understand the Owners have sent you a more mildly worded letter regarding the withdrawal of this vessel from class, and hope that the second version is more acceptable to you.

As the Managing Director is about eighty and the Superintendent in his seventies I suppose we have to put up with a little senile irascibility.

Several of their older vessels are now reaching the "sere and Yellow" and are gradually being withdrawn from our class and retained unclassified for use inside the dock and river system. To keep them in class would in many cases involve such major renewals of frames, etc. as to be financially unattractive to the Owners, and they evidently prefer to spend the money on the larger units of the fleet, which are very well maintained.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

*A. M. B. Edwards.*

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