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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING

DURBAN, 13th April, 1950.

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(Rec'd 18.4.50.)

Dear Sir,

WALVIS BAY WHALERS

Referring to your letters dated 9th November last and the 21st ultimo regarding the above vessels, I enclose herewith for your information, reports and correspondence on this subject.

REPORTS ISSUED BY MR. JOHANNESSEN, NON-EXCLUSIVE SURVEYOR.

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| 1. <u>"KOS XII"</u> | SPECIAL SURVEY, TYPE 3,      | DUE 9.49. |
|                     | ANNUAL CLASSIFICATION SURVEY | DUE 9.49. |
|                     | BOILER SURVEY                | DUE 8.49. |

Whilst I have no doubt that Mr. Johannesen has made a complete examination of the vessel, it is difficult to ascertain this from his report. It will be noted from the form for Annual Load Line Survey, that Mr. Johannesen was aware that this was a Special Survey, but it is probable that he is not conversant with the Society's method of reporting these surveys. His report of Boiler Survey is comprehensive, but his report of machinery is somewhat brief.

2. "KOS XXVI & XXVII" ANNUAL CLASSIFICATION SURVEYS DUE 8.49.  
BOILER SURVEYS DUE 6.49 and 8.49.

These surveys are covered in the reports.

3. "KOS VII & X" These vessels are dealt with in a letter from Mann George & Co. (S.W.A.) Ltd. dated the 4th instant, copy attached. From this letter it would appear that these vessels did not undergo surveys during 1949.

4. "KOS V" This vessel is dealt with in a separate letter dated the 5th instant copy attached.

5. "KOS XXIX" This vessel does not appear to have operated from Walvis Bay.

In Mann, George & Co's letter of the 4th instant it will be noted that they seek guidance in the matter of fees. I have noted the fees that would be charged in this port for these surveys, on each report, bearing in mind that "KOS XII" is a Special Survey, hull and machinery, but before advising Mann, George & Co. I would be glad to know whether you approve of these fees. In the case of Annual Surveys, it is not a normal requirement of the Society, to open up the main engines and auxiliary machinery for survey, and although Mr. Johannesen states in his reports that this was done, I have not charged for this in my suggested fees.

As you are aware, Mr. Johannesen is also Manager of the Repair Yard at Walvis Bay, and would of course see all the machinery opened up for adjustment and overhaul.

It is presumed that Mann, George & Co. should charge the usual Agency fee of £2-2-0 for each vessel.

As these reports are somewhat late, I considered it advisable to forward same by Air Mail.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd: P. F. BALFOUR.

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