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Dear Sirs,

Motorship "IRENE" ex "SEAHORSE"

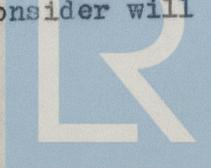
I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant and have informed the Committee of the position.

As you doubtless know the plans for re-engining this ship and alterations to the sternframe were approved in this office and the new engine was built under survey at Augsburg.

It is noted, however, that the Owner has not fulfilled our requirements in that he has afforded no opportunity for the work to be effected under your inspection, and in the circumstances the Committee have decided to withdraw the vessel's class owing to non-compliance with the regulations.

It is not known whether you are able to communicate with the Owner but it will be appreciated if you will use your best endeavours to acquaint him with this decision, possibly through his local Agents, if any.

There is one further point on which I have been asked to comment. The Committee were rather critical that their attention was not called to this case at an earlier date, for it seems that the work in connection with the installation of the new engine must have been going on for a long time and no visit appears to have been paid to the ship since 14th August last. Possibly the vessel was in a rather inaccessible area, but as the Committee consider they should have had an earlier opportunity to warn the Owner that the vessel was liable to lose her class if you were unable to inspect the work, I shall be obliged if you will let me have any comments which you consider will help in allaying the Committee's anxiety.



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So far as the question of a fee is concerned, it would seem unlikely that the Owner will be prepared to make any settlement seeing that class has been withdrawn, and while the matter is left entirely to your discretion you may well consider it appropriate to leave the question in abeyance pending any further developments.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

The Surveyors,
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