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l's Name:

"AMINUL BAHR"

We duly received your letter of the 17th March in connection with the above dredger and in reply we beg to state as follows:

We recently received a request from Messrs. James Hay & Co. Ltd., Narayangunj, East Pakistan to attend in connection with damage sustained to the above vessel, and on 1 March 1955 the undersigned visited Narayangunj for this purpose.

It was found that damage was sustained to the auxiliary equipment of the dredger, i.e. the boiler of the terminal pontoon and hand winches of the delivery pipe line pontoons. The dredger works the river with a discharge pipeline on intermediate pontoons and a terminal pontoon which is fitted with a boiler, steam winch and derricks.

A damage report has been issued and forwarded to the vessel's Agents at Narayangunj.

At the time of the visit to the "AMINUL BAHR", it was found that the Dredger "SAFINATUL HASAN" and the tank barge "AMINUL BAHR" were also at Narayangunj.

In view of the correspondence that has passed between the vessel's Agents regarding the assignment of classification to these three vessels, the opportunity was taken at this time to visit the Irrigation & I (Irrigation) Department of the Government of East Pakistan, Dacca and the officials of this department kindly granted the undersigned an immediate interview.

The question of the classification of these vessel's was discussed at length and it would appear that the Government's policy is not to maintain these vessels in Class, the reasons being that they would not be insured and that they should be registered under the Inland Steam Vessel's Act and

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before surveyed by the Government of Pakistan Surveyors.

The benefit of having the Society's Survey was pointed out but although this was appreciated the Officials were not seem inclined towards having the surveys duplicated.

However, this question will be discussed within the Department and we will be informed of their decision in due course.

It was also learned at this time that the service of these vessels would be confined to "River Service in Pakistan", and that as the rivers are fresh, there was a possibility of the vessels being drydocked for at least 2 years.



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