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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING

UNITED WITH THE BRITISH CORPORATION REGISTER

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3

11th January, 1952.

Ref: ADMIN.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of the 28th December, bringing to our notice the recent developments which have taken place in the case of the "Aliwal" ex "Hoeveld". We note that there is a likelihood of your receiving a subpoena requiring you to act as a witness on behalf of the Railways and Harbours Administration and to testify as to the ship's condition from the knowledge derived from your recent survey. You will, of course, if called upon, confine your evidence to statements of fact within your knowledge and avoid any expression of opinion. In any case, it would be well for you to seek legal advice.

In view of the readiness of the Registro Italiano non-exclusive Surveyor to issue a certificate to take the vessel on to Cape Town despite the condition of the vessel and the opinion of other Surveyors, we have sent a memorandum of the facts to Mr. Mavor, the Society's newly appointed Principal Surveyor for Italy, asking him to draw the attention of Dr. Colda of the Registro Italiano, to the case and to ask for his comments. A copy of this memorandum was sent to you two days ago when you were advised of the forthcoming visits of Mr. Trott and Mr. Stewart to South Africa.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Executive.

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