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REF. ADMIN.

Cato House,
340, Smith Street,

ATTENTION : W.J. FERGUSON, ESQ. DURBAN, 26th November, 1952.

Dear Sir,

S.S. "ALI WAL".

As you are aware, there has been considerable correspondence between this office and London, regarding this vessel's classification.

After various repairs had been carried out here under the supervision of the Union Government Surveyor of Ships, the vessel was permitted to proceed to Cape Town, there to undergo a full classification survey for Registro Italiano. However, I heard recently that the Owners of this vessel, Messrs. Van Riebeeck Lines (Pty) Ltd., had been appointed agents for Germanischer Lloyd, and that the vessel would be classed with this Society. I also heard that the Germanischer Lloyd Surveyor would be a Mr. Tennison, who has acted as a Superintendent or consultant to the Van Riebeeck Lines.

I instructed Mr. van Lare to make tactful enquiries in Cape Town, and to inform me of the position, and I have received his reply today. He informs me that it is quite true that the vessel is to be classed with Germanischer Lloyd, and that extensive repairs are now in hand. It is apparently also true, that Mr. Tennison is acting as G.L. Surveyor, but Mr. van Lare cannot say whether this gentleman still has any connection with the Van Riebeeck Lines. Mr. van Lare adds that the bottom is being largely renewed, and that he has heard that this Mr. Tennison is carrying out a very rigid and thorough survey. I felt you would be interested to have this information.

In conclusion, I would add, that our account dated 3rd September, 1951 for the survey carried out in Durban, has not yet been paid, in spite of numerous applications for payment.

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,
LONDON.

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