



Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

Cato House,
340, Smith Street,

BY AIR MAIL.

DURBAN, 2nd May, 1951.

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7 MAY 1951

And.....

Dear Sir,

s.s. "HOEVELD".

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from the Owners of the above vessel, addressed to the Cape Town Office, in reply to their query respecting what arrangements were proposed for the carrying out of the Periodical Special Survey due 6,51.

Mr. van Lare and myself have had several opportunities of examining this vessel during the past 18 months as you will be aware from our reports, and we have carefully considered the Owners request for postponement of this survey. As a result of our consideration we must recommend to the Committee that this vessel should be submitted for Special Survey on the due date, (6,51).

With reference to the third paragraph of the enclosed letter, regarding lack of plates. There is a shortage of steel in this country, but I have never yet heard of a contract of this magnitude being refused for this reason, and I am of the opinion that this cannot be considered a just reason for postponement.

Yours faithfully,

P. V. Baeyens

Secretary,
LONDON.



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