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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING,

Cato House,
340 Smith Street,
DURBAN : Natal,
South Africa.

24th October, 1953.

The Secretary,
London.

Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter (Classen(S)) of the 30th ultimo regarding the proposal of the National Trawling and Fishing Co., Ltd., of Cape Town, to withdraw their trawlers from class.

Upon receipt of your letter, I instructed Mr. van Lare, the Society's Surveyor in Cape Town, to personally call upon this Company. I now have Mr. van Lare's reply in which he informs me that the Directors state that they have withdrawn their vessels due to the fact that they have a Superintendent of their own and they feel that classification is unnecessary. They again expressed their appreciation of the services rendered by the Society in the past.

I feel it may be accepted that they do not intend to alter their decision, and in the circumstances I have addressed a letter to the Owners in accordance with your instructions.

With regard to the survey of the "BLONVLEI", Mr. van Lare's report will be forwarded by surface mail in the usual manner. Mr. van Lare assures me that this survey had no bearing on the question of withdrawal from class.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) P.F. BALFOUR.



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