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Dear Sir,

Steam Tug "EMPIRE ACE"

Built in 1942 by Messrs. Cochrane & Sons Ltd.

Yard No. 1255

The above tug was classed by this Society in January 1943 #100 AI for towing services and Load Line Certificates were issued on the 17th December 1942 valid until the 17th December 1947.

In reply to enquiry regarding the first Annual Load Line Survey, the Ministry of War Transport wrote that the tug was then on service that did not necessitate compliance with Load Line Regulations and in April 1944 the Ministry advised that this tug had been lost by enemy action. Her particulars were therefore removed from the Society's Register Book.

According to information that has now been received from the Society's Surveyors at Leith, however, it would seem that the tug was subsequently salvaged and is now being operated by the Admiralty under the name "DILIGENT"; it is understood that it is intended to re-name the tug "EMPIRE ACE" and the Admiralty Officials at Rosyth have stated that a Load Line Certificate is now required.

For the issue of a Load Line Certificate by this Society, the tug will require to be examined in drydock and a Survey equivalent to the Special Survey of the hull and structure appropriate to the vessel's age carried out. The Freeboard items would also require to be examined.



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On satisfactory completion of such a Survey, a Load Line Certificate valid for four years could be issued, the vessel being unclassified.

Should it be desired to re-class the tug with this Society, Load Line Certificates valid for five years could be issued on satisfactory completion of the appropriate Classification surveys of the hull and machinery.

It would therefore be appreciated if you would kindly let me know your intentions regarding the issue of a Load Line Certificate to this tug and her re-classification in the Society's Register Book.

Yours faithfully,

c.c. sent Leith

pro Secretary

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