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71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

12th April, 1939.

Dear Sirs,

Messrs. Harland & Wolff's Yard Nos.1016/17.

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I duly received your letter of the 1st instant relating to a proposal to reduce the diameter of the hold sounding pipes to Nos.4 and 5 insulated holds of the above vessels from $2\frac{1}{2}$ " to 2" in order that they may be used as thermometer tubes.

Your remarks have been noted, and with regard thereto I have to say that the interview with Mr. E.A. Thompson, Senior Superintendent to The Blue Star Line, Ltd., took place some years ago and dealt only with the size of thermometer tubes.

It is understood, as the result of an enquiry from Mr. Thompson, that in the case of the above vessels the ordinary thermometer tubes of 2" bore, which will be used for sounding the top of the insulation, will be straight pipes, and that in his experience pipes insulated from the deck as proposed do not freeze up. Further, in the holds in question drainage is effected by scuppers, there being no bilge wells or bilges, so that sounding pipes to

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Yard Nos. 1016/7.

spaces below the insulation are not required.

In the circumstances, no exception will be taken to the proposal but it is considered that a plan of the deck fittings in way of the combined thermometer and sounding tubes should be submitted, together with a plan showing the number and position of the tubes.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

The Surveyors,

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