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EXCHANGE BUILDINGS,

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28th May, 1946.

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The Surveyors,
Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
LONDON E.C.3.

Dear Sirs;

S. S. "HOPESTAR"

We act as Superintendent Engineers to the Owners of the above vessel, Messrs. The Wallsend Shipping Co., Ltd., which is at present discharging a cargo of grain at Millwall Dock, London.

We understand that on a recent passage to Canada considerable damage was sustained during heavy weather by the deep tank. Damage was surveyed both at Halifax and Montreal by your surveyors where temporary repairs were effected and an interim certificate issued by your surveyor to enable the vessel to continue trading in the meantime.

As, however, the certificate, which we have now sighted, is issued subject to the deep tank not being used for the carriage of water the activities of the vessel are severely restricted. The Owners have on order a third main boiler for this vessel which is expected to be ready for fitting about October when the vessel will be taken out of service for some two or three months.

In the meantime the vessel is likely to be engaged in the North-Atlantic grain trade, when it is very desirable that the ballasting value of the deep tank should be available. We propose, therefore, to call a survey on this vessel on completion of discharge at Millwall Dock with a view to ascertaining what further temporary repairs would be required to enable the deep tank to be used for ballast in this damaged condition.

Our Mr. Wilson expects to be travelling South on Thursday night to be at the ship on Friday, when the Owners anticipate the bulk of the cargo will have been discharged.

Messrs. J. Russell & Co. Ltd. are carrying out the Owners' voyage repairs on the ship and their Mr. Lund will be pleased to keep you posted as to the actual time when the vessel will be ready for survey. We shall be glad if you will arrange for your surveyor to be in attendance on Friday morning.

Yours sincerely;

Wilson & Burletson

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Amend S.R.L.

No amendment in R.B.

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