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9th September, 1918.

Dear Sirs,

I am in receipt of your letter acknowledging my cable of the 5th July last regarding the S.S. "PORT DARWIN" and the amended freeboard assignment consequent upon the re-opening of the scuppers through the sides, and in reply thereto I have to point out that the freeboard certificate shows a difference of 1 ft. 4 ins. between the summer freeboard as a cargo steamer, and the line approved by the Board of Trade as a passenger steamer, and does not indicate the difference between opened and closed scuppers.

At the Owners' request amended freeboards were assigned for the vessel as originally intended before the scuppers were closed, and as communicated in the cable sent to you on the 5th July last.

The amended verification of marking form is awaited.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

The Surveyors,

SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Secretary.

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