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# Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

27th May, 1919.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 22nd instant, respecting the Reinforced Concrete Barges "CRETESTILE" "CRETESHAD" and "CRETESTREAM", P.D. 130, 131 and 132 built by Mr. John ver Mehr at Shoreham, I am directed to inform you that it is considered necessary in cases where it has not been possible to examine the bottom from the outside while building to place the vessel in dry dock for the purpose of examining the bottom prior to issuing the classification certificate; and it is regretted that the proposal to forego the docking of the "CRETESHAD" and "CRETESTREAM" cannot be acceded to.

I may further state that the Society's Surveyors report rust spots are showing on the surface of the concrete in these vessels, obviously as the result of corrosion of the imbedded steel, possibly of loose ends of slab bars and wire; and it is considered that in order to prevent the probability of corrosion developing further, any defective concrete should be removed and replaced by new concrete. It is suggested that it might be advantageous to coat the outer surface - especially that portion below water - with a bitumastic composition.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Secretary

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