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MINISTRY OF SHIPPING,
ST. JAMES'S PARK,
LONDON. S.W.1.

22nd May, 1919.

Sir,

With reference to the granting of certificates to the concrete barges built at Shoreham by Mr. John ver Mehr for the Ministry of Shipping, I beg to point out that there are no drydocks available for these craft at that port, and that only with the greatest difficulty was drydocking accommodation obtained at Southampton for the "CRETESTILE" P.D. 130, the first concrete barge built by the same firm at Shoreham.

I request, therefore, that if possible on the examination of the bottom of the "CRETESTILE" now in drydock at Southampton, you will grant certificates to her sister ships, the "CRETESHAD" p.D.131 and the "CRETESTREAM" P.D.132 already built by Mr. John ver Mehr at Shoreham, observing that these craft are urgently needed.

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