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31st October, 1931.

Dear Sirs,

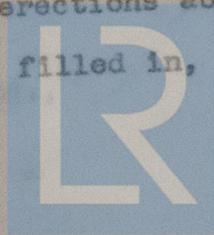
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of yesterday regarding the T.S.S. "AVELONA STAR" as follows, namely:-

- "Considering proposal to convert Avelona Star to cargo vessel filling in wells cutting out erections above promenade deck bulkheads up to present bridge deck height are existing scantlings suitable would tank top suit carriage of oil in 1 2 7 tanks what would be maximum draft appreciate reply by wire and presume other Builders have already submitted this case".

In reply I have pleasure in informing you as follows:-

(1) The scantlings of this vessel were specially dealt with on the basis of a maximum extreme draught of 27'-6", and in approving the plans of midship section and profile the Builders were requested to make the Owners aware of this, and that if at any future time a reduction in the freeboard was desired it would be necessary correspondingly to increase the scantlings. No reduction in freeboard can therefore be permitted on account of the filling in of the wells.

(2) If the whole of the erections above the promenade deck are removed and the wells filled in, the equipment will not be affected.



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(3) Provided the insulation remains in Nos. 1, 2 & 7 holds, and the holes in the centre girder in No. 2 tank be covered up, no exception would be taken to the carriage of oil, flash point above 150° F., in Nos. 1, 2 & 7 double bottom tanks. If the insulation is to be removed from the holds in way of these tanks, it will be necessary for the tank top to be completely covered by ceiling in accordance with the requirements of the Rules.

(4) If the bulkheads are extended to the bridge deck, the scantlings from the tank top to the upper deck will require to be made equivalent to the Rules for the increased height.

If the proposal is to be proceeded with, I shall be glad to receive plans, when the case will be considered in detail.

In the circumstances I have wired you to-day as follows:-

"Avelona Star writing fully today".

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Messrs. Workman Clark (1928) Ltd.,
Belfast Ship Yard,
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