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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

21st April, 1927.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your cablegram yesterday respecting the Steamer "GANDARA" which being read as follows:-

Gandara in dry dock considerable damage sustained through grounding from stem to after bulkhead number one hold one keel A strake B strake C strake and D strake require about twentyfive plates with floors frames in way of same Owners desire permanent repairs no plans available please send any plans or blue prints forward part of vessel to facilitate arrangements Dockyard rebuilding Stop Other damage plating indented under number 2 hold being temporarily repaired for voyage to Calcutta and home Telegraph if sending plans".

In reply thereto I have to inform you that copies plans of midship section and profile of this vessel (No. 219), also a copy of the plan of bulkheads and fore and aft of the sister ship (Yard No. 218) are being prepared. However, these plans are blue prints, photostats will be made, and this will take some two or three days, copies will be forwarded as soon as possible.

At the same time I have to call your attention to that according to the plans solid floors are fitted from frame in the fore hold to frame No. 148, and on the third frame from there aft to the engine and boiler

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space. (See also note on sketch of midship section.)

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of your further cablegram respecting this case, as follows :-

GANDARA No.1 hold frames measurements $10 \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ " Cargo Fleet brand STOP Dockyard stock measurements $9 \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times 9/16$ " Frodingham brand. Will this be accepted for classification certificates STOP Renewal about 15 - 20 feet frames. Telegraph reply.

In reply thereto I have to state that the frames in No.1 hold may be of $9" \times 3\frac{1}{2}" \times .56"$ bulb angles as desired, provided they be reinforced below the lowest deck by reversed angles $4 \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times .40"$, and the material be tested in accordance with the requirements of the Society's Rules.

I have therefore cabled you today as follows :-

GANDARA Copies of approved plans will be forwarded as promptly as possible. Frames No.1 hold approved nine by $3\frac{1}{2}"$ by $.56$ bulb angles provided reinforced below lowest deck by reversed angles $4" \times 3\frac{1}{2}" \times .40$ on alternate frames. Materials must be tested in accordance with the Rules.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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