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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

Copy of letter enclosed.

24th May, 1937.

Dear Sirs,

I duly received your letter of the 15th instant regarding the tanker "HERA", the contents of which have been noted, and in reply have to inform you that the freeboards at present assigned to this ship are the minimum tanker freeboards under the Convention Regulations. An estimate of the minimum tanker freeboards which could be assigned if the Owners'

proposal to lengthen the vessel by 22'6" by the introduction of an additional tank between the present Nos. 8 and 9 tanks has been made, and this corresponds to a summer moulded draught of about 24'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", being 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " less than the present moulded draught.

With regard to the Repairers' enquiry as to the additional equipment which would be required on account of the proposed lengthening, this information was given to the Owners, together with details of the required reinforcement to the structure of the ship, and I enclose a copy of a letter dated the 28th ultimo which was addressed to the Owners on the subject.

In reply to the last paragraph of your letter I have to inform you that although it will be necessary for an examination of the ship to be made to ascertain her present condition and whether there is any material reduction from the original

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"HERA".

scantlings, it will not be necessary for you to do this before replying to the Repairers' letter.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Secretary.

The Surveyors,

NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.



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