

s.s."HUNTRESS". 4997 tons gross. Owners: The Union Government of South Africa.

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This vessel was built in 1914-4 mo., and the Special Survey No.3 was held at Port Natal in July 1926.

In March last the Committee agreed at the Owners' request, to the 2nd s.s.No.1 which will become due in July next, being postponed until December 1930.

In April last the Singapore Surveyor cabled that on account of defects found inside the deep tank, which included the frames, deck beams and shell plating, he had recommended cargo to be discharged and the vessel dry docked and thoroughly examined. He also stated that repairs must be carried out before the vessel proceeded to sea, and that the Owners had agreed.

The Durban Surveyor recently cabled that the Owners requested the postponement of the special survey No.1 until February next in view of the recent repairs effected at Singapore, and approval was given to this proposal.

A letter has now been received from the Singapore Surveyor giving details of the defects found in the deep tank, and states that at the time of writing it appeared it would be necessary to renew 15 frames on each side, also deck beams, web frames, part of the bulkhead plating, and the shell plating would require examination. The fore peak was also examined and certain repairs are required to that compartment.

The Surveyor concludes by stating that the vessel will be given special attention and the general examination made and reported for the information of the Committee.

It is submitted the Singapore Surveyor's report be awaited, and action be deferred in the meantime.