Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

25th April, 1930.

Dear Sirs,

Reverting to your letter of the 29th and my reply of the 31st ultimo respecting your Steamer "BALTABOR", I beg to acquaint you that Mr. J. S. Butler, who at your request proceeded to Tallinn to survey this vessel, reports that upon examination of the Steamer on the Government Pontoon Dock in Tallinn on the 4th instant, he found the flat of bottom from stem to stern and from bilge to bilge badly indented, and the plating fractured in about twenty places, the lower stem bent, the stern frame broken, the propeller post of the same set over to port, the rudder missing, the propeller damaged, the tank top plating in No. 3 hold set up, the passenger, officers and crew's accommodation completely wrecked, all hatch covers missing, three lifeboats missing and numerous deck fittings, etc. badly damaged or missing.

He adds that on account of the mud, sand and debris in the tanks, holds, engine and boiler spaces and peaks, it was very difficult to make a thorough examination of the damage, and in some parts of the double bottom tanks the repairs required to the framing had to be approximated, but I may say that a damage report is being prepared and will

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be forwarded to you in due course.

Mr. Butler states that he left Tallinn on the 16th instant, as it was understood you were conferring with the Underwriters regarding permanent repairs or the disposal of the vessel and that no decision was likely to be reached for some time, but he adds that before leaving recommendations for temporary repairs were made to enable the vessel to float off the Pontoon Dock, and these are now being carried out under the supervision of Mr. Gerretz, the Society's Surveyor, and Mr. Burls.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Messrs. The United Baltic Corporation Ltd.,

158, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

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