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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

31st May, 1932.

Dear Sirs,

I duly received your letter of the 27th instant respecting the starboard screwshaft of the Steamer "SIDI FERRUCH", and note your remarks.

With regard thereto, I have to inform you that the question of effecting repairs on screw or other shafts by means of electric welding has been carefully considered from time to time, and as a result of experience and careful inquiry, approval could not be given to the Owners' proposal to build up the corroded surface at the fore end of the cone of this shaft.

It is however suggested that as the screwshaft is  $\frac{1}{2}$ " larger than the Rule diameter, the cone might be machined sufficiently to clean the corroded portion. If this were done and it were found that there would not be sufficient clearance between the propeller boss and the stern tube, a short distance piece or pad might be inserted between the after couplings.

I have to add that a part of the after end of the liner should be cut away in order to ascertain that there is no corrosion of the shaft under the end of the liner.

Yours faithfully,  
The Surveyors,