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Enclosures

1st March, 1955.

Dear Sirs,

In 1952 this Society held re-classification surveys at Kiel on the 4 mast barques "Pamir" and "Passat". As a result of these extensive surveys, classification in Lloyd's Register was granted to each ship but, unfortunately, much difficulty has been experienced in our endeavours to collect the fees for these services.

At the outset promises were made which were not kept. When Mr. F.C.J. Busch of Abteistrasse 33, Hamburg, was appointed by the Court of Hamburg to safeguard the interests of all creditors of Heinz Schliewen, we made the following comments in a letter written to him on 21st July, 1953 :-

"Section 24 of the General Rules and Regulations of Lloyd's Register of Shipping reads :-

'The class of a ship is liable to be withheld, or, if already granted, may be withdrawn or expunged from the Register Book in the case of non-payment of any fees or expenses chargeable on account of such ship'.

The "Pamir" and "Passat" obviously have a greater saleable value if they hold this Society's classification, and it is thus very much to the advantage of the general body of creditors that classification should be maintained by the payment of this Society's fees."

At a later date Mr. Busch asked us to join with other creditors in accepting a proposal for settlement on the promise of payment within twelve months of 35% of our claim, coupled with the waiving of the balance of 65%. Under some pressure we acquiesced in this arrangement and naturally expected payment within the promised period of twelve months.



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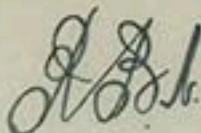
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Again we have been disappointed and now - over two years after the re-classification was granted - we are faced with the problem that no payment has been made for the work done. The sum properly due is DM.4,990, but having once agreed to accept 35% thereof, namely, DM.1,746.50, we feel somewhat diffident about pressing the full claim.

Recently a relatively small survey of the "Pamir" was held at Hamburg, the charges for which we are advised will be met by your Agent, Messrs. Zersson & Co. But we feel it illogical to continue to class these vessels with the main survey fees unpaid, and the purpose of this letter is to ask that you, as Owners benefitting from Lloyd's Register class, should meet at least the 35% charge which, on the strength of false hopes, we unfortunately agreed to accept eighteen months ago. To this end I enclose accounts for each ship showing the reduction in the standard charge by 65%. These I trust you will settle and thus avoid a possible reference to the Classing Committee of this Society who, as you will appreciate, have power to deal with the classes of these vessels under the Section referred to above. Payment should be made to the Rheinisch-Westfälische Bank at Düsseldorf for the account of Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

It is thought well to add that at present the class of each vessel is qualified by a notation of "Laid up - Surveys overdue", and to entitle full class to be reinstated, not only will the outstanding fees required to be paid, but a Docking Survey and Modified Survey of Oil Engines should be held in each instance.

Yours faithfully,



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