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Dear Sirs,

Motorship "LISBETH M"

Reverting to my letter of the 10th February last, the Society's Rotterdam Surveyors have now forwarded a copy of a report prepared by the battery manufacturers, Messrs. DEAC, together with a report of the discussion which took place at the Offices of Messrs. A. de Hoop, Rotterdam on the 26th ultimo.

The battery manufacturers' report contains a recommendation to pass the intake pipe for the ventilation of the battery into the hold below the battery container. It is considered in this Office, however, that on no account should this be permitted, and the Rotterdam Surveyors have therefore been instructed to inform DEAC and Messrs. A. de Hoop accordingly.

In the event of the mechanical ventilation failing and any further explosion occurring thereby it would be communicated to the cargo hold with serious consequences. Furthermore, even if an explosion does not occur in the battery container a stoppage of ventilation might result in an explosive gas mixture being communicated to the hold where it might be exploded during loading or discharging of cargo.

It is understood from the Rotterdam Surveyors that the battery has now been returned to you after repair, and I shall therefore be glad if you will kindly advise me as soon as it has been decided at which port the battery will be installed in order



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that arrangements can be made for an Electrical  
Engineer Surveyor to survey the replacements.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Clerk to the  
Classification Committee.

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