

m.s. "LISBETH M"

IT IS SUBMITTED the Rotterdam Surveyors be thanked for the very comprehensive report of the battery explosion in the above vessel.

It is noted, however, that in item 6 the report of DEAC contains a recommendation to pass the intake pipe for the ventilation of the battery into the hold below the battery container. On no account should this be permitted and DEAC and Messrs. A. de Hoop should be informed accordingly.

A [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 SUBMITTED the Owner be similarly informed.

IT IS FURTHER SUBMITTED ^{the Owner be informed} it is understood from reports received from the Rotterdam Surveyors that the battery has now been repaired and returned to them and they should be requested to inform this Office as soon as it has been decided at which part the battery will be installed. When this information is received arrangements should be made for an Electrical Engineer Surveyor to survey the replacements and he should be furnished with a copy of the reports referred to above.

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