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Dear Sirs,

Steamer "GALAXIAS".

The case of the above named ship promoted considerable discussion at the Committee meeting here today, and the Committee will be most interested to learn of future developments.

One point of particular import was the statement in your cablegram of the 14th instant that an examination of the bottom was not possible due to heavy fouling by marine growth. This is a matter, I am sure you will appreciate, which should normally be taken into consideration before issuing a Towage Certificate, for if the craft is sufficiently fouled to make it impracticable to be towed at, say, 4 or 5 knots, there is not sufficient way to maintain steerage.

The Committee feel that in the present instance, this is a matter outside our province but that some disclaimer on the subject should appear in the certificate, hence the suggested wording as follows:-

"So far as the structural efficiency is concerned, the ship is fit to be towed (with class suspended). The extent of marine growth on the ship's bottom could, however, render towage impracticable".

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The Committee are confident that such a reliable firm as Messrs. Wijsmuller will not undertake this project unless the Master of their tug is quite satisfied.

In all the circumstances, we shall welcome your writing fully for the information of the Committee as to the outcome of your survey.

Yours faithfully,

Classification Manager.

The Surveyors,
VISAKHAPATNAM



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