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BY AIR MAIL.

22nd January, 1947.

Dear Sir,

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S. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant from which it is noted that the Hopper Barge "ANDROMEDE (II)" has been salvaged and that the Owners are considering repairing the existing engine.

Your remarks regarding this proposal together with the enclosed photographs are noted with interest, but with regard thereto, I think it well to inform you as follows:-

1. That the Owners should be strongly advised to replace the damaged engine completely by new or approved second-hand engine.
2. In the event of the suggested repairs to the existing engine being decided upon, the repair at the outset can only be considered as an emergency repair, which will require to be kept under observation by frequent examinations until it is proved reliable.

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3. It is suggested that until the welding has proved itself, strongbacks should be fitted over the cylinder tops, or mild steel reinforcements, where considered necessary.
4. The strongbacks be removed and the condition against the class reviewed in accordance with the results of examinations.

This information will be conveyed to M. Guy Ossude should he call in to this Office regarding the matter.

Yours faithfully,

*Copy handed
Down 23/1/42*

Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

D.A. MacFarlane, Esq.,
MARSEILLES.

P.S.

A separate reply regarding the Dredger "CENTAURE" being despatched to you by surface mail.

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