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"PORT WAIKATO"

20th April, 1959.

Dear Sirs,

S.S. "WONIORA"

I acknowledge your letter of the 14th instant and in reply would inform you that the Committee's decision on the 10th April to expunge class was taken in the light of the knowledge that the vessel had left Australia, although it is true she later returned to Melbourne.

In Lloyd's List on the 28th March it was stated that the Panamanian tug "INGLIS" left Wellington on February 12th towing the motorship "PORT WAIKATO", and left Melbourne on March 25th towing the "PORT WAIKATO" as well as the "WONIORA".

It is therefore obvious that the "WONIORA" left Australia without any application from the new owners for permission to postpone the Special Survey, and as the year of grace expired last March the Committee decided to expunge class.

This decision should therefore be conveyed to the Owners at once so that they may be aware of the fact that when the ship again leaves Australia it must be as a disclassed vessel.

As regards the "PORT WAIKATO" the Special Survey fell due only last December and the Committee have already agreed to the ship proceeding to Hong Kong where the overdue survey is to be held. The Committee have decided to stand by this decision for the present but it must be appreciated that they will not be able to agree to the survey being left over for a long time without a general examination being held in Australia. They have therefore given instructions for the vessel's movements to be watched and for the case to be brought before them again if the ship has not left Australia by the end of May.

Yours faithfully,

The Surveyors,
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