

TRANSLATION

S.A. John Cockerill

HOBOKEN, 29th October 1937

Dear Sirs,

We have the pleasure to inform you that the Cie. Maritime Belge intend to have a new motor vessel built by us, with accomodation for 400 passengers, having a deadweight of 7000 tons, for service to the Belgian Congo.

When we receive the order, this vessel will be classed with your Society and will have the following characteristics:-

A. Type; Vessel with 6 decks, three of which continuous

B. Principal Dimensions

Length between perpendiculars	502 '
Length at waterline	523 '
Overall width	67' .6
Depth at C Deck	45' .6
" " D "	37' .4
" " E "	28' .9
Draft when loaded	25' .7

C. Engines

2 Diesel Motors 2 cycle, double acting, reversible, mechanical injection, Burmeister & Wain type, to be built at our works at Seraing. Normal power of each motor at 135 revolutions per minute = 5820 B.H.P.

D Speed - In service 17 knots

On Trials 18 knots

E Class contemplated * 100A1 with freeboard

A minimum amount of time having been granted us for the construction of the vessel, we wish to order the necessary material immediately after the signing of the contract. Consequently we will be greatly obliged if you will examine the plans now, copies in triplicate of which are enclosed herewith; viz:-

No. 92548 - $\frac{1}{2}$ Midship section

No. 92549 - $\frac{1}{2}$ section at engine room

Thanking you in anticipation,

We are, Dear Sirs,

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