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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

23rd November, 1938.

Dear Sirs,

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I have to draw your attention to the length of the unsupported span of the bottom longitudinals in way of the pump room in the case of Messrs. Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson Ltd.'s Nos. 1561/3. This span, with horizontal gusset end connections, is 12 ft. as compared with 10'-1" elsewhere. No particulars appear to have been submitted to this Office in regard to the compensation which is proposed in way of this increased span, and for your information I think it well to state that, in the sister vessels building by Messrs. Nederlandsche Scheepsbouw Maats., Yard Nos. 272/3, reverse bars $3\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2} \times .44$ are being fitted to each bottom longitudinal with the end connection suitably increased. I shall there be glad if you will report what reinforcement is being arranged in the case of Nos. 1561/3 vessels.

The necessary compensation to the deck longitudinals in way of the 12 ft. unsupported span could be provided by increasing the fore and aft dimensions of the vertical end brackets.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

The Surveyors,

NEWCASTLE/TYNE.

Secretary.

