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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

7th July, 1938.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to your letters of the 17th June and yesterday's date respecting the Steamer "THODE FAGELUND", I shall be glad if you will kindly inform the Owner that the question raised by him as regards this vessel and also the "CBBANO", "TROUBADOUR" and "TUGELA" has been very carefully considered; but in view of the Society's experience of serious defects in the hollow couplings and thrust shafts of machinery of this description it is considered that the time has not yet arrived when the connection of the hollow shaft to the main shaft can be considered to be a permanent one and the Society's existing Rules waived.

In this connection, it may be added that since the introduction of the Bauer Wach L.P. turbine and reduction gear there have been no less than sixteen cases of serious defects in the cones of thrust shafts and/or hollow couplings which have come to light in classed vessels, and as the matter affects the main shafting, it is one of prime importance.

The Surveyors,

I am, Dear Sirs,
Yours faithfully,

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