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Re: MFV Mary Kate – WD30

To whom it may concern,

I am a Marine Surveyor based in Cork, Ireland, providing consulting advice & survey services throughout Ireland and abroad for Irish clients. My Major qualifications are Class 1 Marine Engineer and a Masters Degree in Business Administration. I am Managing Director of Promara Ltd providing Condition Surveys, Valuations and Accident Investigation of all vessel types for Owners, Underwriters, Banks and State bodies. I advise vessel Owners, Banks and Underwriters in relation to operation, licensing and certification of vessels in Ireland.

I can confirm that it is common industry practice to accept, at face value, Flag State and/or Classification Society endorsement of documents such as a stability book. The enclosed cover of the Stability Book for MFV Mary Kate (then "Maarten Senior") appears to be endorsed by the vessel's Classification Society and by the German State's Competent Authority. If I had attended aboard to carry out a pre-purchase survey I would have accepted these endorsements as confirmation that the vessel was compliant with the Stability Criteria set out in the Stability Book. I would see no reason to doubt the accuracy or integrity of the information contained therein.

Regards



Noel O'Regan

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Bergen, March 1st 2013

On a general basis, we would say that when buying a vessel abroad, it is reasonable to assume that valid, official documents are correct and in accordance with the rules and regulations in the country where the vessel is registered.

Best regards

Kjell Tvedt

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26th March, 2013.

Mr. C. J. Gaffney,
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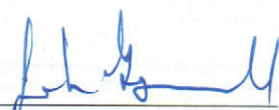
Re: Lengthening of M.F.V. "Mary Kate".

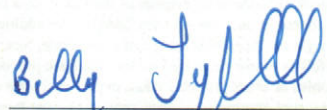
Dear C.J.,

This is to confirm that we were involved from the outset with the investigation works when the "Mary Kate" failed to comply on her stability requirements approximately four years ago. Every section of the vessel was inspected including bilges, tank spaces, fore peak, aft peak, fish hold, net store, engine room, deck house, wheelhouse, etc. Despite these exhaustive searches we were unable to locate any of the additional weight of approximately 20 tonnes.

The Owner after taking advice from several naval architects as to the best solution to get "Mary Kate" to pass her stability criteria, were all agreed lengthening was the only solution. Our company sent all stability data to Ian Paton a renowned naval architect/ship designer for analysis and he said that the vessel at the minimum would have to be lengthened by 5 metres, but his recommendation was for 5.85 metres. Our company after strong international quotes won the contract to lengthen the vessel by 5.85 metres which was approved and overseen by the Irish Marine Survey Office. During this process we found the construction of the vessel to be exactly as shown on the original construction drawings and no additional weight that could account for the 20 tonnes gained since new building in 1992 was detected.

Yours sincerely,
for and on behalf of
Arklow Marine Services.


John Tyrrell,
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12 March 2013

To: Christopher Gaffney
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Ref: Fishing Vessel Mary Kate

Dear Mr Gaffney,

In my experience it is normal to accept a stability book of any vessel that has been stamped by either the Flag State or Recognised Organisation, such as a Classification Society.

The Stability Book of FV Mary Kate, formerly Maarten Senior, appears to have been reviewed and stamped by Germanischer Lloyd, I would therefore have no reason to question the accuracy of the information contained therein.

Yours sincerely,



David Elliott
Marine Superintendent
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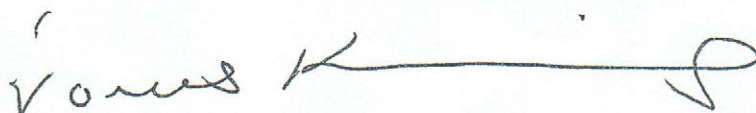
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Dear James ,

Further to our telephone conversation please note that in our opinion and according to our experience it is quite normal practice to accept a stability book of a vessel that is officially stamped by the appropriate classification society and which is onboard the vessel at time of delivery .

Yours sincerely



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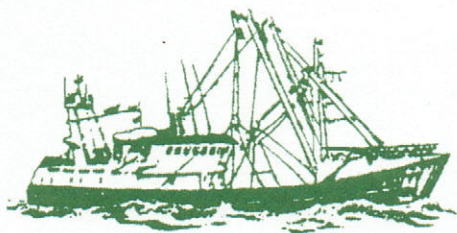
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9th April, 2013

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We, the O'Flaherty family, have purchased in the region of twenty beam trawlers from Germany and Holland over the years. Before, and indeed since the purchase of the "Mary Kate", we have never stability tested any of our vessels before we bought them and relied on the fact that they were registered and fishing in Holland and/or Germany and that they had Stability Books approved by their Flag States and or Classification Society and had long fishing service records.

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