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S. of S. No. 71

SUBJECT.

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27th August

Previous Paper.

NORGE WHALING COMPANY

Transfer of to Messrs Lever Bros.

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To

for approval to the Board

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Subsequent Paper.

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To write

M.H.B.
Di' C/Sec

20 Oct 1923

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted and returned please.

J. Hamilton

Magistrate

Shetland

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S of S despatch No 83 of 10th Oct 1923 — Encl (2)

Y.E.

Submitted

M.H.B.

Di' C/Sec

13 Nov 1923

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S of S despatch No 96 of 31st Oct 1923 — Encl (3)

Letter from Chr. Nielsen of 16th Oct 1923 — " (3a)

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Submitted

M.H.B.

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Downing Street,

24 August, 1923.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th of August, and to transmit to you for your information a copy of a letter which was addressed to the Southern Whaling and Sealing Company on the 26th of July last, from which you will see that no objection will be raised to the proposed transfer of the whaling facilities of the Norge Company of the South Shetlands to an Associated Company of Messrs Lever Brothers Limited, to be formed in England.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) G. GRINDLE

MESSES Chr. NIELSEN AND COMPANY.

THE SOUTHERN WHALING & SEALING COMPANY LIMITED

118, Exchange Buildings

Liverpool.

24th July, 1923.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office
Downing Street,
London, S.W.1.

Sir:-

HVALFANGERSSELSKAPET "NORGE" A/S

We have the honour to inform you that we have been discussing with the Principals the possibilities of purchasing the assets of the above Company.

You, of course, know that the Norge Company carries out whaling operations in Shetlands Waters with the Floating Factory s.s. "Solstreif" and three Whale Catchers ("Eik", "Bok" and "Commonwealth").

Before, however, getting down to definite business with these people, we consider it advisable to consult you as to whether you would be agreeable to the transfer of the Whaling License from the Norge Company to a Company which we would form in England as an Associated Company of Messrs Lever Brothers Limited.

This matter was put before your Mr. Allen verbally yesterday morning by the undersigned, and Mr. Allen very kindly promised to do all within his power to advise us of your decision by Friday afternoon, the 27th instant, as the writer is proceeding to Norway on Saturday, and, if your decision is favourable, he wishes to commence further negotiations immediately on his arrival in Norway.

We have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

THE SOUTHERN WHALING & SEALING COMPANY LTD.

(Sgd.) N. CHARLES WATT.

Managing Director.

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Downing Street,

26th July, 1923

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Duke of Devonshire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th July, and to inform you that in the event of your acquiring the assets of the Norge Whaling Company, His Grace will raise no objection to the transfer of the whaling facilities of that Company at the South Shetlands to a Company to be formed by you in England as an Associated Company of Messrs Lever Brothers Limited.

2. I am, however, to remind you that the licence hitherto held by the Norge Company, like all other licences for the South Shetlands, is an annual licence for which application must be made each season, and carries with it no right to renewal: though there is at the present time no intention of altering the existing policy under which such licences have been renewed from year to year.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd.) H.J.READ.

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

THE SOUTHERN WHALING AND SEALING COMPANY LTD.

COPY

CHR. NIELSEN & COMPANY, A/S

LARVIK, 13th August, 1923.
Norway.

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
London.

Dear Sir,

Norge Whaling Co.

I have the honour to enquire whether you will be agreeable to the transfer of the Licence to carry out whaling operations in the waters of the South Shetlands, held by this Company being transferred to an Associated Company of Messrs Lever Bros. Ltd., Port Sunlight, Cheshire, which is to immediately formed in England.

I have, etc.,

(Sgd.) ROLF NIELSEN.

Managing Director
Chr. Nielsen & Co. A/S

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Reference to previous correspondence:-

Secretary of State's Despatch No.....71. of the
~~Government~~ 27th August 1923.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 83

DOWNING STREET,

..10th October.....19....23

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the papers noted below on the subject of the disposal of the assets of the Whaling Company Norge Ltd. Larvik.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
 THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FALKLANDS ISLANDS.

DEVONSHIRE

Date.	Description.
1923	
4th September	From Messrs Chr Nielsen & Coy.
1st October	From the Department of Overseas Trade (with enclosures.)

Copy.

Chr. Nielsen & Co.

Larvik,

4th September, 1923.

41031/1923.

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
London.

Dear Sir,

Norge Whaling Company.

We are in receipt of your esteemed favour of 24th ultimo re the proposed transfer of the whaling facilities of the above named Company and note that no objection will be raised to such transfer. However we beg to inform you that the matter is not yet definitely decided and we shall later on inform you whether the transfer will be actual or not.

The licence will in the meantime be carried on by the Norge Whaling Co.

Yours faithfully,

CHR. NIELSEN & CO.

(Sgd) Rolf Nielsen.

Copy.

D.C.T./7925/FR.

The Comptroller-General of the Department of Overseas Trade presents his compliments to The Secretary, Colonial Office and transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned paper for his information and retention.

Department of Overseas Trade,
73, Basinghall Street,
E. C. 2.

1st October, 1923.

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date

Subject.

The Commercial Secretary,
Christiania.
20th September, 1923.

Re disposal of part of
assets of the Whaling
Co. Norge Ltd., Larvik.

Copy also sent to:- Admiralty.

Copy.

British Legation,
Christiania.

Overseas Trade "B"
No. 260.

20th September, 1923.

My Lord,

With reference to Mr. Paus' despatch No. 223 Overseas Trade "B" of the 13th August, I have the honour to report that, according to the "Norges Handels-og Sjøfartstidende" of the 30th August, an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Hvalfangerselskapet Norge A/S took place on that day for the purpose of considering an offer to purchase the licences and ships of the Company.

The necessary majority, which must form two-thirds of the total number of shares was not reached in favour of the sale. A new general meeting is to be held with a view to obtaining a competent majority in favour of dissolution, but it is stated in the report in question that it is practically certain that this majority will not be reached, wherefore the Company will doubtless continue its activities from Larvik.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(For the Commercial Secretary).

His Majesty's Principal Secretary
of State for Foreign Affairs,

Department of Overseas Trade,

LONDON.

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Reference to previous correspondence:-

Secretary of State's Despatch No....85.. of the
~~Governor's~~

10th October...19...23.



FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No.....96.....

DOWNING STREET,

.....31st October, 19...23.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the papers noted below on the subject of the whaling facilities of the Norge Whaling Company.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FALKLANDS ISLANDS.

DEVONSHIRE.

Date.	Description.
1923	
16th October	From Messrs. Chr. Nielsen and Company.

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CHR. NIELSEN & Co. A/S

Larvik, Norway.



16th October, 1923.

41031/1923

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street,
London

Dear Sir,

Norge Whaling Co.

Referring to our respect of the 4th
September re the proposed transfer of the whaling
facilities of the above named Company we hereby beg
to state that the transfer will not be effected.

Yours etc.,

(Sgd.) CHR. NIELSEN & CO. A/S

ROLF NIELSEN.