



To Owners and operators of
MAN-B&W **Holeby** Four-Stroke Diesel Engines,
Types: "23", "26", "28".

SERVICE LETTER

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Subject: **Reconditioning** of Connecting Rods

Dear Sirs

From experience we have learned that some repair shops and maintenance companies, without any real basis to do so, claim that they are competent and able to carry out reconditioning work of connecting rods for the above-mentioned engine design and engine types.

As regards safety in general and based on the fact that the connecting rod is one of the most vital components for the safety of the engine crew and the engine itself, the connecting rod should always be treated accordingly.

To avoid unnecessary risks of severe accidents or/and damages, please consider the following facts:

The requirements and rules of the different international classification societies, valid and in force and to be followed during the process of reconditioning of a connecting rod, are exactly the same requirements and rules as for the production process of a brand new connecting rod.

The only approved and acceptable reconditioning process, which simultaneously secures a safe service life of the connecting rod, is when the process is carried out at the same production facilities, when the proper know-how is available and when the manpower skills in the continuous manufacturing of new connecting rods, as well as spares, is a pre-condition.

For the sake of good order we will take the liberty to mention that an original MAN B&W **Holeby** Diesel A/S reconditioning of a connecting rod consists of the following:

Overall inspection after cleaning in search of any defect such as cracks in the serrations etc. by means of fluorescent magnaflux tests.

- If the connecting rod passes the initial test, re-machining will be carried out as described in the preceding paragraph.

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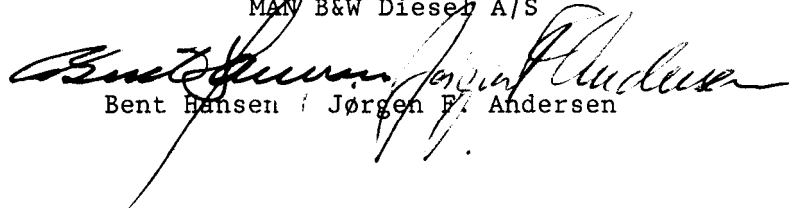
After re-machining the reconditioned connecting rod is equipped with a new bush at the small-end bore and new tightening bolts/screws, after which it is finally inspected and marked with our logo as well as the month and year of re-machining.

In case you have any questions concerning the reconditioning of connecting rods for the above-mentioned type of engines, please do not hesitate to contact our service department:

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