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At this time when the Transportation Safety Board is issuing its final report into the sinking of the MV "Queen of the North" the 4th Officer, Mr. Karl Lilgert, who was a central figure in the tragic incident, wishes to make a statement in his own words.

To everyone that was impacted by the sinking of the Queen of the North.

I regret this tragic accident occurred and its impact on all involved.

I continue to grieve for the missing persons and would with all my heart exchange my life for theirs.

I am sorry for the children of the missing persons and their families.

I am sorry for the passengers who survived, for their trauma and loss.

I am sorry for my shipmates for having to go through this tragic traumatic accident, who did everything they could.

I am sorry for all involved that still to this day are having difficulty because of this traumatic accident.

I am sorry to BC Ferry and Marine Workers' Union for the grief and financial strain this disaster has created. I feel humble and indebted for the unconditional support I have received from them.

I am sorry for BC Ferries for having to deal with this tragedy.

I am sorry for my family and friends that were impacted by this tragic accident. I am grateful for your understanding and support.

I am thankful for the community of Hartley Bay who opened their community and assisted the rescue.

Words are inadequate for the sorrow and grief I feel. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think about everyone that was impacted by this tragic accident. For all of this I am deeply sorry.

Sincerely,

Karl Lilgert

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