

# STATUTORY RULES.

## No. 13 of 1925.

Made under the *Mineral Oil and Coal Ordinances*, 1923.

The *Mineral Oil and Coal Regulations*, 1924 (Statutory Rules No. 1 of 1924), are amended as follows:—

- (1) Regulation 8, Sub-regulation (1) is amended by inserting therein after Paragraph (g) the following new paragraphs:—
  - “(ga) renewals (if any) of the licence;
  - “(gb) exemptions (if any) granted;
  - “(gc) extensions of time (if any) granted.”
- (2) Regulation 13 is amended by inserting therein after the words “licensed surveyor” the words “or qualified surveyor in private practice approved by the Director of Mines.”
- (3) Regulation 15 is amended by adding thereto the following new sub-regulation:—
  - “2. The Director of Mines, instead of using Government surveyors or licensed surveyors to make any survey, may permit or require an applicant for a lease to employ a qualified surveyor in private practice approved by the Director of Mines to make a survey of the land comprised in the application for the lease; and in such case the surveyor’s plan, field notes and necessary data, together with a description showing the land surveyed, shall be lodged by the surveyor with the Director of Mines.”
- (4) After Regulation 18 the following new regulation is inserted:—
  - “18A. (1) The Director of Mines shall notify the applicant when the lease is ready for execution.
  - (2) Each applicant whose application has been granted shall execute the lease, and unless each applicant does so within twenty-one days after notice in the *Papua Government Gazette* that it awaits execution the Lieutenant-Governor may declare it void.
  - (3) The lease shall be delivered to the lessee or to the lessee’s order, or if more than one lessee to their order, or to such one or more of the lessees as the Director of Mines thinks fit.
- (5) Regulation 25 is repealed and the following regulation is inserted in lieu thereof:—
  - “25. (1) A licensee or lessee shall not without the written permission of the Lieutenant-Governor (to be applied for through the Director of Mines) or without good and sufficient cause the proof whereof shall lie upon the licensee or lessee, withdraw from a bore-hole, with the intention of abandoning the bore-hole, any casing or lining tubes which serve the purpose of isolating any water-bearing strata.

(2) Any casing or lining tubes which serve the purpose of isolating any water-bearing strata temporarily withdrawn from the bore-hole in the course of the working, shall be reset in such a manner as to efficiently carry out the purpose for which they were originally set."

(6) Regulation 30 is amended—

(a) by inserting at the commencement of Sub-regulation (1) the words "Wherever practicable";

(b) by inserting at the end of Sub-regulation (1) the following proviso :—  
 "Provided that where it is not practicable to give the prescribed notice by reason of the remoteness of the area in which the bore-hole is located, the licensee or lessee shall send the notice and other prescribed particulars to the Lieutenant-Governor (through the Director of Mines) by the most expeditious means available before commencing to carry out the work."

(7) Regulation 34 is amended by omitting therefrom the words "Ten shillings per acre" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Twenty pounds per square mile or part thereof."

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