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CHAPTER 61:03
MINERALS ACT

An Act to regulate mining and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

* [Assented to 2nd November 2000]

1. This Act may be cited as the Minerals Act.

2. This Act came into operation on 6th November 2000.

PART I
PRELIMINARY

3. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —
   “bond” means a Rehabilitation or Performance Bond;
   “deposit” means a natural concentration of minerals;
   “Director” means the Director of Minerals appointed under section 9(1);
   “environment” means all land, areas beneath the land surface, atmosphere, climate, surface water, ground water, sea, marine and coastal areas, seabed, wetlands and natural resources within the jurisdiction of Trinidad and Tobago;
   “environmentally sensitive area” means an area designated as an environmentally sensitive area under section 41 of the Environmental Management Act;
   “hydrocarbon” means a naturally occurring organic chemical compound of hydrogen and carbon called petroleum;
   “licence” means a licence issued under this Act;
   “marine area” has the same meaning as defined in the Marine Areas (Preservation and Enhancement) Act;
   “mine” includes any place, excavation or working in, on which operations connected with mining is carried on, together with all buildings, premises, erections and appliances belonging

*See section 2 for date of commencement of this Act.
or appertaining thereto, above or below the ground, for the purpose of winning, treating or preparing minerals, obtaining or extracting any mineral or metal by any mode or method;

“mineral” means a naturally occurring substance that can be mined, whether in solid, liquid or gaseous form, in or below the surface of the soil; any ores containing such minerals and any product of such minerals derived by processing and includes peat and salt, but does not include hydrocarbons and water;

“mining” means excavating or quarrying in, on or, below the surface for the purpose of winning or obtaining minerals and includes any operations directly or indirectly necessary for or incidental to mining operations;

“mining zone” means any area designated as such by the Minister under section 8(1)(f);

“Minister” means the Minister to whom the responsibility for mines is assigned;

“occupant” means a legitimate occupant;

“pit-run” means all unprocessed mineral;

“pollution” has the same meaning as defined in the Environmental Management Act;

“private mining rights” means rights to mine that are not public mining rights;

“process” means crush, screen, wash, beneficiate, concentrate or otherwise treat minerals in a preliminary manner by a physical, chemical or other process, but does not include smelting and refining;

“public mining rights” means rights to mine in State Lands;

“regulations” means regulations made under this Act;

“rehabilitation” means to restore to previous condition or to improve on previous condition;

“seabed” means the ocean floor;

“sea sand” means sand on the seabed, shoreline or foreshore;

“stone” means limestone, igneous rock, procellanite, argillite, sand, quartzite, shale and sandstone.
4. This Act shall not apply to any hydrocarbons or petroleum to which the Petroleum Act applies.

5. (1) Public mining rights are hereby vested in the State and are exercisable by the President.

(2) Private mining rights are exercisable by the owner thereof, subject to this Act or any Regulations or Rules and Orders made under this Act or the Regulations as relate thereto.

6. (1) For the purpose of proper implementation, minerals that come under the purview of this Act shall be broadly categorised as Common Minerals and Special Minerals.

(2) Stone, clay, sea sand, gravel, tar sands, asphalt, and raw materials generally used for construction, basic manufacturing and industrial purposes and such other minerals that may be specified by Regulations shall form Common Minerals; and metallic ores, gemstones and other precious and semi-precious stones and such other minerals that may be specified by Regulations shall form Special Minerals.

PART II
ADMINISTRATION

7. (1) Subject to this Act, the Minister shall be responsible for the general administration of this Act.

(2) The Minister may, in relation to any particular matter or class of matters, by writing, delegate to the Director, any other public officer, agency of the Government or the Tobago House of Assembly, any of his powers and functions under this Act.

8. (1) The Minister shall be responsible for—

(a) the formulation of policy with respect to the exploration for, mining, processing and import and export of minerals, and matters incidental thereto;

(b) granting, renewing, revoking or suspending licences for mining, processing, import and export of minerals and other mining related activities;
(c) approving mineral reserve blocks or mining zones for the conduct of processing operations thereon and for any mining related activities;

(d) determining exploration, mining and processing procedures and operational guidelines in relation to minerals;

(e) determining and collecting fees, rents, royalties, and other payments to be charged under the Act and Regulations;

(f) declaring as a specified area, any area in which mining zones are to be established;

(g) establishing mining blocks within any specified area; and

(h) such other things as may be required under the Act.

(2) No licence shall be granted for mining of State Lands without the written consent of the Commissioner of State Lands.

9. (1) Subject to section 7, the Director of Minerals, appointed by the relevant Service Commission, shall be responsible for the implementation of the Act.

(2) The Director may, with the approval of the Minister, delegate his functions and duties to such other officers of the Division as he may deem fit.

10. It shall be the duty of the Director to—

(a) promote and facilitate the effective and efficient management and the development of mineral resources in general and the State mineral resources in particular;

(b) conduct geological and geophysical surveys with a view to locating deposits of mineral resources;

(c) evaluate, collect, compile, analyse and publish data pertaining to the quality and quantity of mineral resources of Trinidad and Tobago with a view to determining their economic potential and use;
Powers of the Director.

(d) prepare reports, maps and other records, provide data and maintain registers in respect of licences and provide data to the public, subject to any confidentiality;

(e) advise licensees on proper and safe mining methods;

(f) advise the operators of mines, in consultation with relevant Ministries, on methods of rehabilitation of lands;

(g) enforce rehabilitation of State Lands affected by mining in consultation with relevant Ministries;

(h) submit proposals to the Committee for the establishment of mineral reserve blocks or mining zones for the proper regulation of mining activities on State and private lands in consultation with Town and Country Planning Department; and

(i) inform the Commissioner of State Lands, every six months during the duration of a licence, of the amount of royalties due on any particular licence for mining on State Lands.

11. Subject to sections 7 and 8, the Director shall have the power to—

(a) oversee exploration, mining, processing and other operations authorised by a licence issued under the Act;

(b) enforce regulations and monitor operations of mining, processing and other mining related activities under the Act, to ensure compliance with the licence and the provision of the Act and Regulations;

(c) regulate the importation, storage, use and disposal of explosives for use in geological and geophysical surveys in consultation with the Ministry of National Security;
(d) conduct annual audits on licensee firms and individuals for the purpose of verifying royalties and other payments and collecting production data;

(e) regulate the winning, transportation, processing, storage and disposal of minerals;

(f) enter into and inspect with the consent of the owner any land, mine or other premises in respect of which a licence has been issued under this Act and carry out such investigations and surveys thereon as may be necessary to ascertain whether the terms and conditions of such licence or any provision of the Act or any Regulation are being complied with;

(g) abate or remove, as the Director may deem appropriate, at the expense of the licensee where applicable as the Director may deem necessary, any condition resulting from the non-compliance by a licensee of any term or condition of his licence or the provisions of the Act or Regulations;

(h) examine and take copies of any relevant books, records and other documents which are required to be maintained by a licensee under any Regulations made under the Act;

(i) to terminate illegal mining and illegal mining related activities on both State and private lands; and

(j) do such other things that may be required or necessary to give effect to the Act and the Regulations.

PART III

LICENCES

12. (1) Subject to this Act, no person shall explore for, mine, process or import or export minerals except under the authority of a licence issued under this Act.
(2) Except where the Minister may in special circumstances permit, no licence shall be granted to any person to operate a mine or to mine within a specified area unless such mine or mining is located within a mining zone.

13. No licence to explore for, mine, process, import or export any mineral shall be issued to—

(a) a person under the age of eighteen years;

(b) a person who is declared a bankrupt;

(c) any person who does not possess the financial capacity and technical qualifications necessary, in the opinion of the Director, to conduct the activities in respect of which the licence has been applied for;

(d) any person who has failed to pay the prescribed fee for the issue of the licence;

(e) any person who has failed to pay royalties due to the State; or

(f) a non-national of Trinidad and Tobago or a company, firm or partnership where the shareholding by a national is less than fifty per cent.

14. (1) No licence shall be issued to any person to explore for, mine or process any minerals upon—

(a) any burial ground or cemetery without the approval of the Minister to whom the responsibility for Local Government is assigned;

(b) any land within such distance of a highway, road, rail track, aerodrome, power line or other public work, building or utility as may be prescribed, without the approval of the relevant Minister assigned for the relevant subject;

(c) any land situated within such distance of a river, lake, stream, reservoir or bund, as may be prescribed, without the approval of the Minister to whom responsibility for land is assigned;
(d) any national park, protected area or environmentally sensitive area, wildlife sanctuary or forest reserve, without the approval of the relevant Minister assigned for the relevant subject;

(e) the foreshore, seabed or marine area without the approval of the Minister to whom the responsibility for land is assigned;

(f) any land vested in the Defence Forces, without the approval of the Minister to whom the responsibility for National Security is assigned;

(g) land vested in any Municipal Corporation, without the approval of the Minister to whom the responsibility for Local Government is assigned; and

(h) any archeological sites, geological type sections and survey monuments or any area close to them which would cause destruction by any activity.

(2) In addition to the conditions that may be prescribed under the Act, the Minister referred to in subsection (1), may, in granting a licence, lay down such further conditions as may be determined by such Minister and such conditions shall be specified in the licence.

15. (1) There is hereby established a committee called the Minerals Advisory Committee, hereinafter called the “Committee”, for the purpose of advising the Minister on all matters relating to the exploration of, mining, processing, import or export of minerals and matters related thereto.

(2) The Committee shall consist of—

(a) the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry responsible for mines;

(b) the Director of Minerals;

(c) the Commissioner of State Lands;

(d) the Chief Technical Officer of the Ministry of Works and Transport;

(e) a representative of the Town and Country Planning Department;
Duties of the Committee.

The duties of the Committee shall be to—

(a) advise the Minister on matters of general policy with respect to exploration of, mining, processing, import and export of minerals and other mineral related matters;

(b) receive and consider applications for licences and to make recommendations thereof to the Minister;

(c) advise the Minister on the establishment of mining zones and the establishment of mining blocks therein;

(d) advise the Minister on the quantum of bonds;

(e) advise the Minister on matters of the environment as they relate to mines;

(f) review the provisions of the Act and the Regulations from time to time and make recommendations to the Minister as may be considered necessary; and

(g) advise the Minister on all such matters that may be referred to it.
17. (1) No licence shall be granted under this Act in respect of State Land, except upon a competitive bidding process open to the public prescribed by Regulations and in consultation with the Minister to whom responsibility for land is assigned.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the Minister may, acting on the advice of the Committee, in the national interest and with the approval of the Cabinet, grant licences for mining and processing outside of the public competitive bidding process.

(3) The advice of the Committee given under subsection (2) shall be in writing and a report of the licences granted in the national interest shall be laid in Parliament on a quarterly basis.

18. (1) Subject to section 17, every application for a licence under this Act for the exploration of, mining, processing, importing or exporting of minerals shall be made to the Committee in such form and shall contain such particulars as may be prescribed, and shall be accompanied by such prescribed fee.

(2) In the case of an application of the mining of private lands where the applicant is not the owner of the land to which the application relates, the applicant shall, along with the application, submit sufficient proof to the satisfaction of the Committee that the owner has consented to the use of the land for the purpose to which the application relates.

19. (1) On receipt of an application for the exploration, mining, processing, import or export of minerals, the Committee shall make a recommendation to the Minister on the issue of licence, and the Minister may either grant or refuse the licence.

(2) Where the application for a licence is for the exploration or mining of minerals the Minister may subject to subsection (2) grant or refuse the licence only with the approval of the Cabinet.

20. (1) The Minister shall upon the advice of the Committee refuse to issue a licence to explore for, mine or process, import or export minerals.
export minerals where, such operations would be against the interest of the public, taking into account but not limited to the following:

(a) the preservation of the character of the environment including the flora and fauna;
(b) the availability of natural environment for the enjoyment of the public;
(c) the need, if any, for restricting excessively large total mineral output in the locality or in the country;
(d) the traffic density on roads in the area where the mining or processing takes place;
(e) any possible effect on the water table or surface drainage pattern;
(f) the nature and location of other land uses that could be affected by the operations being applied for;
(g) in the case of exploration, mining and processing applications, the character, location and size of nearby communities;
(h) danger of pollution to the neighbourhood;
(i) the availability of minerals locally; and
(j) any other factors which in the opinion of the Minister would be against the public interest and contrary to the National Environmental Policy.

(2) Where the Minister refuses to issue a licence he shall give the applicant the reasons for the refusal in writing.

21. (1) Subject to this Act, every licence issued under this Act shall—

(a) be in such form and be subject to such terms and conditions as may be prescribed;
(b) specify the limits of the area in respect of which the licensee is authorised to explore for or mine, process, import or export minerals; and
(c) not be transferred or assigned without the written approval of the Minister.
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(2) A licence issued under this section shall, unless it is revoked earlier, be valid for such period as shall be specified in the Regulations.

(3) Every licence issued under this section shall be published in the Gazette and in a daily newspaper.

22. Every licence issued under this Act shall, include the following conditions:

(a) the exploration, mining, processing, and import or export of minerals authorised by the licence shall not be conducted in a fraudulent, reckless, grossly negligent or wilfully improper manner;

(b) the licensee shall notify the Director, of the discovery of the minerals in the exercise of his rights under the licence;

(c) the licensee shall comply with all written laws relating to the protection of the environment, health, safety standards and the protection of natural resources;

(d) the licensee on completion of the exploration or mining shall rehabilitate the land to which such licence relate and to every adjacent land that may be affected by the mining to such condition as may be specified;

(e) the licensee shall not suspend, curtail or cease the activities authorised by the licence for a period exceeding three months per calendar year except with the prior permission of the Director obtained not less than one month prior to such suspension, curtailment or cessation;

(f) the licensee shall comply with this Act and the Regulations and all other written laws of Trinidad and Tobago;

(g) the licensee shall pay to the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries the fees, royalties, rents, and any other payments he is required to pay in respect of such licence;
Surrender of licence.

23. The licensee may, with the consent of the Minister, surrender the licence at any time subject to the payment of all outstanding royalties and other dues in respect of the licence.

Renewal of licence.

24. (1) A licence issued under this Act may be renewed after the expiration of the period specified in the licence on application made to the Minister not less than thirty days before the expiry of the licence.

(2) The Minister may, on the recommendation of the Committee or on his own motion either renew the licence or refuse the application for renewal.

(3) Where the Minister refuses an application for a renewal of a licence he shall inform the applicant of the reasons for refusal in writing.

Rehabilitation Bond.

25. (1) Every person to whom the Minister has decided to issue a licence shall, before the issue of the licence, deposit with the Director a bond in the form of a Rehabilitation Bond in such amount and form and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed for the proper rehabilitation of the land for which the licence is to be issued.
(2) The amount of the bond referred to in subsection (1) shall be determined having regard to the potential environmental impact that is likely to be caused by the mining operation for which the licence is issued.

(3) Where such rehabilitation as aforesaid is not carried out in accordance with the requirements of this Act, or of the Regulations or of the terms and conditions of the licence, the Minister may—

(a) forfeit the bond deposited under subsection (1); and

(b) authorise any person to enter upon the premises on which a mine is situated and perform such work as is necessary for the rehabilitation; and the cost thereof shall be recovered as a debt due by the licensee to the State, so, however, that such costs shall, in the first instance, be paid out of the moneys forfeited and the balance (if any) refunded in accordance with the regulations.

(4) Where the licensee fails to deposit the bond as required under subsection (1), the Minister shall refuse to issue the licence.

26. (1) Every person to whom the Minister has decided to issue a licence shall, before the issue of such licence, deposit with the Director a bond in the form of a Performance Bond which shall be held as security, for the non-payment of royalties and other dues arising out of any breach of the terms and conditions of the licence, the Act or the Regulations, in such amount and form as may be prescribed.

(2) Where the licensee commits any breach of the terms and conditions mentioned in subsection (1), the Minister may forfeit the bond deposited under subsection (1) and costs and damages arising out of the breach shall be recovered as a debt due to the State.

27. (1) The Minister may, in writing, suspend or revoke a licence issued under the Act if he is satisfied that the licensee has—

(a) obtained such licence by making misleading, false or fraudulent representations or providing incorrect information;
(b) contravened the provisions of the Act or the Regulations;

(c) contravened any of the terms, conditions or restrictions, stipulated in such licence;

(d) discovered within, or in close proximity to the mine any mineral not authorised by the licence; or

(e) been convicted of an offence under this Act or the Regulations.

(2) The Minister shall, prior to the suspension or revocation of the licence, give notice in writing to the licensee of the proposed suspension or revocation specifying the reasons thereof, and shall afford an opportunity to the licensee, within a specified time, to show cause as to why the licence should not be suspended or revoked.

28. (1) Where the holder of a licence dies or becomes bankrupt, the licence shall be deemed to be terminated with effect from the date on which the licensee dies or becomes bankrupt, and where the licensee dies the licence may be transferred to the heirs, successors or assigns of the deceased with the written consent of the Minister.

(2) Where the holder of the licence being a company registered under the Companies Act becomes bankrupt, the licence shall be deemed to be terminated from the date on which the company becomes bankrupt.

(3) Where the holder of a licence being a firm or partnership is dissolved, the licence shall be deemed to be terminated with effect from the date of dissolution of the firm or partnership.

PART IV

ENFORCEMENT

29. The Director or his representative may, at all reasonable times and with the permission of the owner, enter upon any land whether or not a licence has been issued under the Act in
respects of such land and take samples or specimens of soil, rock, minerals or tailings found on such land, for the purpose of examination and assay.

30. (1) The Director or his authorised representative may, at all reasonable times, for the purpose of carrying out geological and mineral investigations—

- enter upon and occupy any State Land with such persons, machinery, equipment and materials as are necessary for such purpose;
- break up the surface of any part of such land and take samples or specimens of soil, rock or minerals in, on or under such land;
- excavate, bore or drill such land and fix any post or other object thereon; and
- enter upon and pass through any land, with the consent of the owner or occupier of such land, which it may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out such investigation.

(2) The Director or his authorised representative may at all reasonable times and for the purposes related to the enforcement of the Act and the Regulations—

- inspect and examine, any premises where mining, or processing operations are conducted or where minerals are stored or where books, records and other documents pursuant to the requirements of the Act are kept;
- examine and inquire into the conditions of any mine and all matters relating to the safety, welfare and health of the persons employed therein;
- inspect and examine the conditions of any machines or other equipment used in such mine; and
- inspect the storage of explosives on any mine and give directions where necessary for proper storage.
(3) The powers conferred on the Director under subsection (2) shall not be exercised unless—

(a) in the case of State Lands notice in writing of the intention to do so is given to the Commissioner of State Lands and to the occupant thereof not less than fourteen days prior to the exercise of such power; or

(b) in the case of private land notice in writing of the intention to do so is given to the owner or occupier of such land not less than fourteen days prior to the exercise of that power; and

(c) the owner or occupier of such land consents in writing to the exercise of such power.

(4) In the exercise of his powers under subsections (1) and (2), the Director or his representative shall ensure that—

(a) as little damage and inconvenience as possible shall be caused in the exercise of such power and the owner or occupier is assured of compensation for any damage sustained by him in consequence of the exercise of those powers; and

(b) before abandoning such land, all persons, machinery, equipment and materials used thereon shall be removed and all excavations and bore or drill holes made thereon shall be filled.

PART V

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF LICENSEE

31. (1) A licence to explore for minerals shall grant the licensee the exclusive right to explore for minerals specified in the licence within the area specified in the licence.

(2) A licence to mine for any mineral shall entitle the licensee to the exclusive right to mine for minerals specified in the licence within the area specified in such licence.

(3) A licence to process any minerals shall entitle the licensee to the exclusive right to process the minerals specified in the licence within the area specified in the licence.
(4) A licence to import or export any mineral shall entitle the licensee to the right to import or export the mineral specified in the licence within the period of time specified in such licence.

32. The holder of a licence shall maintain in a safe place such books, records and other documents in relation to the activities authorised by the licence as may be required by the Director and shall submit to the Director such returns and information relating to such activities as the Director may from time to time require.

33. The holder of a licence shall have the right to enter and conduct operations in any area of land specified in such licence.

34. Where the licensee discovers during the course of the mining operations any minerals not authorised by the licence, he shall forthwith bring it to the notice and surrender the same to the Director.

35. (1) The holder of a licence shall—
   (a) in furtherance of mining operations avoid damage to any adjoining or third party property;
   (b) have the boundaries to his property properly demarcated at all times, and shall maintain a buffer zone of ten feet from the boundaries of the said property on all sides; and
   (c) on completion of the operations authorised by the licence or on the date of expiration of his licence, whichever occurs earlier, rehabilitate and restore the land to the satisfaction of the Director.

(2) Where damage is caused to the adjacent land and the Director determines that the land has not been rehabilitated or restored to a satisfactory condition, the licensee shall be liable to pay compensation to the owner of the adjacent land in such amount as may be determined by the Director in the prescribed manner.

36. Subject to the provisions of any other law and to such conditions as may be prescribed, the licensee may erect or install plant, machinery and equipment and construct temporary buildings in the area specified in the licence.
Restriction on employment of persons.

37. (1) No person shall work or be engaged or permitted to work in a mine except as hereinafter provided.

(2) No person who has not completed the age of sixteen years shall work or be engaged or permitted to work in a mine at any time.

(3) On the application of any person who has completed the age of sixteen years and under the age of eighteen years and who wishes to work in a mine, or of a parent or guardian of such person or of the manager of the mine in which such person wishes to work, a medical practitioner nominated by the Director shall examine such person, and if satisfied that such person has completed sixteen years of age and under the age of eighteen years and is fit for a full day’s work in a mine shall issue a certificate of fitness accordingly.

(4) No person over the age of sixteen years and under eighteen years of age shall work or be engaged or permitted to work in a mine unless a certificate of fitness issued in respect of such person is first deposited with the manager of the mine.

(5) At the time of engagement of a person over the age of sixteen years and under eighteen years of age as a worker, the manager of the mine shall issue to the person an identification badge bearing reference to the certificate of fitness deposited under subsection (4).

(6) No person over the age of sixteen years and under eighteen years of age shall work or be permitted to work in a mine unless he carries on his person while he is at work the identification badge issued to him under subsection (5).

(7) Any person working in a mine may, at the instance of the Director, be examined at any time by the medical practitioner, and if upon such examination he is found to be no longer fit to work in the mine, his certificate of fitness shall be revoked by the medical practitioner.
(8) Any person whose certificate of fitness is revoked under subsection (7), shall forthwith be discharged from employment by the manager of the mine.

38. (1) No person over the age of sixteen years and under eighteen years of age shall work or be permitted to work during the night in any mine.

(2) No person over the age of sixteen years and under eighteen years of age shall be ordered or compelled to work in a mine for more than eight consecutive hours on any one day, inclusive of one hour for meals and rest, or for more than forty hours during any five consecutive days.

(3) No person over the age of sixteen years and under eighteen years of age shall work or be permitted to work in any mine on any day on which he has already worked in any other mine for the maximum number of hours prescribed by subsection (2) for any one day.

39. (1) No adult worker shall be ordered or compelled to work in a mine for more than eight consecutive hours on any one day inclusive of one hour for meals and rest, or for more than forty hours during any five consecutive days.

(2) No adult worker shall work or be permitted to work in any mine on any day on which he has already worked in any other mine for the maximum number of hours prescribed by subsection (1) for any one day.

40. Where the licence is for mining or processing the licensee shall provide those employees who work in, on or near the mine or processing plant with such clothing or protective gear as may be prescribed.

41. (1) There shall be provided for the use of the workers in each mine, in such manner and according to such standards and specifications as may be prescribed—

(a) a supply of water suitable for drinking and water for washing;
(b) latrine accommodation; and
(c) a supply of splints, bandages and other medical and first-aid equipment.

(2) On the premises of every mine in which workers are ordinarily employed there shall be provided and maintained, for the purposes of first-aid treatment in the event of an accident, a special room conforming to such standards and fitted with such equipment of stretchers, accessories and drugs as may be prescribed.

(3) A member of the permanent staff, trained in first-aid or paramedical treatment up to such standards as may be prescribed, shall be on duty at all times on the premises of every mine when any work is carried on below ground in the mine.

42. In this Part—
“adult” means a person who has completed eighteen years of age;
“day” means a period of twenty-four hours beginning at midnight;
“night” means the period between seven in the evening and six in the morning.

PART VII
PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT

43. (1) Every application for a licence under this Act shall be accompanied with an Environment Impact Assessment and a Certificate of Environmental Clearance issued by the Environmental Management Authority established under the Environmental Management Act.

(2) The Committee may request additional site specific and process information as it may require in determining an application for a licence.

(3) In the conduct of an Assessment under subsection (1), due consideration shall be given to, in addition to the conditions laid down by the Environmental Protection Authority—
(a) the preservation of the character of the environment including the fauna and flora;
(b) any possible effect on the water table or surface drainage pattern;
(c) danger of pollution in the neighbourhood;
(d) the nature and location of other land uses that could be affected by the operation;
(e) the control of dust and debris on roads and in the vicinity;
(f) the availability of natural environment for the enjoyment of the public;
(g) the traffic density on the roads in the area where the mine is to be operated; and
(h) any other factor which the Committee may stipulate.

(4) A licensee who by virtue of his actions, either advertently or inadvertently, causes damage to public or private property shall be liable to restore or rehabilitate the said property to its former state.

44. The holder of a licence issued under this Act shall, in addition to the conditions set out under this Act, carry out the operations authorised by such licence in compliance with such standards and procedures as are prescribed for the carrying out of such operations by the Environmental Management Act.

PART VIII
MISCELLANEOUS

45. (1) A person who—
   (a) explores for, or mines, processes, imports or exports, any mineral without a licence issued under this Act; or
   (b) mines in an area that is not a mining zone,
commits an offence and shall, on summary conviction, be liable to a fine of five hundred thousand dollars and imprisonment for a term of five years, and in the case of a subsequent conviction for such offence, shall be liable to a fine of seven hundred thousand dollars and imprisonment for a term of seven years.
(2) Any minerals extracted in the commission of an offence under subsection (1) may, in the discretion of the Court, be forfeited to the State.

(3) A person who—

(a) knowingly purchases any mineral from a person who is not the holder of a licence under this Act or trade in such mineral; or

(b) knowingly makes a false statement or fraudulent representation in or in connection with an application of a licence under this Act,

commits an offence and shall, on summary conviction, be liable to a fine of five hundred thousand dollars and imprisonment for a term of five years.

(4) A person who being the holder of a licence issued under this Act—

(a) fails to notify the Director of the discovery of any minerals not authorised by the licence discovered by him in carrying out the operations authorised by the licence;

(b) fails to maintain any book, record or other document that he is required to maintain by or under this Act;

(c) obstructs or interferes with the Director or a person authorised by the Director, in the exercise by such person of any power conferred on such person by or under this Act;

(d) pollutes any watercourse in the exercise of his mining operations,

commits an offence and shall on summary conviction be liable to a fine of five hundred thousand dollars and imprisonment for a term of five years.

(5) A person who contravenes this Act or the Regulations, commits an offence and where no punishment is specified shall on summary conviction be liable to a fine of two hundred thousand dollars and imprisonment for a term of two years.
46. No suit or prosecution shall lie against the State, Minister, a member of the Committee, the Director or any officer for any thing done or omitted to be done in good faith in the performance of their duties under the Act.

47. (1) The issue of a licence under this Act shall not in any way dispense with the necessity to obtain planning permission where such permission is required under the Town and Country Planning Act.

(2) Where the approval of any other entity is required under any other written law with respect to the proposed operation, the issue of a licence under this Act, shall not affect in any way the requirement to obtain such other approval before the proposed operation commences.

48. (1) The Minister may make Regulations subject to negative resolution of Parliament in respect of matters that are required by this Act to be prescribed or in respect of which Regulations are required or authorised to be made under this Act.

(2) Notwithstanding the generality of the provisions of subsection (1), the Minister may, subject to subsection (3), make Regulations—

(a) prescribing anything required or permitted by this Act to be prescribed;
(b) determining mining procedures and issue operational guidelines;
(c) determining the types and duration of licences and the procedure for issuing those licences;
(d) for the health and safety of mine workers;
(e) for the management of the mines and the appointment of quarry managers;
(f) the keeping of books, records and other like matters of procedure;
(g) prescribing the fees and royalties chargeable and the bonds payable in respect of licences;

*(h) subject to the Explosives Act and the Factories Ordinance, for the storing of explosives, fuse or detonators and procedure for blasting;

*See Proclamation (LN 48/2006)
(i) for laying down the terms and conditions to be observed by the licensees;

(j) for the prevention of pollution of land, water or air and for compensation therefor;

(k) for the rehabilitation and/or restoration of mines;

(l) for the general regulation and safe working of mines;

(m) for the transportation of minerals;

(n) guidelines and operational procedures for the exploration, import and export of minerals; and

(o) for giving effect to and carrying out the objects, purposes and provisions of the Act.

(3) In making the Regulations—

(a) under subsections (2)(d), (2)(h) and (2)(l), the Minister shall consult the Minister with responsibility for labour; and

(b) under subsection (2)(j), the Minister shall consult the Minister with responsibility for environment.

49. (1) The Mines, Borings and Quarries Act is repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding the repeal under subsection (1), the Regulations made under the Mines, Borings and Quarries Act shall mutatis mutandis remain valid as if made under this Act until such time regulations are made under this Act.

50. (1) Any approval or licence granted to mine or to operate a quarry or to conduct quarry operations and in force immediately before the commencement of this Act shall continue to be in force until such approval or licence expires or until a licence is granted under this Act or until the expiration of six months from the commencement of this Act whichever occurs earlier.

(2) A person who holds an approval or a licence referred to in subsection (1), may within six months from the commencement of this Act, apply for a licence in accordance with the requirements of this Act.
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SCHEDULE.
DRILLING REGULATIONS

made under section 25

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Drilling Regulations.

2. In these Regulations—
   “approved” means approved by the Engineer;
   “drainage area of a well” means a circular area of one hundred and fifty feet radius having the centre of the borehole of the well at the surface as its centre except when the well is inclined from the vertical in which case the centre of the circular area shall be at a point at the surface approved by the Engineer;
   “Engineer” means Chief Petroleum Engineer;
   “natural gas” or “gas” means gas obtained from borings and consisting primarily of hydrocarbons;
   “petroleum oil” or “oil” means the natural produce of the wells or springs of petroleum oil before such oil has been refined or otherwise treated;
   “well” includes every borehole drilled or sunk, or in the course of being drilled or sunk for the purpose of producing petroleum oil, natural gas, brine, water, or any other substance, whether solid or liquid, and where the context so admits all works connected with, adjacent to and belonging to the borehole.

3. (1) Without the permission of the Engineer no borehole drilled for oil or gas shall be commenced with its centre at a lesser distance than one hundred and fifty feet from any boundary line except—

   (a) when the owner of the well holds the oil rights underlying the lands on both sides of such boundary line under either the same lease or licence or as owner; or
(b) when there shall exist a reciprocal agreement or arrangement in writing between the owner of the well and all the lessors, licensees, and owners of the oil rights underlying the drainage area of the well or, where such oil rights are vested in the State between the owner of the well and the Minister, for pooling or sharing the crude oil produced from such well.

(2) Permission to commence drilling a borehole for oil or gas with its centre at a lesser distance than one hundred feet from the nearest boundary of a Public Road Reserve or State Trace Reserve will not be granted unless the owner is able to provide an alternative route for the users of such Public Road Reserve or State Trace Reserve to the satisfaction of the Minister.

4. All drilling operations shall be continuously supervised by a competent person appointed by the manager.

5. No person under the age of sixteen years shall be allowed on a derrick floor during the time any well is being drilled or repaired.

6. To every derrick there shall be two well-defined approaches which can also be used as exits in case of danger.

7. (1) All moving parts of machinery shall be properly fenced off where possible.

(2) The sprockets and chains of rotary draw-works shall be provided with approved guards.

(3) The guard protecting the rotary table chain shall be capable of resisting the shock of a breaking chain.

(4) No person shall remove or make ineffective any safeguard while the same is in use unless for the purpose of making repairs thereto, and all such safeguards shall be properly replaced as soon as possible.
8. The works comprising the drilling outfit at any well shall be examined daily by the driller in charge, who shall be responsible for the condition thereof so far as general safety is concerned and shall record each day in a book kept for the purpose at the well the conditions found at the time of inspection. Such report shall be signed by the driller in charge.

9. Tools, machine parts or material of any kind shall not be kept in a derrick above the derrick floor unless required for immediate use, and adequate protection shall then be made to prevent their falling on persons below.

10. Every counterbalance shall clear the ground or derrick floor by not more than five feet unless suitable provision is made to prevent it falling on persons working below.

11. The hook attached to every drill pipe, casing, tubing and sucker rod shall be provided with a latch or other device to prevent the elevator links or other equipment becoming accidentally disengaged from the hook.

12. (1) A safety belt shall be provided at every derrick for the use of each employee working in the derrick above the derrick floor.

(2) Every derrick shall be provided with a lifeline or lifelines securely fixed to the derrick in any place where employees are working in a derrick and to the ground at least fifty feet from the base of the derrick to afford means of escape.

(3) Where a wire lifeline is in use an approved carriage shall be provided.

13. (1) Smoking, the use of firearms, explosives, the ignition of any material or the use of naked lights is prohibited in an operating oilfield, except in places set aside for such purposes and notified as being safe by the manager.

(2) The drilling of a borehole for oil or gas with its centre within one hundred feet of any building in which fire or lights

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other than enclosed electric lights are used is prohibited, and no such building shall be placed within one hundred feet of the centre of any borehole drilled for oil or gas which has not been securely sealed or closed to the satisfaction of the Engineer except his permission in writing has been first had and obtained.

(3) The housing of persons in dwellings, or the use of fire or lights other than enclosed electric lights, within one hundred feet of the centre of any borehole drilled for oil or gas is prohibited except such well has been securely sealed or closed to the satisfaction of the Engineer or except his permission in writing has been first had and obtained.

14. (1) No boiler shall be placed within one hundred feet of the centre of any borehole being drilled for or producing oil or gas.

(2) The controls regulating the fuel supply of boilers if placed in front of the firing aperture shall not be within twelve feet thereof unless such valves are at a minimum distance of four feet from the projected centre line of such boilers. Fire boxes of boilers within three hundred feet of the centre of any borehole being drilled for or producing oil or gas shall be fitted with a steam or water snuffer of sufficient size to cool quickly the brickwork or soot in the boiler, the snuffer valve to be operated manually by the fireman at the boiler.

15. (1) The use of internal combustion engines, stationary or otherwise, within one hundred feet of the centre of a borehole being drilled for or producing oil or gas is only permitted when approved precautions are taken to prevent fire or explosion.

(2) Exhaust gases from internal combustion engines shall not be released into the atmosphere within one hundred feet of the centre of any borehole being drilled for or producing oil or gas provided that this regulation shall not apply to engines of automobiles nor to other internal combustion engines the exhausts of which are fitted with approved flame-proof attachments.

16. (1) When electricity is used, approved precautions shall be taken as regards installation, operation and maintenance to prevent fire or explosion.
(2) All conductors, switch gear and electrical apparatus on derricks at drilling or producing wells or drilling pumps shall conform to the general regulations as to the installation and use of electricity made under the Coal Mines Act 1911, of the United Kingdom, Part I-(1 Below Ground).*

(3) No bare conductors shall be used within fifty feet of the centre of any borehole being drilled for or producing oil or gas, and all other electrical apparatus within one hundred feet of the centre of any such borehole shall be so protected that open sparking (as defined under the above-mentioned Coal Mines Act 1911) is prevented.

(4) Every derrick at a well being drilled or brought into production shall be fitted with a switch installed adjacent to the driller’s normal working position capable of entirely cutting off the current from the electrical installation in the derrick.

17. (1) The manager shall to the satisfaction of the Engineer provide and keep in readiness for immediate use some reasonable means of extinguishing fire convenient to each well under his control.

(2) Whenever a gas or oil fire occurs on a well the manager shall forward a report of the circumstances and probable cause to the Engineer within forty-eight hours of the start of such fire.

18. (1) When a well is being drilled, approved precautions shall be taken to prevent any uncontrolled flow of oil or gas. Such precautions shall include the provision of at least two mud pumps, except in the case of a well being drilled to low pressure horizons approved as such by the Engineer or of a geological test hole being drilled to a maximum depth of one thousand feet or of a well connected to a mud plant provided with adequate pumps and approved as such by the Engineer.

(2) The waste of petroleum products is prohibited. The manager shall use every possible precaution in accordance with the most approved methods, to stop and prevent all unreasonable waste

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*Repealed and replaced by the Mines and Quarries Act 1954 (2 & 3 Eliz.2c.70) one of the Acts comprised in the Mines and Quarries Acts 1954 to 1971.
of gas in drilling and production operations, storage or distributing
and shall not wastefully utilise gas or allow such gas to leak or
escape from natural reservoirs, wells, tanks, containers or pipes.

(3) The term “waste” in addition to its ordinary meaning
includes the destruction or dissipation of gas without economic use
where it can be shown that such gas can be put to economic use.

(4) Such approved precautions as may be required by the
Engineer shall be taken during drilling, production, storage and
pumping operations to prevent the pollution of land, watercourses,
foreshore and sea by oil or any other fluid or substance.

19. Any employee who notices any unusual escape of oil or
gas from any well or anything that appears unsafe or likely to
produce damage shall forthwith report it to the manager or person
in charge.

20. The Engineer shall have the power to inspect and take
copies of all geological or other information obtained by drilling,
to inspect any samples of oil, gas or water, cores and drillings
obtained from any well, and to take a reasonable portion of the
samples he requires for any investigation.

21. (1) No person shall commence to drill, re-drill, deepen,
plug, abandon any well or to alter, perforate or remove casing in
it without first notifying the Engineer on the form set out as
Form VIII or Form IX in the Schedule submitting a programme
of the proposed work and obtaining his approval thereof. The
Engineer may, in his discretion, withhold his consent to the
commencement of any such work if any such person has not yet
fulfilled any obligations imposed upon him by any law or
regulation relating to oil mining operations.

Such notification shall also state whether the well to be
drilled, re-drilled or deepened is intended to be vertical or
inclined from the vertical. If the well is intended to be inclined
from the vertical full information shall be furnished to the
Engineer as to the proposed direction and destination of the well.
(2) Whenever any well is drilled, re-drilled or deepened, tests to determine the deviation from the vertical shall be taken at intervals of depth of not more than five hundred feet unless the permission of the Engineer to take such tests at greater intervals of depth has been previously obtained. The result of such tests shall be reported on the form set out as Form II in the Schedule, and if in the opinion of the Engineer the deviation of any well from the vertical or from its approved direction is such that any part of the well may be situated within one hundred and fifty feet of the boundary of oil rights which are not held by the owner of the well either as owner, lessee or licensee, he may order that the well be straightened or brought back to its approved direction, except when there shall exist a reciprocal agreement or arrangement in writing between the owner of the well and all the lessors, licensees and owners of the oil rights underlying the drainage area of the well for pooling or sharing the crude oil produced from such well and such order shall be complied with.

(3) No explosives shall be used in any well without the permission of the Engineer who shall have the power to impose such conditions as he may consider necessary.

(4) Whenever any well is found to be in such a condition that, in the opinion of the Engineer—

   (a) water may have access to oilsands;

   (b) seepage of oil, water, mud or pitch from either inside or outside any string of casing in the well may cause pollution to land, watercourses, foreshore or sea;

   (c) the mechanical condition of the well or any surface fitting is dangerous,

the Engineer may by notice in writing to be served on the owner, agent or manager require him to carry out such measures as he may direct to repair, partially plug or completely abandon the well within a period of time to be specified in such notice. Should the requirements of any such notice not be complied with the Engineer or any other person authorised in writing by the Minister may enter the property and take all measures necessary to carry out the requirements of such notice.
22. When any well is commenced it shall be described by a certain number in the owner’s records, and the number shall not be changed without the consent of the Engineer.

23. When water-bearing formations have been encountered in any well or when any information has been obtained indicating that water-bearing formations have been encountered, the owner, agent or manager shall immediately notify the Engineer.

24. After the conductor has been landed or cemented in any well, no further casing shall be landed or cemented in the well until the owner, agent or manager has informed the Engineer of the methods he proposes to use in shutting off any water which may have been encountered or of his reasons for wishing not to do so. The owner, agent or manager shall as soon as possible furnish to the Engineer on the form set out as Form V in the Schedule all information in his possession required by that form.

25. When a water-string is cemented, unless the consent of the Engineer is obtained to a shorter period, not less than six days shall elapse between the completion of the cementing operations and the drilling out of the cement plug, provided however that when a rapid hardening cement or rapid hardening re-agent approved by the Engineer is used, or where the depth of the point of cementation exceeds three thousand feet, unless the consent of the Engineer is obtained to a shorter period, not less than three days shall elapse between the completion of the cementing operations and the drilling out of the cement plug.

26. After any string of casing other than a conductor has been landed or cemented, no further drilling shall take place until permission is obtained from the Engineer or a competent person approved by him has certified that the casing is a satisfactory water shut-off; when a person approved by the Engineer certifies the shut-off he shall forward to the Engineer a certificate in the form set out as Form VII in the Schedule, and such certificate shall be countersigned by the manager.
27. If water at any well has been reported during drilling and has not in the opinion of the Engineer been shut off in a satisfactory manner, the manager shall not remove the drilling outfit or derrick without the permission of the Engineer.

28. If a well commences to produce water the manager shall forthwith report the matter to the Engineer on Form VI and shall, if ordered by him, take such steps as may be necessary to protect the oil sands.

29. The owner, agent or manager may report to the Engineer if he has any reason to believe that the operations of a neighbouring owner are being conducted in such a manner as to allow of the access of water into the oil sands, or the unwarranted waste of gas or gas energy. The Engineer shall forthwith investigate the complaint and if he considers it necessary shall call upon the neighbouring and the complaining owners, agents or managers to appear before him at any inquiry he may consider it necessary to hold. The owners, agents or managers shall at this inquiry provide all available information in connection with the operations reported upon.

30. On or before the 15th day of every month there shall be delivered to the Engineer at the Ministry on Forms I, II, III, IV and X of the Schedule all information requested therein which is in the possession of the owner, agent or manager.

31. The Minister may from time to time alter or add to the forms contained in the Schedule. Notice of such alterations or additions shall be published in the Gazette.

32. (1) No employee shall by default or wilful neglect cause any damage to boilers or machinery.

(2) No employee shall sleep when in charge of boilers or machinery.
SCHEDULE

FORM I

Name of Company ........................................... Field ................................................
Report of all wells worked on during the month of ........................., 20......,
other than wells reported on Form III.
If no wells have been worked on during the month a Nil return should be made.

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All depths to be given in feet.  Owner, Agent or Manager

FORM II

Log abstract for the month of ........................................................., 20......,
Company ..................Field ...................... Loc. No. .................. Well No. ............
State Lands, Alienated Lands (State Oil), Lands Alienated prior to 30.1.02.
[Delete where not applicable.]
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Regulation 30.

FORM III

Name of Company  ............................................................................................................

Field  .................................

Production report of individual wells for the month of  .........................., 20..................

All wells including fresh water wells and idle wells other than those officially abandoned, should be shown below. Reason for wells being idle should be stated under “Remarks.”

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Fresh water wells to be segregated at end of return

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Signed ........................................................

Owner, Agent or Manager
FORM IV

Abstract of Oil produced, refined, consumed and stored by .............................. for the month of ............................ 20...........

(All quantities are dry oil in barrels of 35 Imp. Gals. at 60°F.)

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(2) Total quantity of Crude Oil refined.

Quantities of Products obtained from Crude Oil refined:

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<th>Description of Products</th>
<th>QUANTITIES OBTAINED</th>
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<td>Other Products ...</td>
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<td>Total Quantity ...</td>
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*Not including “mixed” Diesel Oil.
FORM IV—Continued

(3) Quantity of Oil used for all purposes by the Company for their operations:

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<tr>
<th>Description of Oil</th>
<th>On State Lands and Lands alienated subsequent to 29th January 1902</th>
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<td>Total Quantity</td>
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(4) Quantities of Crude Oil otherwise disposed of in a manner of disposal:

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<th>Local Sales</th>
<th>Exports</th>
<th>Total</th>
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(5) Quantity of Oil in stock on the ………………… of ………………… 20………

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20 ……… ………………………………………

Signature of Owner, Agent or Manager
FORM V—(CABLE)

NOTIFICATION OF THE PRESENCE OF WATER-BEARING STRATA

Name of Company ................................ Field ...........................................................
Well No. .................................. Drilling system ..........................................................
Water was noticed/suspected on .............. 20....... when at .......... ft.
Diameter of open hole .................... inches .......... to .......... ft.
 ....................................... inches .......... to .......... ft.
Description of water-bearing formation and thickness ........................................
Estimated rate of flow or height of fluid level ......................................................
Was reliable sample obtained. State details .........................................................

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<th>CASING IN WELL WHEN WATER WAS OBSERVED</th>
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<td>Size</td>
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<td>From</td>
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It is believed that water is from......... feet for the following reasons:
Proposed method of dealing with this water ..................................................
.......................... 20 ...... Signed ....................................................

Owner, Agent or Manager

All depths to be given in feet.
FORM V—(ROTARY)

NOTIFICATION OF THE PRESENCE OF WATER-BEARING STRATA

Company .............. Field............. Loc. No. .............. Well No. ..............

Casing Record

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<th>Casing</th>
<th>Perforations or Screen</th>
<th>Remarks</th>
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<td>Lbs./ft. Grade</td>
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hole Record

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<th>Diam.</th>
<th>Depth</th>
<th>Remarks: Here indicate only information not included in Casing Record, such as sidetracked fish, Cement Plugs, etc.</th>
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Water was located by

Core Evidence
Electrical log on ......... 20....., when at ................. ft.
Formation tester.

Description of Water Sands (unnecessary when Electrical log is forwarded).

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<th>From</th>
<th>To</th>
<th>Description of Formation, Salinities of sand, etc.</th>
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Proposed method of dealing with this water:—

The above information was communicated to the Ministry by telephone on ................., 20 ......., and is hereby confirmed.

20 ............ Signed .......................................................

Owner, Agent or Manager

*L or C—Landed or Cemented.
All depths to be given in feet.
FORM VI

NOTIFICATION OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF WATER PRODUCTION IN AN OIL-WELL

(To be sent in within 48 hours of such production of water).

Company ................. Field............... Loc. No. ............... Well No. .................

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<th>CASING RECORD</th>
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An other information: —

Date water first noted ............... 20....... 

Quantity (in Bbls. per day) water .......... bbls. oil ........... bbls.

How guaged: — ..........................................................

General remarks (give here any information as to source of water): ...................

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Proposed method of excluding water: —

20 ........... Signed .................................................................

Owner, Agent or Manager

*L or C—Landed or Cemented.

All depths to be given in feet.
FORM VII
CERTIFICATE OF TEST FOR WATER SHUT-OFF

At the request of the Engineer with whom the programme for the water Shut-off Test described below was agreed, we, the undersigned, witnessed the Test and report as follows:

In our opinion the water shut-off has been shown to be satisfactory.

Signed .....................................................
Witness

20 ...........                    Countersigned ...................................................
Manager or his Deputy

*L or C—Landed or Cemented.
All depths to be given in feet.
FORM VIII

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO START DRILLING NEW WELL

To be forwarded at least 14 days before drilling commences.

Name of Company .................................................................
Location No. ............... Well No. ................. Field .............
Location description ................................................................

[State whether on State Lands, Alienated lands (State Oil) or lands alienated prior to 30.1.02].

Mining Lease No. .................
Co-ordinates .....................
Elevation of derrick floor ................... feet above mean sea level.

We expect commercial oil-bearing formations at the following depths: ............
We expect water-bearing formations at the following depths: .........................
Our tentative casing programme is as follows:

<table>
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<th>Size</th>
<th>Weight lbs./ft.</th>
<th>Grade</th>
<th>Depth ft.</th>
<th>Landed or Cemented</th>
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Our proposed programme is ..................................................................

20.......... Signed ....................................

Manager
Regulation 21.

FORM IX
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DEEPEN, REDRILL, PLUG, ALTER OR PERFORATE CASING, ABANDON, USE EXPLOSIVE

To be forwarded at least 14 days before work commences.

Company ................. Field.............. Loc. No. ............... Well No. ................

CASING RECORD

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<th>PERFORATIONS OR SCREEN</th>
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HOLE RECORD

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<th>Depth</th>
<th>REMARKS: Here indicate only information not included in Casing Record, such as side tracked fish, Cement plugs, etc.</th>
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Any other information: .................................................................

Proposed Work is as follows: .............................................................

20 ............ Signed ......................................................

Owner, Agent or Manager

*L or C—Landed or Cemented.
All depths to be given in feet.
# LAWS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**Minerals**

**Chap. 61:03**

**Drilling Regulations**

[Subsidiary]

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**FORM X**

Regulation 30.

Natural Gas Return for the month of ..................... 20..............

Company ................................................................. Field .................

## ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS

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<tr>
<th>From Wells produced by</th>
<th>Number of wells</th>
<th>Oil production (barrels)</th>
<th>Formational Gas/Oil Ration Cu. ft. bbl.</th>
<th>Gas production Cu. ft.</th>
<th>Total Quantities of Gas Cu. ft.</th>
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<td>Pumping</td>
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<td>Totals</td>
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<td>Gas produced from Gas wells or storage</td>
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<td>(Extend Total)</td>
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**GAS PURCHASED AND/OR TRANSFERRED FROM ANOTHER FIELD**

Name of vendor and/or Field

(a)  
(b)  
(c)  

Total  
(Extend Total)  

Grand Total …

**ESTIMATED DISPOSAL OF NATURAL GAS**

Gas converted to liquid at 30 Cu.ft.per imp. gallon  
Gas used as fuel  
Gas replaced in formation  
(Extend Total)  

**GAS SOLD AND/OR TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER FIELD**

<table>
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Estimated quantity of Natural Gas vented as surplus  

Grand Total …  

Total quantity of Natural Gas treated for liquid recovery  

Note: Gas quantities to be expressed to nearest 500,000 cu.ft.

Date ...........................................  
Signed .............................................  

* Owner, Agent or Manager

* To include self-operated plunger lift.

† To include Gas lift displacement pumping, and Plunger lift (except self-operated) but to exclude input gas used for lifting purposes.

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UNOFFICIAL VERSION  
**L.R.O.**

UPDATED TO 31ST DECEMBER 2016
MINES REGULATIONS

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

REGULATION

1. Citation.
2. Ventilation.
3. Inspection and report by competent person.
4. Examination of and report on appliances and shafts.
5. Fencing of entrance.
6. Inspection of and report on dangerous mine.
7. Cases in which locked safety lamp to be used.
8. Conditions to be observed.
9. License to use explosive substance and circumstances in which to be used.
10. Fencing and securing of shaft.
11. Travelling road and working place to be made secure.
   Brake on drum shaft.
   Exposed and dangerous parts of machine to be fenced.
14. Ladder for ascent and descent.
15. Books to be provided and kept at office.
17. Directions to be observed.
1. These Regulations may be cited as the Mines Regulations.

2. (1) An adequate amount of ventilation shall be constantly produced in every mine to dilute and render harmless noxious gases to such an extent that the working places of the shafts, levels and workings of the mine and the travelling roads to and from these places shall be in a fit state for working and passing therein.

(2) In mines where safety lamps are required to be used, or when the Senior Inspector of Factories may direct, the quantity of air shall at least once in every month be measured and entered in a book to be kept for the purpose at the mine.

3. (1) A competent person or competent persons appointed by the owner, agent or manager for the purpose, not being contractors for getting minerals in the mine, shall within one hour before the commencement of each shift, and in addition once during each shift, inspect every part of the mine in which workmen are to work or pass during the shift, and shall ascertain the condition thereof, so far as the presence of gas, ventilation, roof and sides and general safety are concerned.

(2) No workmen shall be allowed into the mine until it has first been examined and stated to be safe by such competent person.

(3) The inspection shall be made with a locked safety lamp, except in the case of any mine in which inflammable gas has not been found within the preceding twelve months.

(4) A report of each inspection specifying where noxious or inflammable gas (if any) was found present and what defects (if any) in roof or sides and what (if any) other source of danger were or was observed, shall be recorded without delay in a book to be kept at the mine for the purpose, and accessible to the workmen, and such report shall be signed by, and so far as the same does not consist of printed matter shall be in the handwriting of, the person who made the inspection.
4. A competent person or competent persons appointed by the owner, agent or manager for the purpose, shall, once at least in every twenty-four hours, examine the state of the external parts of the machinery, the state of the guides and conductors in the shafts, and the state of the head gear, ropes, chains and other similar appliances of the mine which are in actual use both above ground and below ground, and shall once at least in every week examine the state of the shafts by which persons ascend or descend; and shall make a true report of the result of such examination; and every such report shall be recorded without delay in a book to be kept at the mine for the purpose, and shall be signed by the person who made the inspection.

5. Every entrance to any place which is not in actual use or course of working or extension shall be properly fenced across the whole width of the entrance, so as to prevent persons inadvertently entering the same.

6. If at any time it is found by the person for the time being in charge of the mine or any part thereof, that by reason of inflammable gases prevailing in the mine or in that part thereof, or of any cause whatever, the mine or that part is dangerous, every workman shall be withdrawn from the mine or part so found dangerous, and a competent person appointed for the purpose by the owner, agent or manager shall inspect the mine or part so found dangerous, and if the danger arises from inflammable gas shall inspect the mine or part with a locked safety lamp; and in every case shall make a true report of the condition of the mine or part; and a workman shall not, except in so far as is necessary for enquiring into the cause of danger or for the removal thereof, or for exploration, be re-admitted into the mine, or part so found dangerous, until the same is stated by the person appointed as aforesaid not to be dangerous. Every such report shall be recorded in a book which shall be kept at the mine for the purpose, and shall be signed by the person who made the inspection.
7. No lamp or light other than a locked safety lamp of approved type shall be allowed or used—
   (a) in any mine in which there is likely to be any such quantity of inflammable gas as to render the use of naked lights dangerous;
   (b) in any mine approaching a place in which there is likely to be an accumulation of inflammable gas;
   (c) in any mine in which an explosion of gas has caused any personal injury.

8. In any mine in which safety lamps are required to be used the following provisions shall apply:
   (a) a competent person appointed by the owner, agent or manager for the purpose shall at the surface examine every safety lamp immediately before it is taken into the workings for use, and ascertain it to be in safe working order and securely locked, and such lamps shall not be used until they have been so examined and found in safe working order and securely locked;
   (b) a safety lamp shall not be unlocked in the mine, except with special permit from the Senior Inspector of Factories;
   (c) a person shall not have in his possession any lucifer match or apparatus of any kind for striking a light, nor shall he have in his possession any contrivance for opening the lock of any safety lamp, nor shall he have in his possession any pipe or tobacco or smoking appliance.

9. No explosive substance shall be used in a mine below ground in which the use of a locked safety lamp is required, or which is considered dangerous by nature of its dry and dusty condition, unless a licence permitting its use be obtained from the Senior Inspector of Factories.
Any explosive substance shall only be used in the mine below ground as follows:

(a) it shall not be stored in the mine and it shall not be taken into the mine, except in cartridges in a secure case or canister containing not more than five pounds weight;

(b) in the process of charging or stemming for blasting, a person shall not use or have in his possession any iron or steel pricker, scraper, charger, tamping rod or stemmer;

(c) no explosive shall be forcibly pressed into a hole of insufficient size, and when a hole has been charged, the explosive shall not be unrammed, and no hole shall be bored for a charge at a distance of less than twelve inches from any hole where the charge has missed fire;

(d) all such precautions shall be taken and directions followed as may from time to time be directed by the Senior Inspector of Factories.

10. The top and all entrances between the top and bottom of every shaft shall be properly fenced. When the natural strata are not safe, every working shaft shall be securely cased, lined or otherwise made secure.

11. The roof and sides of every travelling road and working place shall be made secure, and a person shall not, unless appointed for the purpose of exploring or repairing, travel or work in any such travelling road or working place which is not so made secure.

12. Every working shaft in which persons are raised or lowered shall, if exceeding thirty yards in depth, be provided with guides and some proper means of communicating distinct and definite signals from the bottom of the shaft and from every entrance for the time being at work between the surface and the bottom of the shaft to the surface, and from the surface to the bottom of the shaft and to every entrance for the time being at work between the surface and the bottom of the shaft.
13. (1) There shall be attached to every machine worked by steam or mechanical power and used for lowering and raising persons, an adequate brake and a proper indicator (in addition to any marks on the rope), showing to the person who works the machine the position of the cage or bucket in the shaft.

(2) If the drum is not on the crank shaft, there shall be an adequate brake on the drum shaft.

(3) Every fly wheel and all exposed and dangerous parts of the machinery used in and about the mine shall be kept securely fenced.

14. A ladder permanently used for the ascent and descent of persons in the mine shall not be inclined at an angle less than ten degrees from the vertical or in an overhanging position, and every such ladder shall have substantial platforms at intervals of not more than twenty yards. All ladderways so used shall be securely partitioned off from the winding compartment.

15. (1) The books mentioned in these Regulations shall be provided by the owner, agent or manager, and the books, or a correct copy thereof, shall be kept at the office at the mine, and the Senior Inspector of Factories and any person employed in the mine or any one having the written authority of the said Inspector or person so employed, may at all reasonable times inspect and take copies of and extracts from any such books; but nothing in these Regulations shall be construed to impose the obligation of keeping any such book or a copy thereof for more than twelve months after the book has ceased to be used for entries therein under these Regulations.

(2) Any report required to be recorded in a book may be partly in print (including lithograph) and partly in writing.

16. No person shall wilfully damage or without proper authority remove or render useless any fence, place of refuge, safety lamp, guide, conductor, brake, rope, chain, signal, safety valve, steam gauge, water gauge or any other appliance or thing provided in any mine in compliance with these Regulations.
17. Every person shall observe such directions with respect to working as may be given to him with a view to comply with these Regulations.
QUARRY REGULATIONS

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

REGULATION

1. Citation.

SAFETY OF THE QUARRY

2. Prevention of dangerous falls.
3. Quarry worked in or without steps or galleries.
4. Space between outside rails of tramways and edges of galleries.
5. Top of quarry and shaft to be fenced.

BLASTING

6. Storing of explosives, fuse or detonator.
7. Tool to be used for charging or stemming a hole.
8. Hole to be charged or fired by authorised person.
9. Warnings to be given before blasting.
10. Length of fuse.
11. Number of explosions and “all safe” signal.
13. Charge that has missed fire.
14. Regulations for blasting to be displayed.

ACCESS TO THE QUARRY

15. Secure means of access.

MACHINERY AND PLANT

16. Making of further regulations.
17. External inspection of appliances by competent persons.
18. Cleaning of machinery.

DUTIES OF OFFICIALS AND WORKMEN

20. Implementation of regulations.
21. Inspection of working place or appliances.
22. Workman to examine his working place.
23. Warning to be given.
24. Regulations to be posted at Quarry.
QUARRY REGULATIONS

made under section 25

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Quarry Regulations.

SAFETY OF THE QUARRY

2. (1) The working of the sides, tops, or overburden of the quarry shall be carried on so as to prevent dangerous falls.

(2) The overburden or tops of the quarry, and all loose ground or material, shall be cleared far enough back from the edge of the quarry to prevent danger to the persons employed.

3. When the quarry is worked in steps or galleries, these shall be of sufficient breadth in comparison with their height to ensure safety. When the quarry is worked without steps or galleries, sufficient support to the sides shall be left to ensure safety to those employed.

4. There shall be a clear space between the outside rails of tramways and the edges of galleries, sufficient to prevent both the falling of stones from the wagons and the falling of the men themselves to galleries below. Where such a space is impracticable the edges shall be securely fenced.

5. The top of the quarry, if dangerous, and the top of every shaft shall be securely fenced.

BLASTING

6. (1) No explosive and no fuse or detonator shall be stored otherwise than in a magazine constructed and situated in accordance with the requirements and subject to the approval of the Senior Inspector of Factories.

(2) Explosives, fuses and detonators required for blasting shall be conveyed from the magazine to the quarry at the time required and shall be kept till used in secure cases or canisters so made and closed as to prevent any escape of the explosives and any danger from sparks. Detonators shall be kept in separate and secure boxes.
(3) Explosives, fuses and detonators not used in any blasting operation shall be returned immediately after any such operation to the magazine.

7. No iron or steel tool shall be used for charging or stemming a hole when dynamite is the explosive employed, and wooden rammers only shall be used. When powder is the explosive, copper or wooden rammers shall be used. No straw fuses shall be used. After firing a charge of any explosive, no further charge shall be introduced into the hole nor into any rent made until after the lapse of half an hour.

8. No hole shall be charged or fired by any person unless duly authorised by the owner, agent or manager.

9. Due warning shall be given by an efficient system of signals before blasting may be commenced and when it is finished. In quarries where blasting occurs daily, it shall as far as possible take place only at fixed stated intervals. Where danger from blasting may arise to the public, efficient means shall be taken to give them due warning.

10. The length of the fuse used shall in every case be sufficient to allow the firer to escape to a place of safety, and shall be so regulated that the charges shall explode at distinct intervals so that they may be easily counted.

11. The number of explosions shall be carefully counted and note taken thereof, and when the full number of explosions have been heard the signal for “all safe” shall be given by horn, bell or whistle.

12. A sufficient number of proper shelters shall be provided (which must be used by the persons employed) except where all leave the quarry during blasting.

13. If a shot has apparently missed fire, no person shall be allowed to go near it until after a lapse of half an hour from the time the fuse was ignited. The person or persons whose shot has apparently missed fire shall immediately give warning of the same. A shot shall
under no consideration be unrammed, bored or picked out and no hole shall be bored within twelve inches of the one that has missed fire. After the time specified has elapsed, another hole shall be bored for the purpose of dislodging or exploding the charge that has missed fire, and such hole shall be bored in such a direction that it will not touch at any point the hole containing the charge that has missed fire. After the shot has been fired a careful search shall be made amongst the material dislodged to recover the charge that has missed fire.

14. The owner, agent or manager shall frame regulations as to intervals and signals for blasting, copies of which shall be kept constantly affixed in the quarry office, and in a sufficient number of places in and adjacent to the quarry.

ACCESS TO THE QUARRY

15. Secure means of access shall be provided by which workmen go to and from their working places.

MACHINERY AND PLANT

16. Where machinery is used for raising and lowering persons, further regulations shall be made to suit the special circumstances of the case, copies of which shall be kept posted at the quarry.

17. A competent person appointed for the purpose shall daily inspect the external parts of the plant, machinery and appliances, and shall forthwith make or cause to be made a true report, signed by himself, of the condition thereof, in a book to be kept at the quarry.

18. Machinery shall not be cleaned while in motion.

19. The machinery, appliances and permanent ways shall be kept in an efficient state of repair.

DUTIES OF OFFICIALS AND WORKMEN

20. The owner or some competent person appointed by him or his agent shall see that the provisions of the regulations relating to Quarries and any regulations hereafter made are carried out.
21. The owner, agent or manager or person in charge shall
daily inspect every working place, and shall satisfy himself as to
the safety of any rope or other appliance used by the workmen;
he shall also record all dangers observed by him or notified to
him by the workmen, in a book to be kept at the quarry for the
purpose, which shall be duly signed.

22. Each workman shall, before commencing work and
during the course of it and especially after blasting, make a
careful examination of his working place, and remove any loose
rock, stone or ground which might be dangerous.

23. No workman shall throw down rock, stones, ground or
other material which might endanger other persons, without giving
them warning and seeing that they have retired to a safe place.

Every workman who notices anything that appears unsafe or
likely to produce danger shall forthwith report it to the owner,
agent, manager or person in charge.

24. A copy of the Regulations for the time being in force
shall be kept constantly posted at the Quarry in a conspicuous
place, where it can be conveniently read by persons employed.
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PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Minerals (General) Regulations.

Interpretation.

2. In these Regulations—

“applicant” means a person who applies for a licence in accordance with the Act and these Regulations;

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of State Lands appointed under section 5 of the State Lands Act;

“Committee” means the Minerals Advisory Committee established under section 15(1) of the Act;

“integrated processing plant” means a processing plant situated within the same geographical boundaries as a mining operation;

“licence” means an Exploration Licence, Mining Licence or Processing Licence referred to in regulation 3;

“licensed area” means an area of land for which a licence has been granted under the Act;

“licensee” means any person who has been granted a licence in accordance with the Act and these Regulations;

“mine design plan” means a plan that sets out the entire layout of a licensed area including all pits, benches, stockpiles, buildings, and related roadways and describes the manner in which mining operations are conducted on the licensed area;

“operational guidelines” means the guidelines published by the Minister in accordance with section 48(2)(b) of the Act;

“processing plan” means a plan that describes in detail the processing operations, including the layout of the integrated processing plant or stand alone processing plant;

“rehabilitation plan” means the plan that describes in detail the manner in which a licensed area is to be restored after mining or processing operations for any suitable use thereafter;
“stand alone processing plant” means a processing plant situated on lands which are used only for processing operations.

PART II

LICENCES

3. The Minister may, in accordance with section 19 of the Act issue the following licences with respect to State or private lands:

   (a) an Exploration Licence, which shall be valid for two years from the date of issue;

   (b) a Mining Licence, which shall be valid for five years from the date of issue; and

   (c) a Processing Licence, which shall be valid for five years from the date of issue.

4. (1) For the purposes of section 17(1) of the Act a competitive bidding process shall commence upon the publication of an invitation to bid in the *Gazette* and in at least two newspapers in daily circulation in Trinidad and Tobago.

   (2) An invitation to bid shall specify—

      (a) the geographical location of the area of State Land;

      (b) the period during which bids are to be submitted;

      (c) the form in which bids are to be submitted; and

      (d) any other conditions and details which the Minister considers relevant.

   (3) The Committee shall review the bids submitted and make recommendations to the Minister.

   (4) The Minister may make a charge for any relevant information supplied to the applicant.

   (5) The Minister shall consider the recommendations of the Committee and may select a bid having regard to all relevant factors, save that the Minister may, where he thinks fit, reject all proposals.
5. (1) An application for a licence shall be made in the appropriate form set out in Schedule 1, 2, or 3 and submitted to the Committee.

(2) An application for a licence shall be accompanied by—

(a) evidence of the applicant’s financial capacity and technical qualifications to undertake the operations for which the licence is sought; and

(b) the application fee specified in Schedule 4.

6. (1) The Committee shall, on receipt of an application for a licence—

(a) publish a notice of the application in the Gazette and at least two newspapers in daily circulation in Trinidad and Tobago; and

(b) where applicable, conduct—

(i) title searches for ownership of surface and mineral rights;

(ii) company searches;

(iii) bankruptcy searches; and

(iv) searches for convictions for offences committed under the Act or Regulations.

(2) Within thirty days from the date of publication of a notice referred to in subregulation (1), a person may lodge an objection with the Committee on the grounds that it is inconsistent with, or would interfere with, his rights.

(3) The Committee shall review the application and consider any objections prior to advising the Minister of its recommendation.

(4) If the applicant fails to meet the requirements for the grant of the licence within ninety days of the submission of the application, the application shall be deemed to be invalid.

7. If, before the licence is granted or refused, a change occurs in respect of any particulars contained in the application, the applicant shall immediately inform the Committee in writing of such change.
8. The Minister shall establish and maintain a minerals register comprising—

(a) applications for licences;
(b) grants, assignments, renewals, surrenders, terminations, revocations and suspensions of licences;
(c) Court decisions, arbitration awards, deeds or instruments of any kind relating to public and private mining rights; and
(d) any other relevant information.

9. (1) Where there is a grant, assignment, renewal, surrender, termination, revocation or suspension of a licence, the Minister shall, as soon as practicable, publish a notice of that fact in the Gazette and at least two newspapers in daily circulation in Trinidad and Tobago.

(2) The notice referred to in subregulation (1) shall state—

(a) the name of the holder of the licence or the assignee;
(b) the general nature of the licence; and
(c) the location of the licensed area.

10. The Minister may in consideration of the advice of the Committee, determine the terms and conditions he considers necessary for the grant of a licence.

11. If a licence is not executed within ninety days of the approval of the application, the right of the applicant to such licence shall be deemed to have lapsed, unless the delay is not due to the fault of the applicant.

12. (1) An Exploration Licence shall authorise a licensee to conduct—

(a) mapping, sampling, and testing of the licensed area; and
(b) such other work related to exploration, as specified in the licence.
(2) An Exploration Licence granted to a licensee for State Lands shall be subject to a permit, licence or lease issued by the Commissioner.

(3) Where the land referred to in subregulation (2) is already leased by the State, the proposed licensee, if he is not the legal tenant, shall enter into a written agreement, authorised by the Commissioner, with the legal tenant in order to be granted permission for the proposed exploration activity.

(4) A holder of an Exploration Licence shall submit to the Minister a detailed report of the economic geology of the licensed area on or before the expiration date of his licence.

13. (1) Where the holder of an Exploration Licence discovers a commercial quantity of minerals on private lands, he may apply for a Mining Licence.

(2) Where the holder of an Exploration Licence discovers a commercial quantity of minerals on State Lands, he may apply for a Mining Licence no later than three months after the expiration of his Exploration Licence.

14. (1) A Mining Licence shall authorise a licensee to conduct—

   (a) mining, as specified in the approved mine design plan; and
   (b) any other work related to mining, as specified in the licence.

(2) Where the reserves of minerals are exhausted within the term of the licence, all rehabilitation works required under the licence shall be completed within the term or such other period as the Director may authorise in writing.

(3) A Mining Licence granted for State Lands shall be subject to a permit, licence or lease issued by the Commissioner.

(4) Where the land referred to in subregulation (3) is already leased by the State, the proposed licensee, if he is not the legal tenant, shall enter into a written agreement, authorised by the Commissioner, with the legal tenant in order to be granted permission for the proposed mining activity.
(5) Where the holder of a Mining Licence discovers minerals within the licensed area not authorised to be mined, he shall immediately inform the Minister in writing.

15. (1) A Processing Licence shall authorise the licensee to—

(a) establish a processing plant at an approved location;
(b) process minerals as specified in the approved processing plan; and
(c) conduct any other work as specified in the licence.

(2) A Processing Licence granted for State Lands shall be subject to a permit, licence or lease issued by the Commissioner.

(3) Where the land referred to in subregulation (2) is already leased by the State, the proposed licensee, if he is not the legal tenant, shall enter into a written agreement, authorised by the Commissioner, with the legal tenant in order to be granted permission for the proposed processing activity.

16. An application for renewal of a licence shall be in the appropriate form set out in Schedule 1, 2 or 3 and shall contain, where applicable—

(a) an updated mine design plan;
(b) an updated rehabilitation plan;
(c) a Certificate of Environmental Clearance;
(d) eight originals of a Survey Plan—
   (i) approved by the Director of Surveys for State Lands; and
   (ii) registered by the Director of Surveys for private lands;
(e) a Performance Bond and Rehabilitation Bond;
(f) evidence that the licensee has paid all outstanding royalties due to the State;
(g) a copy of the receipt for payment of the licence renewal fee; and
(h) any other information that the Minister may request after review of the application.
17. (1) A licensee shall not assign or transfer his licence to another person without the prior written approval of the Minister.

(2) Any assignment or transfer of a licence made without the approval of the Minister shall be null and void from the date of assignment or transfer and may result in revocation of the licence.

(3) An application by the licensee for approval to assign or transfer his licence shall be made in writing to the Minister and shall include—

(a) information with respect to the proposed assignee’s or transferee’s financial capacity and technical qualifications; and

(b) any other information which the Minister deems necessary.

(4) Where the Minister refuses an application he shall notify the applicant in writing and give reasons for the refusal.

18. A licensee shall—

(a) ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the safety, health and welfare at work of his employees;

(b) ensure that the mining operations are conducted in the licensed area through the mine design plan;

(c) give a detailed assessment of processing operations in a processing plan;

(d) ensure that no open pits to collect water are left on exhausted areas on the licensed area, unless it forms part of the rehabilitation plan;

(e) in keeping with the rehabilitation plan, rehabilitate all exhausted areas to the satisfaction of the Director;

(f) in the event of the discovery of any ancient relics or archaeological specimens in or upon the licensed area, immediately report that discovery to the Minister and preserve the integrity of the area by stopping exploration, mining or processing or any related activity in the vicinity of the discovery; and
ensure that all waste material, solid and liquid, are disposed of in an environmentally sound manner in accordance with the Act, the licence and any other written law.

19. A licensee shall—

(a) conduct operations on the licensed area in a consistent and acceptable manner in accordance with the licence, the approved mine design plan, the processing plan, and any directive issued by the Minister;

(b) ensure that the boundaries to the licensed area are properly demarcated at all times, and maintain a buffer zone of—

(i) at least three metres from the boundary of the licensed area on all sides; and

(ii) at least twenty-five metres from any watercourse passing through such area and any existing roadway;

(c) keep the Minister indemnified at all times against any action, claim, demand or liability of whatever nature which may be brought against the Minister by any third party in relation to any matter arising out of the exercise of the rights granted by the licence;

(d) conduct mining operations in accordance with the Act, the licence, operational guidelines published by the Minister and any other written law, including but not limited to those relating to health and safety in the workplace;

(e) ensure that all water from any part of the licensed area is discharged in accordance with the Act and any other written law;

(f) keep all plant, equipment, structures and roadways, and the licensed area in good condition;

(g) not excavate any pit within the licensed area to a depth greater than ten metres without the prior written consent of the Minister;
(h) establish and preserve a set-back distance of no less than three metres on all sides from any witness markers and monuments on the licensed area;

(i) submit to the Director within one month of each anniversary date of the grant of the licence, a written review of the exploration, mining or processing operations, including managerial, technical and commercial areas;

(j) submit to the Minister such reports as may be required to be submitted under the Act, these Regulations or the licence;

(k) operate without unreasonable delay and ensure such operations continue without interruption;

(l) ensure that a copy of these Regulations are kept posted at the licensed area in a conspicuous place, where it can be conveniently read by persons employed thereupon;

(m) ensure that access to and from working places are secure; and

(n) comply with all the terms and conditions contained in the licence.

20. A licensee shall–

(a) maintain an effective programme of training and development for his employees throughout the term of the licence; and

(b) encourage his employees to participate in all aspects of mineral development.

21. A licensee shall not construct any buildings or structures on State Lands without the prior written consent of the Commissioner.

22. A licensee shall not remove topsoil or overburden outside of the licensed area without the prior written consent of the Director.

23. A licensee shall ensure that signage, as specified in the licence, is prominently displayed at the entrance of every licensed area and affixed to every excavator, vehicle, machine
and equipment used in the course of conducting exploration, mining or processing operations upon the licensed area.

24. One month prior to the commencement or cessation of exploration, mining or processing operations, the licensee shall notify the Director, in writing of the date on which such operations will commence or cease.

25. (1) A licensee shall be at liberty to terminate his licence in whole or in part.

(2) A licensee shall submit to the Minister advance written notice of not less than six days of his decision to terminate.

(3) A termination under this regulation shall not affect any obligations or liabilities imposed on, or incurred by the licensee under his licence.

PART III

SPECIFIED AREAS, MINING ZONES AND BLOCKS

26. (1) For the purposes of section 8(1)(c), (f) and (g) of the Act, notice of a specified area, mining zone, or mining block shall be published to the effect in the Gazette and in at least two newspapers in daily circulation in Trinidad and Tobago.

(2) The Minister, acting on the advice of the Committee, may declare that an area is no longer a specified area, mining zone, or mining block and shall publish a notice in the Gazette and at least two newspapers in daily circulation in Trinidad and Tobago.

(3) In the exercise of his functions under section 8(1)(c), (f) and (g) of the Act and subregulation (2), the Minister shall have regard to—

(a) holders of licences in the specified area, mining zone or mining block, as the case may be;

(b) residents in the specified area, mining zone or mining block, as the case may be;

(c) the immediate environment; and

(d) any other matter that is in the public interest.
PART IV
MANAGEMENT OF MINES AND APPOINTMENT OF MANAGERS

27. (1) The holder of a Mining Licence shall employ a quarry manager, who shall be responsible for the control, management and direction of the mine.

(2) A quarry manager shall—
   (a) hold at a minimum, a recognised diploma in a science or engineering field related to the extractive industries and have at least three years of quarry management experience; or
   (b) in the opinion of the Director, have a combination of training and experience equivalent to those referred to in paragraph (a).

(3) A licensee shall register his quarry manager with the Ministry and the Ministry shall assign to the quarry manager a registration number.

(4) The quarry manager shall be responsible for—
   (a) establishing of a management structure, which enables the mine to be operated in accordance with the mine design plan and any operational guidelines issued by the Minister;
   (b) ensuring that a copy of the management structure of the mine is posted in an area accessible to every employee;
   (c) defining the extent of the authority and the duties of the persons in the said management structure;
   (d) maintaining a record of all employees working within the licensed area;
   (e) maintaining a record of all persons visiting the licensed area;
   (f) maintaining a daily record or logbook, to be left at the licensed area, of all motor vehicles and equipment operating in, entering and exiting the licensed area; and
   (g) overseeing and implementing the rehabilitation plan.
(5) The quarry manager shall, on a daily basis—

(a) inspect the licensed area and shall be responsible for the safety of the equipment used by all employees;

(b) record in a logbook all potential hazards reported or observed at the licensed area; and

(c) certify in the logbook whether it is safe to start up mining operations for the respective day.

28. A licensee shall not operate a quarry without a registered quarry manager.

29. (1) The quarry manager shall, within forty-eight hours of receiving a report on, or observing any actual or potential hazard within the licensed area, take reasonable steps to implement procedures to prevent, eliminate or minimise the hazard.

(2) The quarry manager shall submit to the Director, within twenty-four hours of the occurrence of any accident or loss-time incident in the licensed area, a written report of the occurrence.

(3) The quarry manager shall keep within the licensed area a copy of all reports made to the Director.

30. (1) A holder of a Processing Licence shall employ a processing manager who—

(a) holds the minimum qualification of a recognised diploma in a science or engineering field and has at least two years of process plant experience; or

(b) in the opinion of the Director, has a combination of training and experience equivalent to those referred to in paragraph (a).

(2) A licensee shall register his processing manager with the Ministry and the Ministry shall assign to the processing manager a registration number.
(3) The processing manager shall be responsible for—

(a) establishing a management structure for the processing operations, which enables the processing plant to be operated in accordance with the processing plan and any operational guidelines issued by the Minister, from time to time;

(b) ensuring that a copy of the management structure of the processing plant is posted in an area accessible to every employee;

(c) defining the extent of the authority and the duties of the persons in the said management structure;

(d) maintaining a record of all employees on the licensed area, for a stand alone processing plant;

(e) maintaining a record of all persons visiting the licensed area, for a stand alone processing plant;

(f) maintaining a daily record or logbook, to be left at the licensed area for a stand alone processing plant, of all motor vehicles and equipment operating in, entering and exiting the licensed area; and

(g) overseeing and implementing the rehabilitation plan, for a stand alone processing plant.

(4) The processing manager for a stand alone processing plant, shall on a daily basis—

(a) inspect the licensed area and equipment used by all employees;

(b) record in a logbook, to be left at the licensed area, all potential hazards brought to his attention or observed; and

(c) certify in the logbook that it is safe to start up processing operations for the respective day.

31. A licensee shall not operate a processing plant without a registered processing manager.

32. (1) The processing manager for a stand alone processing plant shall, within forty-eight hours of receiving a report on, or observing any actual or potential hazard within the
licensed area, take reasonable steps to implement procedures to prevent, eliminate or minimise the hazard.

(2) The processing manager for a stand alone processing plant shall submit to the Director within twenty-four hours of the occurrence of any accident or loss-time incident in the licensed area, a written report of the occurrence.

(3) The processing manager shall keep within the licensed area a copy of all reports made to the Director.

33. Where there is an integrated processing plant in a licensed area the quarry manager shall have overall responsibility for all operations.

PART V
FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

34. (1) The value of a Rehabilitation Bond referred to in section 25(1) shall be calculated at the rate specified in Schedule 4.

(2) The Rehabilitation Bond shall be deposited with the Director and shall be of at least the same duration as the relevant licence.

(3) Where the licensee rehabilitates to the satisfaction of the Director, the land for which the licence was issued and adheres to the terms and conditions of the licence, the Director shall return the Rehabilitation Bond to him.

35. (1) The value of a Performance Bond referred to in section 26(1) shall be calculated at the rate specified in Schedule 4.

(2) The Performance Bond shall be deposited with the Director and shall be of at least the same duration as the relevant licence.

(3) Where the licensee performs the terms and conditions of the licence to the satisfaction of the Minister, the Director shall return the Performance Bond to him.
PART VI
RECORD KEEPING

36. (1) A licensee shall maintain and keep at his place of business accurate and up-to-date records that specify in detail all activities at the licensed area which includes the quantity of minerals mined, processed, imported, exported, transported or sold.

(2) A licensee shall deliver to the Minister copies of the records referred to in subregulation (1) within thirty days of the end of each calendar quarter.

(3) Notwithstanding subregulation (2), the Minister may request records referred to in subregulation (1) from a licensee.

(4) All records referred to in subregulation (1) shall be kept by the licensee for the following periods:
   (a) four years, with respect to a licence that is granted for two years; and
   (b) ten years, with respect to a licence that is granted for five years.

37. (1) A licensee shall, at his registered place of business, maintain accurate and up-to-date records of all vehicles and equipment used in the course of conducting mining or processing operations on the licensed area.

(2) Where any record referred to in subregulation (1) is modified, amended or updated, the licensee shall notify the Director within two months of such modification, amendment or update.

(3) A licensee shall not falsify any records that are required to be kept under the Act, these Regulations, the licence or any other written law.

38. (1) All reports, maps, samples and any other data derived from any exploration operations on State Lands, or on private lands where the State owns the mineral rights, shall be the property of the State.
(2) The Minister may request from a licensee any data referred to in subregulation (1).

(3) Where any data referred to in subregulation (1) is requested under subregulation (2), the licensee shall submit the data within thirty days of the request.

(4) Unless otherwise directed by the Minister, all data referred to in subregulation (1) shall be kept confidential during the term of the licence and for a further period of not less than five years after the expiration of the licence.

PART VII
ROYALTY

39. (1) A licensee mining on State Lands or private lands shall pay royalties to the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry responsible for mines in respect of minerals mined in the licensed area within the time period specified under his Mining Licence.

(2) Subject to subregulation (1), where a licensee can prove to the satisfaction of the Minister that he owns the mineral rights mined in the licensed area he will not be liable to the payment of royalties.

(3) The Minister may grant an extension of time or enter into a financial arrangement with a licensee for the payment of outstanding royalties.

(4) The royalty payable under these Regulations shall be calculated using the current average market value for unprocessed minerals mined and charged on a per cubic metre basis as set out in Schedule 5.

(5) Where a licensee fails to pay his royalties by the specified date or reneges on the financial arrangement agreed to in accordance with subregulation (3), the Minister may by notice to the licensee, prohibit the disposal of any minerals from the licensed area.
(6) A licensee shall comply with a notice issued to him under subregulation (5).

40. (1) The Minister may, by notice in writing of not less than sixty days, elect to take any minerals in kind in lieu of the whole or part of the royalty due.

(2) All payment of royalties shall be made to the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry on a quarterly basis as specified by the Minister.

PART VIII
MINIMUM PAYMENTS AND RENTAL

41. With respect to State Lands a licensee shall pay to the Commissioner, where applicable, an annual surface rent and any other payments as required under the State Lands Act or any other written law.
**Application Form for Exploration Licence**

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**APPLICANT DETAILS**

- **Applicant’s Name**: (Name in which licence is to be granted)
- **Applicant’s Address**
- **Tel Number** | **Fax Number** | **Email**
- **Company / Business Registration No.**
- **Name of Person Authorised to Sign on Behalf of Applicant (for a Company or Business) ID / DP / Passport #:** (copies of two types required)
- **Board of Inland Revenue Number** | **VAT Registration Number**

**EXPLORATION DETAILS**

- **Location of site to be explored**

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**EXPLORATION MANAGER DETAILS**

- **Exploration Manager Name**
- **Address**
- **Tel Number / Fax / Email**

**DECLARATION/UNDERTAKING**

In accordance with section 45 (3) (b) of the Minerals Act, Chap 61:03, I hereby declare that the particulars and the statements made in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed or held therefrom. I understand that it is an offence, punishable by a fine and imprisonment, to make a false declaration.

**Signature of the Applicant** ____________________________ **Date** __/__/____

(DD/MM/YYYY)
SCHEDULE 1 — Continued

Application Form for Exploration Licence

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Name of Officer Processing Application __________________________ Date Received: __________________________

Signature of Officer Processing Application __________________________  __/__/___
(dd/mm/yyyy)

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

1. Please complete all sections legibly.
2. Supplemental pages are to be inserted where required.
3. This form must be submitted in duplicate.
4. Please retain a copy of your application.
5. The prescribed fee must accompany application.
6. All financial data submitted are to be quoted in Trinidad and Tobago (TT) dollars only.
7. Copies of the following are required, where applicable:
   a. Title Documents, and Lease/permit (where Applicant is not the owner of land)
   b. Copies of previous Exploration Licences granted to the Applicant
   c. Four (4) Originals of a Survey Plan
      i. Approved by the Director of Surveys for State land
      ii. Registered by the Director of Surveys for Private land
   d. Topographic Map
   e. Town and Country Planning Approval
   f. Certificate of Environmental Clearance (CEC)
   g. A letter from a recognised financial institution (indicating that the Applicant possesses the financial capacity to conduct the operations for which a license is being sought)
   h. Certificate and other qualifications of the Exploration Manager (indicating that the Applicant possesses the technical qualifications necessary to conduct the operations for which a license is being sought)
   i. Exploration Programme (detailing the mapping, sampling and testing etc. to be done)
   j. Performance Bond (to be posted if licence is approved)
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**PROCESSING LOCATION DETAILS**

Processing Plant Location (for existing plants, or address of land on which plant is to be located; please check box and specify below)

Existing Processing Plant  | New Plant to be installed

Integrated Processing Plant  | Stand Alone Processing Plant

(please check appropriate box)

If the Processing Plant is Integrated with a mining operation (i.e. located within /will be located within the same licensed acreage /acreage to be licensed, as a mining operation) provide name and number on the Mining licence or name of applicant on Mining licence application form, for the said acreage (if available):

Land Area (hectares / acres)  | Land Status (State or Private)  | Name of Land Owner

Ward Sheet No.  | Topographic Sheet No.

**MANAGER DETAILS**

Processing Manager Name  | Address  | Tel Number / Fax / Email

Qualifications  | Experience (include on separate sheet if necessary)

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SCHEDULE 4

FEES AND BONDS FOR LICENCES

FEES PAYABLE:

1) Application for a New Licence  
   TTS 1,000.00

2) Application for Renewal of Licence  
   TTS 1,000.00

3) Annual Exploration Licence Fee  
   TTS 250.00 per hectare of Licensed Area

4) Annual Mining Licence Fee  
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5) Annual Processing Licence Fee  
   TTS 250.00 per hectare of Licensed Area

6) Application Fee for Assignment/Transfer  
   TTS 1,000.00

BONDS TO BE POSTED (in accordance with sections 25 and 26 of Act):

FOR EXPLORATION, MINING OR PROCESSING LICENCES:

1) Performance Bond  
   TTS 7,500.00 per hectare of Licensed Area

2) Rehabilitation Bond  
   TTS 60,000.00 per hectare of Licensed Area
SCHEDULE 5

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The rate of royalty has been calculated using the current average market value for unprocessed Minerals mined in Trinidad and Tobago, and shall be charged on a per cubic metre basis (except where indicated otherwise), as follows:

1) Sand and Gravel (pitrun)  TTS 6.00
2) Sand  TTS 4.00
3) Clay  TTS 3.00
4) Limestone (blue)  TTS 8.00
5) Limestone (yellow)  TTS 6.00
6) Andesite  TTS 8.00
7) Porcellanite  TTS 4.00
8) Tar Sands (Oil Sands)  TTS 8.00
9) Any other Common Mineral  TTS 5.00
10) Asphalt  TTS 10.00 per tonne