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THE PETROLEUM REGULATIONS 1939, AMENDMENT NO. 5

ARTHUR PORRITT, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 23rd day of March 1970

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Petroleum Act 1937, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Petroleum Regulations 1939, Amendment No. 5, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Petroleum Regulations 1939* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

2. Well-drilling operations to be under supervision of service permit holder—(1) Regulation 18 of the principal regulations (as substituted by regulation 5 (1) of the Petroleum Regulations 1939, Amendment No. 3) is hereby amended by omitting from subclause (1) the words "No person shall have charge of the drilling of any well unless he is the holder of a service permit granted by an Inspector", and substituting the words "Except as otherwise provided in this regulation, no person shall carry out or cause or permit to be carried out the drilling of any well unless—

"(a) The person in charge of the site where drilling operations are being carried out is the holder of a service permit granted by an Inspector; and

"(b) At all times when drilling is in progress, the drilling operations are under the direct personal supervision of the holder of a service permit granted by an Inspector:".

(2) The said regulation 18 (as so substituted) is hereby further amended by omitting from subclause (5) the words "If a person in charge of the drilling of a well requiring a service permit", and substituting the words "If a person who is in charge of a site where drilling operations are being carried out and who is thereby required to hold a service permit".

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3. Name and address of person in charge of site to be furnished—

(1) Regulation 19 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting from subclause (1) the words “under whose supervision such operations are to be carried on”, and substituting the words “who will be in charge of the site where drilling operations are to be carried out”.

(2) The said regulation 19 is hereby further amended by omitting from subclause (2) the words “drilling operations”, and substituting the words “the site where drilling operations are carried out”.

4. Commencement of drilling—Regulation 21 of the principal regulations (as substituted by regulation 6 of the Petroleum Regulations 1939, Amendment No. 3) is hereby amended by inserting, after subclause (3), the following subclause:

“(3A) No work of a nature referred to in subclause (1), subclause (2), or subclause (3) of this regulation shall be commenced without the written consent of the Inspector, who may refuse to consent or may give his consent subject to such terms and conditions as he thinks fit to impose. Any such consent may at any time be withdrawn, and the terms and conditions to which it is subject may at any time be amended.”

P. J. BROOKS,

Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

Regulation 2 provides that the person in charge of a site where petroleum drilling operations are being carried out must be the holder of a service permit. In addition the regulation provides that drilling operations must at all times be under the direct personal supervision of the holder of a service permit.

Regulation 3 amends regulation 19 of the principal regulations. Regulation 19 provides for the name and address of the person in charge of field operations to be supplied to the Mines Department and also provides that the person in charge must reside in the vicinity of the well. The amendment makes it clear that regulation 19 applies to the person in charge of the drilling site and not to the person under whose supervision the actual drilling operations are carried out, as these two functions are not necessarily performed by the same person.

Regulation 4 provides that drilling operations may not be commenced without the written consent of an Inspector.

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These regulations are administered in the Mines Department.