

*Amended and Additional Regulations under the Mining Act, 1926.*

**BLDISLOE, Governor-General.**

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred upon him by the Mining Act, 1926, and its amendments, His Excellency the Governor-General doth hereby make the following amendments to and the following regulations additional to the regulations made under the Mining Act, 1926, on the ninth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, and the thirteenth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, and published in the *Gazette* on the eleventh day of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, and the twenty-second day of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight, respectively (hereinafter referred to as "the said regulations"); and doth hereby declare that such amendments and additional regulations shall be read as part of the principal regulations and shall come into force on the date of the publication hereof in the *Gazette*.

**AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS.**

(1) Regulation 28 of the said regulations is hereby amended by inserting after the words "with respect to such claims" the words "and subject to the provisions of section 88 of the Mining Act."

(2) Regulation 28 of the said regulations is hereby further amended by revoking paragraph (3) thereof, and substituting therefor the following:—

3. (a) For a special river claim the area shall not exceed 100 acres, and not more than one mile of the course of the stream shall be comprised therein.

(b) For a special dredging claim the area shall not exceed 1,000 acres, and not more than one mile of the course of a stream shall be comprised therein.

(3) Paragraphs (1) and (7) of Regulation 32 of the said regulations are hereby revoked, and the following substituted therefor:—

(1) At every angle or corner of each boundary-line or as near thereto as is practicable (and, in addition, where the area of the claim or other mining privilege exceeds 100 acres, at intervals not exceeding twenty chains along the boundary-lines), there shall be erected a peg of substantial material, standing not less than 2 ft. above the surface of the ground, and being not less than 3 in. square, or, in the case of a round peg, being not less than 3 in. in diameter.

(7) When the boundary of the mining privilege is on the bank or in the bed of a watercourse, then, in so far as it is not practicable to mark such boundary by means of pegs, cairns, mounds, tree-blazing, or trenches, it shall be sufficient if in lieu thereof arrow-headed marks (thus,  $\blacktriangle$ ) are cut or clearly indicated upon trees, rocks, or other fixed natural objects above high-flood mark at every corner or angle of each boundary-line, or as near thereto as practicable (and, in addition, where the area of the claim or the mining privilege exceeds 100 acres, at intervals not exceeding twenty chains along the boundary-lines), each such arrow-headed mark being not less than 1 ft. in length, and each of the lines composing it being not less than 2 in. broad.

(4) Regulation 102 of the said regulations is hereby amended by adding the following paragraphs after paragraph (2):—

(3) In the month of January in each year the directors of every mining company shall cause to be forwarded to the Under-Secretary of Mines a true statement of the affairs of the company up to the thirty-first day of December of the preceding year in the Form No. 112 in the Schedule hereto, accompanied by a statutory declaration of the secretary verifying the same.

(4) Every company or corporation duly registered or incorporated elsewhere than in New Zealand and formed for mining purposes within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1926, or of Part XV of the Companies Act, 1933, or having such purposes amongst its objects while carrying on in New Zealand any mining operations within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1926, or any business relative to mining within the meaning of Part XV of the Companies Act, 1933, shall within three months after any report or balance-sheet is submitted to any meeting of its shareholders held out of New Zealand forward to the Under-Secretary of Mines a true statement of the affairs of the company at the date to which such report or balance-sheet relates in the Form No. 113 in the Schedule hereto, accompanied by a statutory declaration of the company's attorney verifying the same.

(5) The Fourth Schedule to the said regulations is hereby amended by inserting after Form 111 the Forms 112 and 113 in the Schedule hereto.

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(6) Paragraph (1) of Regulation 108 of the said regulations is hereby amended by omitting the words "10 a.m." in the second and fourth lines thereof, and substituting therefor the words "9.30 a.m."

(7) Paragraph (2) of Regulation 123 of the said regulations is hereby revoked, and the following substituted therefor:—

(2) Every candidate for a certificate by examination shall at least one month before the date fixed for the examination, and in the Form No. 88 in the Fourth Schedule hereto, make application in that behalf to "The Secretary of the Board of Examiners under the Mining Act" at Wellington, and shall forward with his application a fee of £2 2s. in the case of an application to sit the examination for a First-class Mine-manager's Certificate or a Battery Superintendent's Certificate, and a fee of £1 10s. in the case of an application to sit the examination for a Second-class Mine-manager's Certificate:

Provided that in every case where the Board grants a candidate a partial pass and requires him to be re-examined in the written portion of any subject he shall pay a further fee of 7s. 6d. per subject.

(8) The last paragraph of Regulation 123 (7) of the said regulations is hereby revoked, and the following substituted therefor:—

Subject VII: First Aid to the Injured.

(NOTE.—A first-aid certificate of the St. John Ambulance Association, St. Andrew's Association, British Red Cross Society ("Intermediate" or "Advanced"), or other body approved by the Board of Examiners, showing that the candidate is fitted to give first aid to persons requiring it, will be accepted in lieu of examination.)

(9) Paragraphs (8) and (9) of Regulation 123 of the said regulations are hereby revoked, and the following substituted therefor:—

(8) A candidate for a first-class certificate shall be entitled thereto if he passes satisfactorily both written and oral examinations in Subjects I to VII.

(9) A candidate for a second-class certificate shall be entitled thereto if he passes satisfactorily both written and oral examinations in Subjects I, III, IV, and VII, and he shall not be required to pass in Subjects II, V, and VI.

(10) The fourth paragraph of Regulation 123 (11) of the said regulations is hereby revoked, and the following substituted therefor:—

Subject III, Cyaniding, other Chemical Processes and Flotation.—Conditions for choice of method of treatment, &c.; dewatering; treatment of sands; concentrates and slimes; mixing, testing, and control of solutions; clean-up; principles of roasting as applied to gold and silver ores and concentrates.

(11) Paragraph (1) (a) of Regulation 127 of the said regulations is hereby revoked, and the following substituted therefor:—

(1) (a) A fee of £2 2s.

(12) Paragraph (1) (c) of Regulation 127 of the said regulations is hereby amended by inserting after the word "dredges" wherever it occurs therein, the words "engaged in mining operations."

(13) Regulation 131 of the said regulations is hereby revoked.

(14) Paragraphs (1) and (2) of Regulation 176 of the said regulations are hereby revoked, and the following substituted therefor:—

(1) After the completion of each borehole the person responsible for putting down same, being the holder of the mining privilege, or other person exercising rights under an option or other authority duly obtained from the holder of the mining privilege, shall forthwith send to the Inspector on the form provided for the purpose full details of the information obtained by the drilling operations, including a description of, and the thickness of, each formation penetrated, the inclination of the borehole, the size and assay value of any ore deposit, or the value per cubic yard of any alluvial deposit which may be located by the borehole and the method of calculating such value.

(2) Within one month of the completion of drilling operations on the mining privilege the person responsible for putting down the boreholes, being the holder of the privilege or other person exercising rights under an option or other authority duly obtained from the holder of the privilege, shall forward to the Inspector a plan of the area drawn to a scale of not less than 10 chains to an inch and satisfactory to the Inspector, showing the location of all holes drilled in relation to each other and to any well-defined land-marks and to any workings in the vicinity. With the aforesaid plan shall be supplied the cost per foot of boring exclusive of any transport charges, and the cost per foot for the transport of the drilling plant from hole to hole exclusive of transport to and from the area comprised in the mining privilege.