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LAW TO CONSOLIDATE AND AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO
MINES AND QUARRIES.

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1. This Law may be cited as the Mines and Quarries (Regulation) Law. Short title.

PART I.

PRELIMINARY.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpreta-
tion.
- “ Court ” means the District Court of the district in which the land is situate;
- “ Crown land ” includes any land either vested in the Crown, or owned, held and enjoyed by the Crown as Crown property ;
- “ Director ” means the Director of Lands and Surveys and includes any officer of his Department nominated by the Director for any of the purposes of this Law;
- “ land ” includes any building or other structure or erection on any land, or any trees or other thing whatsoever planted or growing upon any land and any produce thereof before severance, or any water, or any right, interest, privilege, liberty or easement in, to or over any land or anything standing or flowing thereon or thereunder;
- “ mineral oil ” includes pitch, asphalt and natural gas;
- “ minerals ” includes all materials of economic value forming part of, or derived naturally from, the crust of

the earth including mineral oil, but not minerals whilst in solution or peat, trees, timber and similar kinds of forest produce or any quarry materials;

“ mining ” means any operation of obtaining or extracting any minerals by any mode or method, or any purpose directly or indirectly connected therewith or incidental thereto;

“ owner ”, as applied to land, means the person entitled to be registered as the owner whether he is so registered or not;

“ pollute ” and “ pollution ” include any contamination with any chemical or any other substance in such a quantity as to be injurious to any human, animal or vegetable life;

“ private land ” means any land which is owned, held and enjoyed as private property and includes any land which is held or enjoyed as the communal property of a town, village or quarter;

“ prospect ” and “ prospecting ” include all operations connected with the search for minerals or quarry materials and reasonably necessary to enable the prospector to ascertain the mining or quarrying potentialities of the land;

“ quarry ” means any area excavated for the purpose of obtaining any quarry material;

“ quarrying ” means any operation of obtaining or extracting any quarry materials by any mode or method;

“ quarry materials ” means sand, stone, slate, granite or other rocks, chalk, clay, flint, gravel, gypsum, limestone, marble, marl and quartz.

Meaning of
“ mine ” and
“ quarry ”.
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3. (1) In this Law the expression “ mine ” means an excavation or system of excavations made for the purpose of, or in connection with, the getting, wholly or substantially by means involving the employment of persons below ground, of minerals (whether in their natural state or in solution or suspension) or products of minerals.

(2) In this Law the expression “ quarry ” means an excavation or system of excavations made for the purpose of, or in connection with, the getting of quarry materials (whether in their natural state or in solution or suspension) or products of quarry materials, being neither a mine nor merely a well or bore-hole or a well and bore-hole combined.

(3) For the purposes of this Law—

- (a) there shall be deemed to form part of a mine so much of the surface (including buildings, structures and works thereon) surrounding or adjacent to the shafts or outlets of the mine as is occupied together with the mine for the purpose of, or in connection with, the working of the mine, the treatment, preparation for sale, consumption or use, storage or removal from the mine of the minerals or products thereof gotten from the mine or the removal from the mine of the refuse thereof; and
- (b) there shall be deemed to form part of a quarry so much of the surface (including buildings, structures and works thereon) surrounding or adjacent to the quarry as is occupied together with the quarry for the purpose of, or in connection with, the working of the quarry, the treatment, preparation for sale, consumption or use, storage or removal from the quarry of the quarry materials or products thereof gotten from the quarry or the removal from the quarry of the refuse thereof:

Provided that there shall not, for the said purposes, be deemed to form part of a mine or quarry premises in which a manufacturing process is carried on otherwise than for the purpose of the working of the mine or quarry or the preparation for sale of minerals or quarry materials, as the case may be, gotten therefrom.

(4) For the purposes of this Law premises for the time being used for depositing refuse from a single mine or quarry, being premises exclusively occupied by the owner of that mine or quarry, shall be deemed to form part of that mine or quarry, and premises for the time being used for depositing refuse from two or more mines or quarries, being premises occupied by the owner of one of those mines or quarries (either exclusively or jointly with the owner of the other or any of the others) shall be deemed to form part of such one of those mines or quarries as the Inspector of Mines may direct.

(5) For the purposes of this Law a railway, conveyor or aerial ropeway provided for the removal from a mine or quarry of minerals or quarry materials, as the case may be, gotten therefrom or refuse therefrom shall be deemed to form part of the mine or quarry.