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CHAPTER 215.

INSTITUTE OF MINES AND FORESTS.

[No. IX of 1890.]

[4th October, 1890.]

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Institute of Mines and Forests Ordinance. Short title.

2. In this Ordinance the term "the Institute" means the Institute of Mines and Forests of British Guiana. Interpretation of "the Institute."

CONSTITUTION AND OBJECTS.

3.—(1) The persons who are now members of the Institute and the persons hereafter admitted members thereof, according to rules already made by the Institute or which are hereafter made by it under the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be and shall continue hereafter to be, for the purposes hereinafter stated, one body politic and corporate, by the name and style of The Institute of Mines and Forests of British Guiana. Incorporation of the Institute.

(2) By that name the persons aforesaid shall have perpetual succession, may have and use a common seal, and shall be capable of suing and of being sued in all courts of justice and before all magistrates and justices, and of purchasing, receiving, possessing, and holding property, whether movable or immovable, not exceeding in value the sum of sixty thousand dollars.

4. There shall be a president, a vice-president, a treasurer, and a secretary of the Institute. Officers.

5. There shall be a council of the Institute, which shall consist of the president, the vice-president, the treasurer, and not more than twelve other members of the Institute. Constitution of the council.

6. The objects for which the Institute is incorporated are:— Objects.

first, the protection and development of the mining and forest industries of the colony;

second, the collection and recording of information and the transmission of it to the Government, together with any suggestions as to legislation seeming most advantageous to the interests of those industries.

third, the undertaking, when moved thereto by the parties concerned, but not otherwise, the settlement by arbitration of disputes arising out of dealings or relations in connection with those industries; and

fourth, the doing all other things incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above-mentioned objects or any of them.

Legal proceedings by and against the Institute.

7. In any legal proceedings by the Institute, the power ad litem may be signed by the president and secretary of the Institute for the time being, and service of process on the secretary for the time being shall be deemed sufficient service.

ADMINISTRATION.

Offices.

8. The central offices of the Institute shall be in Georgetown.

Powers of the council.

9.—(1) Subject to the general control and direction of the Institute in general meeting, the council shall have the entire management of the business of the Institute.

(2) The council shall have the management of the income, funds, and property, if any, of the Institute, and may appoint and dismiss all salaried officers and servants as it thinks fit, and may, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, and of the rules and by-laws of the Institute, do all things appearing to it necessary and expedient for carrying out the objects for which the Institute is incorporated.

Annual report of proceedings.

10.—(1) The council shall prepare and present to the Institute, at its general meeting in July in each year, a report of the past year, together with a statement of the receipts and expenditure during that period, and a statement of its financial position.

(2) A copy of the report and statement shall be forwarded to the Colonial Secretary for the information of the Governor and Legislative Council.

11. The Institute shall have power from time to time to make rules and by-laws for the regulation of its proceedings, for the admission or expulsion of members, for fixing the number and functions of officers of the Institute and their mode of election, and generally for the management of its business and the carrying out of the objects for which it is incorporated:

Rules and
by-laws.

MEETINGS.

12.—(1) Ordinary general meetings of the Institute shall be held in the third week of January, April, July, and October respectively in every year.

Ordinary
general
meetings.

(2) The election of officers and councillors shall take place at the ordinary general meeting in July in each year.

13.—(1) An extraordinary general meeting of the Institute may at any time be convened by order of the council.

Extra-
ordinary
general
meetings.

(2) An extraordinary general meeting shall be convened by the secretary on a requisition in writing signed by any three or more members of the Institute.

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS.

14. The income and funds of the Institute, from whatever sources derived, shall be applied solely towards the carrying out of the objects for which the Institute is incorporated, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus, or otherwise, to any member or any person who has been a member of the Institute, or to any person claiming through a member or a person who has been a member of the Institute:

Application
of income
and funds:

Provided that nothing in this section shall affect the payment, in good faith, of remuneration to any officer or servant of the Institute, or to any member or any person who has been a member thereof in return for any services actually rendered thereto.

Proviso.

15.—(1) If the Institute is wound up, everyone who is a member at the time of the winding-up, or has ceased to be a member within the twelve months preceding the winding-up, shall be liable to contribute to the assets of the Institute, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Institute contracted before the time at which he ceased

Liability of
members
in case of
winding-up.

to be a member, and of the costs, charges, and expenses of the winding-up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories amongst themselves, the amount, not exceeding forty-eight dollars, which may be required for those purposes or any of them, or, if his liability becomes unlimited as hereafter in this section provided, any other amount required as aforesaid.

(2) If the Institute acts in contravention of the provisions of the last preceding section, the liability of every member of the council shall be unlimited, and the liability of every member of the Institute who has received any dividend, bonus, or other profit aforesaid shall be likewise unlimited.

TEMPORARY PROVISIONS.

Continuance
of existing
officers.

16. Those who, at the commencement of this Ordinance, are officers, councillors, or servants of the Institute shall continue so to be until they vacate their offices in due course.

Continuance
of existing
rules and
by-laws.

17. The rules and by-laws of the Institute in force at the commencement of this Ordinance shall continue in force until and except in so far as hereafter altered, amended, or repealed by the Institute.
