

THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE 9TH JUNE, 2007
LEGAL SUPPLEMENT – B

GUYANA

No. 9 of 2007

REGULATIONS
Made Under
THE MINING ACT
(No. 20 of 1989)

IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED
UPON ME BY SECTIONS 67 AND 136 OF
THE MINING ACT, 1989, I DO HEREBY
MAKE THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:

Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Mining (Special Mining Permit) Regulations, 2007, and shall be deemed to have come into effect on the 24th day of April, 2007, and shall cease to have effect as of the 30th day of June, 2007, (Inclusive).

Interpretation.

2. In these Regulations -

"block" shall mean, when used with reference to areas described in Schedule I, an area which has been demarcated by the Commission.

"Commission" means the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission established under the Guyana Geology and Mines Commission Act No. 9 of 1979.

Act No. 9 of 1979.

"Committee" means the Special Committee on Closed Areas established by the Minister responsible for Mining.

Application.

3. These regulations shall apply only for the purpose of and in relation to the award of Special Mining Permits over the areas as described in Schedule I hereunder and which have been demarcated as blocks.

Eligibility.

4. Persons who are not the holder or occupier of more than five claims and no other mineral property may register to participate in the award of claims for the areas set out in Schedule I.

Procedure for allocation of areas for grant of Special Mining Permits.

5. (1) The aforesaid blocks shall be awarded by means of a lottery, the rules of which are set out in Schedule II hereunder.
 - (2) Only persons who have registered to participate in the said lottery and who demonstrate evidence of payment of the non-refundable fee of five thousand dollars shall participate in the said lottery.
 - (3) All allotments as announced at the lottery shall be final.
 - (4) Other procedures with respect to allocation shall be outlined and publicized prior to the announced date of the said lottery.
 - (5) Applications for Special Mining Permits shall be made within sixty days of the date of the lottery. Failure to comply with this provision as set out in the Mining Act, 1989, and regulations shall result in the allocation being deemed to have been abandoned and the area in question shall become the subject of a subsequent lottery.
 - (6) The Mining Regulations in all other respects shall apply.
6. The Minister shall appoint a Committee (not exceeding seven persons) with powers to decide any matter arising out of or in connection with these regulations. This committee may decide its procedures subject to any set out in these regulations.

Committee.

SCHEDULE I

Tract of state land located in the Potaro Mining District No. 2 as shown on Terra Surveys Topographic Map 44NWscale 1: 50,000 with reference point 'X' located at the confluence of the Essequibo River and the Gilt Creek located with geographical co-ordinates of longitude $58^{\circ} 45' 21''$ W and latitude $5^{\circ} 25' 35''$ N.

Thence at true bearing of 336° , for a distance of approximately 5 miles 1000 yards, to point of commencement;

Point A, located at geographical coordinates of longitude $58^{\circ} 47' 19''$ W and latitude $5^{\circ} 30' 0''$ N, thence at true

bearing of 270°, for a distance of approximately 6 miles 205 yards, to Point B, located at geographical coordinates of longitude 58°52'39"W and latitude 5°30'0"N, thence at true bearing of 180°, for a distance of approximately 2 miles 158 yards, to Point C, located at geographical coordinates of longitude 58°52'39"W and latitude 5°28'11"N, thence at true bearing of 90°, for a distance of approximately 1 mile 529 yards, to Point D, located at geographical coordinates of longitude 58°51'31"W and latitude 5°28'11"N, thence at true bearing of 180°, for a distance of approximately 4 miles 58 yards, to Point E, located at geographical coordinates of longitude 58°51'29"W and latitude 5°24'41"N, thence at true bearing of 90°, for a distance of approximately 4 miles 1385 yards, to Point F, located at geographical coordinates of longitude 58°47'19"W and latitude 5°24'41"N, thence at true bearing of 1°, for a distance of approximately 4 miles 483 yards, to Point G, located at geographical coordinates of longitude 58°47'21"W and latitude 5°28'24"N, thence at true bearing of 90°, for a distance of approximately 77 yards, to Point H, located at geographical coordinates of longitude 58°47'19"W and latitude 5°28'24"N, thence at true bearing of 0°, for a distance of approximately 1 mile 1483 yards, to the point of commencement at Point A.

Thus enclosing an area of approximately 20495 acres, save and except all lands lawfully held or occupied.

SCHEDULE II

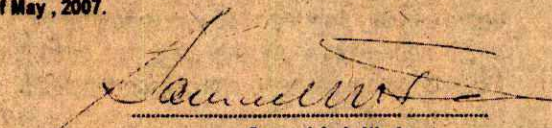
1. The size per block is approximately 56 acres.
2. All applicants shall at the time of the lottery be a holder of a Prospecting Permit (small scale).
3. Distribution of Blocks to be done through a lottery system.
4. All participants in the lottery must be registered. A registration fee of \$5,000.00 is applicable.
5. The usual fees for filing of Special Mining Permits Application shall apply.
6. Only one block shall be allocated to an individual or group.
7. Allottees are required to make the necessary application for grant of Special Mining Permit within sixty days of the allotment of the block. Applications not made would result in the allotment being declared abandoned and the block shall become the subject of a subsequent lottery.
8. Allottees must commence work within three months of the allocation.
9. The Commission shall prepare the description and map for the allottees.
10. Occupancy can only begin after demarcation of all boundaries of blocks. Same to be confirmed upon inspection.
11. All allocations are final.

12. In relation to the lottery for claims to be granted for areas as set out in Schedule I, each applicant shall be called upon to draw numbers for the number of claims for which he/she has applied.

The numbering shall correspond to the numbering used on the map on which the claims are blocked out.

13. Procedures for the lottery will be announced by way of publication in the newspapers.

Made this 30th day of May, 2007.



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Samuel A. A. Hinds,
Prime Minister
(Minister of Mines and Minerals)