

British Guiana.

REGULATIONS TO AMEND THE MINING (OIL AND NATURAL GAS) REGULATIONS, 1931.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Mining (Oil and Natural Gas) Regulations, 1939, and shall be construed with the Mining (Oil and Natural Gas) Regulations, 1931, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Regulations. Short title.

2. Paragraph 1 of Regulation 24 of the Principal Regulations is hereby amended by inserting the words "or geophysical" before the word "surveys" in the second line thereof. Amendment of Regulation 24 (1) of the Principal Regulations.

3. The form of Exploration Licence in Form 2 in the Schedule to the Principal Regulations is hereby amended by substituting the following for paragraphs 1 and 2 thereof:—
"1—In consideration of the sum of _____ dollars (being at the rate of fifty dollars for each of _____ blocks of land of not more than fifty square miles each) before the execution hereof paid by the Licensee to the Commissioner, the sole right and licence is hereby granted by the Governor in Council to the Licensee for the term of one year from the date hereof subject to the restrictions, conditions and provisions in the Mining (Oil and Natural Gas) Regulations, 1931, and in this Licence contained to enter upon the lands and to explore and search the surface of the lands described in the Schedule hereunder written for petroleum and for that purpose to make geological, geophysical and topographic examinations and to dig and Amendment of form of Exploration Licence in Form 2 in Schedule to the Principal Regulations.

turn up the surface of the land and drill geological information boreholes which shall not except with the consent of the Commissioner exceed a depth of five hundred feet. Reserving nevertheless to the Governor full power and liberty at all times to enter into and upon and to grant or demise to any person whomsoever liberty to enter into and upon such Crown lands as may be included in the said lands for all and every purpose other than that for which this Licence is granted, but subject to the rights of the Licensee under this Licence.

2. The Licensee shall with all reasonable despatch commence to examine geologically and/or by geophysical methods the said lands and shall during the subsistence of this Licence continue with due diligence to carry out such geological and/or geophysical work as may be necessary to determine the structure of the said lands.

The Licensee shall furnish to the Commissioner a half-yearly report (which he hereby undertakes to have prepared) indicating the progress of his operations under this Licence in and upon the said lands and containing a map, on a scale to be agreed between the Commissioner and the Licensee, which shall show the true topographic position of any land geologically or geophysically surveyed, examined or mapped. The half-yearly report and map shall include full particulars of any discovery or indication of petroleum or petroleum bearing strata and of any mineral of commercial value other than petroleum. Any Officer authorised by the Commissioner may at all reasonable times inspect and make abstracts or copies of any logs, records, plans or maps prepared by the Licensee in the course of his operations under this Licence. All such information so supplied by the Licensee shall (except with the consent in writing of the Licensee, which shall not be unreasonably withheld) be treated by the Commissioner as confidential, but the Commissioner shall nevertheless be entitled at any time to make use of any information received from the Licensee for the purpose of preparing and publishing aggregated returns and general reports on the extent of oil prospecting or oil mining operations in the said Colony and for the purposes of any arbitration or litigation between the Governor and the Licensee."

Made by the Governor in Council under section 98 of the Mining (Consolidation) Ordinance, Cap. 175, this twenty-first day of March, 1939.

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