

[Legal Notice No. 38]

THE MINING ACT  
(Cap. 91)

THE MINING (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1996

IN exercise of the powers conferred under section 88 of the Mining Act, I, DAVID VOUGA, Minister of Mines and Energy, do hereby make the following regulations -

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Mining (Amendment) Regulations 1996.

2. The Mining Regulations\* is hereby amended in the following manner -

(a) by deleting regulation 5 thereof and substituting therefor the following new regulations 5 -

“Annual fees

and

rents.

5. (1) In addition to any fees prescribed in the Second Schedule -

(a) the fee for a reconnaissance permit shall be \$10 for each square kilometre or part thereof;

(b) the fee for a prospecting licence shall be -

(i) for the first year \$20 for each 50 hectares or part thereof;

(ii) for the second year \$40 for 50 hectares or part thereof;

(iii) for the third year \$50 for each 50 hectares or part thereof;

(iv) for the fourth year \$60 for each 50 hectares or part thereof:

Provided that where a prospecting licence is granted or extended for a period not exceeding 6 months half only of the annual fee for the appropriate year shall be payable;

(c) the fee for a special prospecting licence for an area of less than 20 square kilometres -

(i) where the applicant has not held a prospecting licence in respect of that area and has satisfied the Permanent Secretary that there are unusual

circumstances warranting the granting of a special prospecting licence, shall be such fee as may be determined by the Permanent Secretary;

- (ii) where the applicant has previously held a prospecting licence in respect of that area, shall be \$70 for each 50 hectares or part thereof for the first year and in each subsequent year a fee of \$30 for each 50 hectares or part thereof in excess of the fee for the previous year;

(d) the fee for a special prospecting licence shall be -

- (i) for the first year, \$1,000 plus \$10 for each square kilometre or part thereof in excess of 20 square kilometres;
- (ii) for the second year \$2,000 plus \$12 for each square kilometre or part thereof in excess of 20 square kilometres;
- (iii) for the third year, \$3,000 plus \$15 for each square kilometre or part thereof in excess of 20 square kilometres;
- (iv) for the fourth year, \$4,000 plus \$20 for each square kilometre or part thereof in excess of 20 square kilometres;
- (v) for each subsequent year, a fee of 25% more than the fee for the previous year plus for each square kilometre in excess of 20 square kilometres - in the fifth year, \$20, and in each subsequent year, \$10 more than the previous year;

(e) the following annual rents shall be payable -

- (i) for a permit to mine or a mining lease, whichever shall be the greater of \$10,000 or \$20 for each hectare or part thereof;

- (ii) for a special mining lease, \$5,000 for the first 500 hectares plus \$10 for each hectare or part thereof in excess of 500 hectares;
- (iii) for a special site right or road access licence, \$100 for the first 10 hectares plus \$5 for each hectare or part thereof in excess 10 hectares.

(2) All rents shall be paid half yearly in advance and without demand on the 30th day of June and the 31st day of December in each year.

Provided that:

- (a) on the commencement of a mining tenement all the rent payable for the then current half-year rental period shall be paid by the holder on the notification of the grant of such tenement; and
- (b) where a mining tenement commences or expires during a half-year rental period the Permanent Secretary may waive or remit a proportionate part of the rent payable for that half-year rental period."

(3) The Mining Regulations are amended by replacing the Second Schedule by the following new Second Schedule -

"SECOND SCHEDULE  
(regulation 4)

FEES

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1. Alluvial miner's permit	20.00
2. Prospector's right	50.00
3. Filling application for mining tenement	60.00
4. Preparation of prospecting licence (including plans)	70.00
5. Preparation of special prospecting licence (including plans)	70.00
6. Preparation of special prospecting licence (including plans)	70.00
7. Preparation of permit to mine (including plans)	70.00
8. Preparation of mining lease (including plans)	70.00
9. Preparation of special mining lease (including plans)	70.00
10. Preparation of special site right (including plans)	70.00
11. Preparation of road access licence (including plans)	70.00
12. Extension of mining tenement (including plans)	50.00
13. Surrender of Mining tenement (including plans)	50.00
14. Filling application for the approval of the transfer or other dealing in a mining tenement	20.00
15. Deposit of duplicate of power of attorney and revocation of power of attorney, each	10.00
16. Registration of tribute agreement	10.00
17. Duplicate or certified copy of mining tenement	25.00
18. Duplicate or certified copy of any document other than a mining tenement up to 5 pages (additional pages 50 cents each)	25.00
19. Examination of registers	20.00
20. Exemption of -	
(a) prospecting licence are - from labour for each period of two months	200.00
(b) special site right area - from use - for each period of 3 months	60.00
(c) road access licence - from use - for each period of 3 months	60.00

(d) mining lease and permit to mine - from labour - for a period not exceeding six months	400.00
for each successive month	100.00
21. Filling agreement for compensation	20.00
22. Mine manager's certificate	20.00
23. Extension of mine manager's certificate	10.00
24. Hoist driver's certificate	20.00
25. Extension of hoist driver's certificate	10.00
26. Registration of agent	20.00
27. Registration of change of agent	10.00
28. Registration of transfer or assignment of mining tenement	10.00
29. Gold dealer's licence (personal) or renewal thereof	1,500
30. Gold dealer's licence to be an incorporated bank -	
(a) in respect of one branch	200.00
(b) in respect of each additional branch	100.00
31. Temporary gold dealer's licence	700.00
32. Gold dealer's change of registered address	20.00'';
(b) by deleting the Second Schedule thereof and substituting therefor a new Second Schedule.	

Dated at Honiara this fourteenth day of February, 1996.

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Minister of Mines & Energy

