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The Minerals (Amendment) Act, 1984

Short title.

Being an Act to amend the Minerals Act (Cap. 196)

[*23rd February, 1984*] Date of commencement.

1. The Minerals Act (Cap. 196) as amended by the Minerals (Amendment) Act, 1981 (Act No. 15 of 1981) is hereby further amended by the substitution for section 47 thereof of the following new section:— Section 47 of Cap. 196 replaced.

(9) The Minister may grant a gold exporter's licence to any person and may, at any time, revoke such licence.

(10) A gold exporter's licence shall authorise the person named in it to buy and export gold on such terms and conditions as the Minister may deem fit.

(11) There shall be paid on all alluvial gold bought by a licensed gold exporter under his licence, such royalty as shall be prescribed by rules made under this Act, and any such gold shall be exported from Sierra Leone only in accordance with such rules."

Section 49 of principal Act replaced.

2. The principal Act is hereby further amended by the substitution for section 49 thereof of the following new section—

Penalties.

49 (1) Any person who without a valid licence granted under this Act operates as an alluvial gold miner or gold exporter shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five thousand leones or imprisonment not exceeding two years or to both.

(2) Any person who without a valid licence granted under this Act, operates as a gold dealer shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two thousand leones or to imprisonment not exceeding one year or to both.

(3) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of section 46 and subsections (1), (2), (3), (7), and (8) of section 47 of this Act, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding two thousand leones or to imprisonment not exceeding one year or to both.

(4) Any person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (11) of section 47 of this Act, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty thousand leones or to imprisonment not exceeding five years or to both.

(5) Any person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (3) of section 48 of this Act shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand leones or to imprisonment not exceeding six months or to both.

(6) Where the holder of any licence granted under this Act fails to comply with any condition lawfully attached to the licence he shall, where no other penalty is prescribed in relation thereto, be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two thousand leones or to imprisonment not exceeding six months or to both.

(7) In addition to any other penalty prescribed in relation thereto, where an offence is committed under this section—

(*a*) any gold in connection with which the offence is committed, shall be forfeited to the State;

(*b*) any licence held by the person convicted shall be revoked by the court."

Act No. 15 of 1981 repealed.

3. The Minerals (Amendment) Act, 1981 (Act No. 15 of 1981) is hereby repealed.

Passed in Parliament this *7th* day of *February* in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four.

R. C. O. GILPIN-JACKSON
Acting Clerk of Parliament.

THIS PRINTED IMPRESSION has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed Parliament and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

R. C. O. GILPIN-JACKSON
Acting Clerk of Parliament.