

SIGNED this 30th day of September, 1981.

SIAKA STEVENS,
President

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Sierra Leone

The Minerals (Amendment) Act, 1981

Short title.

[8th October, 1981.] Date of Commence-
ment.

BE IT ENACTED by the President and Members of Parliament in this present Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1. Section 47 of the Minerals Act is hereby amended as follows:— Amendment of Section 47 of Cap.196.

- (a) by repealing subsection (1) thereof and replacing it by the following new subsection—

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 “(1) The holder of an alluvial gold mining licence shall sell gold only to a licenced gold buyer or a licenced gold exporter and a licenced gold buyer or a licenced gold exporter shall buy gold only from the holder of an alluvial gold mining licence.”;

- (b) by repealing subsection (4) thereof and renumbering subsections (5), (6) and (7) to read (4), (5) and (6) respectively;
- (c) by repealing subsection (6) thereof and replacing it by the following new subsection (6)—

“(6) All alluvial Gold bought by a gold buyer under his licence shall be sold to the Bank of Sierra Leone who shall pay royalty in accordance with the rules made generally for that purpose under this Act.

- (d) by the insertion immediately after subsection (6) thereof of the following new subsection (7)—

“Export.

(7) (a) The Bank of Sierra Leone shall be the sole holder of an alluvial gold exporter's licence and shall be the only exporter under that licence of all alluvial gold.

(b) No person other than the Bank of Sierra Leone shall hold an alluvial gold exporter's licence or export any alluvial gold from Sierra Leone.”

2. Section 49 of the Principal Act is hereby repealed and replaced by the following new section—

Repeal and replacement of section 49 of Cap. 196.

“Penalties.

49 (1) Any person who shall commit a breach of any of the provisions of section 46, 47 (2) (3) (4) (5) or (8), or 48 (1) or (2) shall be liable to the forfeiture of any licence which he may hold in addition to punishment on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two thousand leones or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year.

(2) Any person who shall commit a breach of any of the provisions of section 47 (1) or (6) shall be liable to the forfeiture of any licence and gold which he may hold in addition to punishment on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five thousand leones or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years.

(3) Any person contravening section 47 (7) shall be liable to the forfeiture of any licence and gold which he may hold in addition to punishment on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty thousand leones or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years.

(4) Any person contravening section 48 (3) shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand leones or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.”.

Passed in Parliament this 21st day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-one.

J. W. E. DAVIES,
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.

J. W. E. DAVIES,
Clerk of Parliament.