STATUTORY RULES.

No. 10 of 1934.

Made under The Mining Act of 1898 (Queensland Adopted).

The Mining Regulations, 1923 (Statutory Rules No. 5 of 1923), are further amended as follows:—

1. By repealing Regulation 57 and the heading thereto and substituting the following regulation in lieu thereof:—

" Amalgamated claims.

- 57. (1) Upon application in writing to the Warden in that behalf made by the holders of contiguous dredging claims, and upon payment of the prescribed fee, the Warden may amalgamate any number of such claims into one amalgamated dredging claim.
- (2) Upon application to the Director of Mines in that behalf made by the holders of dredging claims and upon payment of the prescribed fee, the Director of Mines may amalgamate into one amalgamated dredging claim any number of such claims, whether contiguous or not, which are wholly contained within the limits of a circle having a diameter of twenty miles. Every application under this provision shall be lodged with the Warden, by whom it shall be transmitted to the Director of Mines.
- (3) In no case shall an amalgamated claim exceed in area the maximum area which may be granted as one dredging claim, unless the application therefor is submitted by the Warden with his recommendation thereon to the Lieutenant-Governor and he approves such amalgamation.
- (4) An amalgamated dredging claim shall be deemed to be a tenement distinct from the claims which it comprised and, subject to the provisions of Regulation 62, the conditions applicable to a claim of an area equal to such amalgamated claim shall apply thereto."
- 2. By repealing Regulation 57A and the heading thereto.
- 3. By repealing the second paragraph of Regulation 61 and substituting the following in lieu thereof:—
 - "After the expiration of such period of six months, the holder of every such dredging claim shall employ continuously upon such claim not less than three men for every one hundred acres or fraction of one hundred acres in area of such claim, or, in the alternative, shall keep continuously employed thereon, and fully manned, machinery of a value of not less than One thousand pounds for every One hundred acres or fraction of One hundred acres in area of such claim, unless in either case partial or total exemption from labour conditions has been granted by the Warden:

Provided that the value of the machinery shall in no case be less than Three thousand pounds."

4. By repealing Regulation 62 and the heading thereto and substituting the following regulation in lieu thereof:—

"Labour conditions—amalgamated claims.

62. Dredging claims may be amalgamated notwithstanding that with respect to all or any of them the period of six months after the grant thereof has not expired, and in such case the labour conditions aforesaid shall successively be observed as and when such period expires with respect to each such dredging claim until the maximum labour conditions applicable to a dredging claim of an area equal to such amalgamated dredging claim are being complied with."

Made in Executive Council this fourteenth day of August, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four.

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