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An Act to further amend the Mining Act, 1893, and for other purposes.

[Assented to, December 4th, 1929.]

BE it Enacted by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows :

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Mining Act Amendment Act, 1929".

(2) The Mining Acts, 1893 to 1928, and this Act may be cited as the "Mining Acts, 1893 to 1929".

(3) The Mining Act, 1893, is hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

2. This Act is incorporated with the other Acts mentioned in section 1 of this Act, and those Acts and this Act shall be read as one Act. Incorporation.

3. Subsection (1) of section 51 of the principal Act is amended so as to read as follows:— Amendment of principal Act, s. 51—
Gold leases.

(1) The Governor may grant to a holder of a miner's right a gold lease of land not exceeding forty acres in area.

4. Paragraph III. of section 52 of the principal Act is amended so as to read as follows:— Amendment of principal Act, s. 52—
Covenants in gold leases.

III. That he will, during the term of the lease, observe the prescribed labour conditions, and that he will furnish the Minister, whenever required by the Minister, with satisfactory evidence that such labour conditions have been and are being observed :

Mining Act Amendment Act.—1929.

Amendment of
principal Act,
s. 99A—

Amalgamation of
leases.

5. Subsection (1) of section 99A of the principal Act (as enacted by section 20 of the Mining Act Further Amendment Act, 1922) is amended so as to read as follows:—

(1) The Minister may, subject to the regulations, permit the amalgamation by any lessee of any number of contiguous gold leases held by him, of any number of contiguous mineral leases held by him, of any number of contiguous coal or oil leases held by him, or of any number of contiguous miscellaneous leases of the same nature held by him. Every such permission shall continue for any period (not longer than two years) which is fixed by the Minister, and permission as aforesaid may be given from time to time.

Special mining lease.
Cf. N.S.W., No. 40,
1906, s. 40.

6. (1) The Governor may, upon the recommendation of the Minister, grant a special mining lease of any mineral lands in any case where the Minister is satisfied that by reason of the difficulties or cost attending the prospecting or development thereof, the construction of plant thereon, the treatment of the materials to be mined therefrom, or for any other reason a special mining lease of the land should be granted.

(2) The Minister may, on application being made for a special mining lease, direct the Government Geologist or Inspector of Mines to inquire into and report to him on the application, on the rent and royalty to be paid, on the term of the lease, on the area of the land to be comprised in the lease, and on the labour and other conditions to be incorporated in the lease.

(3) The term of any special mining lease may be for any period not exceeding two years.

(4) The lessee shall furnish the Minister, whenever required by the Minister, with satisfactory evidence that all the terms and conditions of the lease have been and are being properly complied with, and if the lessee makes default in complying with the provisions of this subsection, his lease may be cancelled forthwith.

(5) The lessee shall, during the term of his lease, if proper compliance has been made with all the terms and conditions thereof, have a preferential right to an ordinary lease or leases under the principal Act appropriate to the substance to be mined or treated, of the whole or any part of the land comprised in the special mining lease.

(6) The Governor may fix the term of and the area of the land to be comprised in any such special mining lease, the rent and royalty to be paid, and the labour conditions and other conditions, reservations, and exceptions to be contained therein, but in all other respects every such special mining lease and the application for the same shall be subject to the provisions of the principal Act.

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

A. HORE-RUTHVEN, Governor.