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REGULATIONS

GOVERNING PLACER MINING IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

Approved by Order in Council of 18th January, 1898, as amended by subsequent Orders in Council.)

INTERPRETATION.

“Free miner” shall mean a male or female over the age of eighteen but not under that age, or joint stock company, named in, and lawfully possessed of, a valid existing free miner’s certificate, and no other.

“Legal post” shall mean a stake standing not less than four feet above the ground and flatted on two sides for at least one foot from the top. Both sides so flatted shall measure at least four inches across the face. It shall also mean any stump or tree cut off and flatted or faced to the above height and size.

“Close season” shall mean the period of the year during which placer mining is generally suspended. The period to be fixed by the Mining Recorder in whose district the claim is situated.

“Mineral” shall include all minerals whatsoever other than coal.

“Joint Stock Company” shall mean any company incorporated for mining purposes under a Canadian charter or licensed by the Government of Canada.

“Mining Recorder” shall mean the official appointed by the Gold Commissioner to record applications and grant entries for claims in the Mining Divisions into which the Commissioner may divide the Yukon Territory.

FREE MINERS AND THEIR PRIVILEGES.

1. Every person over, but not under eighteen years of age, and every joint stock company, shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a free miner, under these regulations and under the regulations governing quartz mining, and shall be considered a free miner upon taking out a free miner’s certificate. A free miner’s certificate issued to a joint stock company shall be issued in its corporate name. A free miner’s certificate shall not be transferable.

2. A free miner’s certificate may be granted for one year to run from the date thereof or from the expiration of the applicant’s then existing certificate, upon the payment thereof of the sum of \$10.00, unless the certificate is to be issued in favour of a joint stock company, in which case the fee shall be fifty dollars for a company having a nominal capital of \$100,000 or less, and for a company having a nominal capital exceeding \$100,000, the fee shall be one hundred dollars. Only one person or joint stock company shall be named in a certificate.

3. A free miner's certificate shall be on the following form :—

DOMINION OF CANADA.

FREE MINER'S CERTIFICATE.

(Not-transferable.)

Date.....

No.....

Valid for one year only.

This is to certify that.....of.....has paid me this day the sum of.....and is entitled to all the rights and privileges of a free miner, under any mining regulations of the Government of Canada, for one year from the..... day of.....18....

This certificate shall also grant to the holder thereof the privilege of fishing and shooting, subject to the provisions of any Act which has been passed, or which may hereafter be passed for the protection of game and fish ; also the privilege of cutting timber for actual necessities, for building houses, boats, and for general mining operations ; such timber, however, to be for the exclusive use of the miner himself, but such permission shall not extend to timber which may have been heretofore or which may hereafter be granted to other persons or corporations.

4. Free miner's certificates may be obtained by applicants at the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or from the agents of Dominion Lands at Winnipeg, Manitoba ; Calgary, Edmonton, Prince Albert, in the North West Territories ; Kamloops and New Westminster, in the Province of British Columbia ; at Dawson City in the Yukon Territory ; also from the agents of the Government at Vancouver and Victoria, B. C., and at other places which may from time to time be named by the Minister of the Interior.

5. If any person or joint stock company shall apply for a free miner's certificate at the agent's office during his absence, and shall leave the fee required by these regulations, with the officer or other person in charge of said office, he or it shall be entitled to have such certificate from the date of such application ; and any free miner shall at any time be entitled to obtain a free miner's certificate commencing to run from the expiration of his then existing free miner's certificate, provided that when he applies for such certificate he shall produce to the agent, or in case of his absence shall leave with the officer or other person in charge of the agent's office, such existing certificate.

6. If any free miner's certificate be accidentally destroyed or lost, the owner thereof may, on payment of a fee of two dollars, have a true copy of it, signed by the agent, or other person by whom or out of whose office the original was issued. Every such copy shall be marked "Substituted Certificate" ; and unless some material irregularity be shown in respect thereof, every original or substituted free miner's certificate shall be evidence of all matters therein contained.

7. No person or joint stock company will be recognized as having any right or interest in or to any placer claim, quartz claim, mining lease, bed-rock flume grant, or any minerals in any ground comprised therein, or in or to any water right, mining ditch, drain, tunnel, or flume, unless he or it and every person in his or its employment shall have a free miner's certificate unexpired. And on the expiration of a

free miner's certificate the owner thereof shall absolutely forfeit all his rights and interest in or to any placer claim, mining lease, bed-rock flume grant, and any minerals in any ground comprised therein, and in or to any and every water right, mining ditch, drain, tunnel, or flume, which may be held or claimed by such owner of such expired free miner's certificate, unless such owner shall, on or before the day following the expiration of such certificate, obtain a new free miner's certificate. Provided, nevertheless, that should any co-owner fail to keep up his free miner's certificate, such failure shall not cause a forfeiture or act as an abandonment of his claim, but the interest of the co-owner who shall fail to keep up his free miner's certificate shall, *ipso facto*, be and become vested in his co-owners, *pro rata* according to their former interests; provided, nevertheless, that a shareholder in a joint stock company need not be a free miner, and, though not a free miner, shall be entitled to buy, sell, hold, or dispose of any shares therein.

8. Every free miner shall, during the continuance of his certificate, but not longer, have the right to enter, locate, prospect, and mine for gold and other minerals upon any lands in the Yukon Territory, whether vested in the Crown or otherwise, except upon Government reservations for town sites, land which is occupied by any building, and any land falling within the curtilage of any dwelling house, and any land lawfully occupied for placer mining purposes, and also Indian reservations.

9. Previous to any entry being made upon lands lawfully occupied, such free miner shall give adequate security, to the satisfaction of the Mining Recorder, for any loss or damage which may be caused by such entry; and after such entry he shall make full compensation to the occupant or owner of such lands for any loss or damage which may be caused by reason of such entry; such compensation, in case of dispute, to be determined by a court having jurisdiction in mining disputes, with or without a jury.

NATURE AND SIZE OF CLAIMS.

10. A creek or gulch claim shall be 250 feet long measured in the general direction of the creek or gulch. The boundaries of the claim which run in the general direction of the creek or gulch shall be lines along bed or rim rock three feet higher than the rim or edge of the creek, or the lowest general level of the gulch within the claim, so drawn or marked as to be at every point three feet above the rim or edge of the creek or the lowest general level of the gulch, opposite to it at right angles to the general direction of the claim for its length, but such boundaries shall not in any case exceed 1000 feet on each side of the centre of the stream or gulch.

11. If the boundaries be less than one hundred feet apart horizontally, they shall be lines traced along bed or rim rock one hundred feet apart horizontally, following as nearly as practicable the direction of the valley for the length of the claim.

12. A river claim shall be situated only on one side of the river and shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured in the general direction of the river. The other boundary of the claim which runs in the general direction of the river shall be lines along bed or rim rock three feet higher than the rim or edge of the river within the claim so drawn or marked as to be at every point three feet above the rim or edge of the river opposite to it at right angles to the general direction of the claim for its length, but such boundaries shall not in any case be less than 250 feet, or exceed a distance of 1000 feet from low water mark of the river.

13. A "hill claim" shall not exceed 250 feet in length, drawn parallel to the main direction of the stream or ravine on which it fronts. Parallel lines drawn

from each end of the base line at right angles thereto, and running to the summit of the hill (provided the distance does not exceed 1000 feet), shall constitute the end boundaries of the claim.

14. All other placer claims shall be 250 feet square.

15. Every placer claim shall be as nearly as possible rectangular in form, and marked by two legal posts firmly fixed in the ground. The line between the two posts shall be well cut out so that one post may, if the nature of the surface will permit, be seen from the other. The flatted side of each post shall face the claim, and on each post shall be written on the side facing the claim, a legible notice stating the name or number of the claim, or both if possible, its length in feet, the date when staked, and the full christian and surname of the locator.

16. Every alternate ten claims shall be reserved for the Government of Canada. That is to say when a claim is located, the discoverer's claim and nine additional claims adjoining each other and numbered consecutively will be open for registration. Then the next ten claims of 250 feet each will be reserved for the Government, and so on. The alternate group of claims reserved for the Crown shall be disposed of in such manner as may be decided by the Minister of the Interior.

17. The penalty for trespassing upon a claim reserved for the Crown, shall be immediate cancellation by the Mining Recorder of any entry or entries which the person trespassing may have obtained, whether by original entry or purchase, for a mining claim, and the refusal by the Mining Recorder of the acceptance of any application which the person trespassing may at any time make for a claim. In addition to such penalty, the Mounted Police, upon a requisition from the Mining Recorder to that effect, shall take the necessary steps to eject the trespasser.

18. In defining the size of claims, they shall be measured horizontally irrespective of inequalities on the surface of the ground.

19. If any free miner or party of free miners discover a new mine, and such discovery shall be established to the satisfaction of the Mining Recorder, creek, river, or hill, claims of the following size shall be allowed, namely:—

To one discoverer, one claim, 500 feet in length.

To a party of two discoverers, two claims, amounting together to 1000 feet in length.

To each member of a party beyond two in number, a claim of the ordinary size only.

20. A new stratum of auriferous earth or gravel situated in a locality where the claims have been abandoned shall for this purpose be deemed a new mine, although the same locality shall have been previously worked at a different level.

21. The forms of application for a grant for placer mining, and the grant of the same, shall be those contained in Forms "H" and "I" in the schedule hereto.

22. A claim shall be recorded with the Mining Recorder in whose district it is situated, within ten days after the location thereof, if it is located within ten miles of the Mining Recorder's office. One extra day shall be allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction thereof.

23. In the event of the claim being more than 100 miles from a Recorder's office, and situated where other claims are being located, the free miners, not less than five in number, are authorized to meet and appoint one of their number a "Free Miners' Recorder," who shall act in that capacity until a Mining Recorder is appointed by the Gold Commissioner.

24. The "Free Miners' Recorder" shall at the earliest possible date after his appointment, notify the nearest Government Mining Recorder thereof, and upon the arrival of the Government Mining Recorder, he shall deliver to him his records and the fees received for recording the claims. The Government Mining Recorder shall then grant to each free miner whose name appears in the records, an entry for his claim on Form "I" of these regulations, provided an application has been made by him in accordance with Form "H" thereof. The entry to date from the time the "Free Miners' Recorder" recorded the application.

25. If the "Free Miners' Recorder" fails within three months to notify the nearest Government Mining Recorder of his appointment, the claims which he may have recorded will be cancelled.

26. During the absence of the Mining Recorder from his office, the entry for a claim may be granted by any person whom he may appoint to perform his duties in his absence.

27. Entry shall not be granted for a claim which has not been staked by the applicant in person in the manner specified in these regulations. An affidavit that the claim was staked out by the applicant shall be embodied in form "H" in the schedule hereto.

28. An entry fee of fifteen dollars shall be charged the first year, and an annual fee of fifteen dollars for each of the following years. This provision shall apply to claims for which entries have already been granted.

29. A statement of the entries granted and fees collected shall be rendered by the Mining Recorder to the Gold Commissioner at least every three months, which shall be accompanied by the amount collected.

30. A royalty of ten per cent on the gold mined shall be levied and collected on the gross output of each claim. The royalty may be paid at banking offices to be established under the auspices of the Government of Canada, or to the Gold Commissioner, or to any Mining Recorder authorized by him. The sum of \$5,000 shall be deducted from the gross annual output of a claim when estimating the amount upon which royalty is to be calculated, but this exemption shall not be allowed unless the royalty is paid at a banking office or to the Gold Commissioner or Mining Recorder. When the royalty is paid monthly or at longer periods, the deduction shall be made ratable on the basis of \$5,000.00 per annum for the claim. If not paid to the bank, Gold Commissioner or Mining Recorder, it shall be collected by the customs officials or police officers when the miner passes the posts established at the boundary of a district. Such royalty to form part of the consolidated revenue, and to be accounted for by the officers who collect the same in due course. The time and manner in which such royalty shall be collected shall be provided for by regulations to be made by the Gold Commissioner.

31. Default in payment of such royalty, if continued for ten days after notice has been posted on the claim in respect of which it is demanded, or in the vicinity of such claim, by the Gold Commissioner or his agent, shall be followed by cancellation of the claim. Any attempt to defraud the Crown by withholding any part

of the revenue thus provided for, by making false statements of the amount taken out, shall be punished by cancellation of the claim in respect of which fraud or false statements have been committed or made. In respect to the facts as to such fraud or false statements or non-payment of royalty, the decision of the Gold Commissioner shall be final.

32. After the recording of a claim the removal of any post by the holder thereof or by any person acting in his behalf for the purpose of changing the boundaries of his claim, shall act as a forfeiture of the claim.

33. The entry of every holder of a grant for placer mining must be renewed and his receipt relinquished and replaced every year, the entry fee being paid each time.

34. The holder of a creek, gulch or river claim may, within sixty days after staking out the claim, obtain an entry for a hill claim adjoining it, by paying to the Mining Recorder the sum of one hundred dollars. This permission shall also be given to the holder of a creek, gulch or river claim obtained under former regulations, provided that the hill claim is available at the time an application is made therefor.

35. No miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim in a mining district, the boundaries of which shall be defined by the Mining Recorder, but the same miner may also hold a hill claim, acquired by him under these regulations in connection with a creek, gulch or river claim, and any number of claims by purchase.

36. Any free miner or miners may sell, mortgage, or dispose of his or their claims, provided such disposal be registered with, and a fee of two dollars paid to the Mining Recorder, who shall thereupon give the assignee a certificate in the form "J" in the schedule hereto.

37. Every free miner shall during the continuance of his grant have the exclusive right of entry upon his own claim for the miner-like working thereof, and the construction of a residence thereon, and shall be entitled exclusively to all the proceeds realized therefrom, upon which, however, the royalty prescribed by these regulations shall be payable; provided that the Mining Recorder may grant to the holders of other claims such right of entry thereon as may be absolutely necessary for the working of their claims, upon such terms as may to him seem reasonable. He may also grant permits to miners to cut timber thereon for their own use.

38. Every free miner shall be entitled to the use of so much of the water naturally flowing through or past his claim, and not already lawfully appropriated, as shall, in the opinion of the Mining Recorder be necessary for the due working thereof, and shall be entitled to drain his own claim free of charge.

39. Any free miner having duly located and recorded a claim shall be entitled to hold it for a period of one year from the recording of the same, and thence from year to year by re-recording the same, provided, however, that during each year and each succeeding year, such free miner shall do, or cause to be done, work on the claim itself to the value of two hundred dollars, and shall satisfy the Mining Recorder that such work has been done by an affidavit of the free miner corroborated by two reliable and disinterested witnesses setting out a detailed statement of the work done, and shall obtain from the Mining Recorder a certificate of such work having been done, for which a fee of \$2.00 will be charged.

Provided that all work done outside of a mining claim with intent to work the same shall, if such work has direct relation, and be in direct proximity to the claim, be deemed, if to the satisfaction of a responsible Government Officer, to be work done on the claim for the purposes of this section.

Provided, further, that any free miner or Company of free miners holding adjoining claims not exceeding eight in number may notwithstanding anything in the regulations to the contrary, work the same in partnership under the provisions of the regulations upon filing a notice of their intention with the Mining Recorder and upon obtaining a certificate from him, for which a fee of two dollars will be charged. This certificate will entitle the holders thereof to perform on any one or more of such claims all the work required to entitle him or them to a certificate of work for each claim so held by him or them. If such work shall not be done, or if such certificate shall not be so obtained and recorded in each and every year, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned.

The holder of a claim may at his option in lieu of the work required to be done thereon each year pay to the Mining Recorder in whose office the claim is recorded the sum of two hundred dollars for each of the first three years, but for the fourth and succeeding years the sum of four hundred dollars must be paid in lieu of work done on the location or in connection therewith, as provided by the regulations. A certificate from the Mining Recorder that such payment has been made shall relieve the person making it from the necessity of doing any work during the year.

If at the end of the year the annual amount of work has not been performed, nor the commutation fee paid, as above stated, the sum of \$250 shall be charged against the claim, and the said amount shall constitute a lien on such claim, and no transfer of title to such claim shall be recorded until the said amount of \$250 shall have been paid to the Mining Recorder.

If the lien is not discharged by payment at the expiration of three months from the end of the year, the claim shall revert to the Crown, and shall not be open for re-location, and may be disposed of as the Minister of the Interior may direct.

No claim forfeited from whatever cause shall be re-located, but every such claim shall revert to the Crown to be disposed of as the Minister of the Interior shall direct.

Any amounts received in lieu of assessment work shall form part of the Consolidated Revenue.

40. If any cases arise for which no provision is made in these regulations, the provisions of the regulations governing the disposal of mineral lands other than coal lands, approved by his Excellency the Governor in Council on the 9th of November, 1899, or such other regulations as may be substituted therefor, shall apply.

Order in Council,
29th March, 1899.

41. No officer or person employed by the Government of Canada in any capacity whatever in the Yukon Territory, and no officer or member of the Militia or of any military force stationed in the Yukon Territory, and no officer or member of the North-west Mounted Police stationed in the said Territory, shall stake or record in his own name, or in the name of any other person or corporation for his benefit, any mining claim in the said Territory, nor shall any such person acquire or become the purchaser from the

Crown of any Dominion lands in the said Yukon Territory, nor shall any such person acquire by purchase or otherwise any mining claim of any kind or description whatsoever in the said Yukon Territory.

No person to whom the prohibition in the next preceding clause applies shall act as the agent of any person or corporation in or with respect to the staking, recording, purchase or acquisition of any mining claim or property or any Dominion lands in the said Territory.

Any person guilty of violating any of the provisions of this Order in Council shall be liable to dismissal from the public service or from the military or police force as the case may be.

This Order in Council shall come into force upon being proclaimed by the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory.

Order in Council,
29th March, 1899

42. All fractional mining claims in the Yukon Territory, and the unrecorded mining claims on Dominion Creek, in the said Territory, are reserved to the Crown.

Order in Council,
30th March, 1899.

43. Regulations and amendments thereto which have been passed from time to time, shall be held to have come into force upon the date of the receipt of the same by the Gold Commissioner, and amendments or new regulations, shall hereafter come into force on the date upon which they are received by the Gold Commissioner and posted in his office; and it shall be the duty of the Gold Commissioner to post in a conspicuous place in his office any amendments or new regulations within twenty-four hours after receiving the same.

Order in Council,
27th Oct., 1899.

44. The Minister of the Interior may dispose of any whole or fractional mining claims reserved to the Crown in the Yukon Territory, in such manner as he may decide.

**FORM H.—APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR PLACER MINING
AND AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT.**

I (or we).....of.....hereby apply, under the Yukon Placer Mining Regulations, for a grant of a claim for placer mining as defined in the said regulations, in (here describe locality) and I (or we) solemnly swear :—

1. That from indications I (or we) have observed on the claim applied for, I (or we) have reason to believe that there is therein a deposit of gold.
2. That I (or we) am (or are) to the best of my (or our) knowledge and belief the first to observe such indications.
3. That I (or we) am (or are) unaware that the land is other than vacant Dominion Lands.
4. That I (or we) did on the.....day of.....mark out on the ground, in accordance in every particular with the provisions of the

mining regulations for the Yukon Territory, the claim for which I (or we) make this application, and in so doing I (or we) did not encroach on any other claim or mining location previously laid out by any other person.

5. That the length of the said claim, as nearly as I (or we) could measure is .. feet, and that the description of this date hereto attached, signed by me (or us) sets (or set) forth in detail, to the best of my (or our) knowledge and ability, its position.

6. That I (or we) make this application in good faith, to acquire the claim for the sole purpose of mining to be prosecuted by myself (or us) or by myself and associates, or by my (or our) assigns.

Sworn before me }
at..... } (Signature)
this.....day }
of.....18... }

FORM I.—GRANT FOR PLACER MINING.

No.....

Department of the Interior,

Agency.....18....

In consideration of the payment of the fee of fifteen dollars prescribed by clause 28 of the mining regulations for the Yukon Territory, by.....(A.B.)of.....accompanying his (or their) application No..... dated.....18 , for a mining claim in.....(here insert description of locality).

The Minister of the Interior hereby grants to the said.....(A. B.)for the term of one year from the date hereof, the exclusive right of entry upon the claim.....(here describe in detail the claim granted) for the miner-like working thereof, and the construction of a residence thereon, and the exclusive right to all the proceeds realized therefrom, upon which, however, the royalty prescribed by the regulations shall be paid.

The said.....(A.B.).....shall be entitled to the use of so much of the water naturally flowing through or past his (or their) claim, and not already lawfully appropriated, as shall be necessary for the due working thereof, and to drain his (or their) claim, free of charge.

This grant does not convey to the said.....(A.B.) any right of ownership in the soil covered by the said claim, and the said grant shall lapse and be forfeited unless the provisions of section 39 of these regulations are strictly complied with.

The rights hereby granted are those laid down in the aforesaid mining regulations, and no more, and are subject to all the provisions of the said regulations, whether the same are expressed herein or not.

.....
Mining Recorder.

FORM J.—CERTIFICATE OF THE ASSIGNMENT OF A PLACER MINING CLAIM.

No.....

Department of the Interior,

Agency.....18....

This is to certify that.....(B.C.).....of.....has (or have) filed an assignment in due form dated.....18 , and accompanied by a registration fee of two dollars, of the grant to.....(A.B.).....ofof the right to mine in.....(here insert description of claim)..... for one year from the.....18....

This certificate entitles the said.....(B.C.).....to all the rights and privileges of the said.....(A. B.).....in respect to the claim assigned, that is to say, to the exclusive right of entry upon the said claim for the miner-like working thereof and the construction of a residence thereon, and the exclusive right to all the proceeds realized therefrom (upon which, however, the royalty prescribed by the regulations shall be paid), for the remaining portion of the year for which the said claim was granted to the said.....(A. B.) , that is to say, until the.....day of.....18....

The said.....(B.C.)..... shall be entitled to the use of so much of the water naturally flowing through or past his (or their) claim and not already lawfully appropriated, as shall be necessary for the due working thereof and to drain his claim, free of charge.

This grant does not convey to the said.....(B.C.).....any right of ownership in the soil covered by the said claim, and the said grant shall lapse and be forfeited unless the provisions of section 39 of these regulations are strictly complied with.

The rights hereby granted are those laid down in the Yukon Placer Mining Regulations, and no more, and are subject to all the provisions of the said regulations, whether the same are expressed herein or not.

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Mining Recorder.

REGULATIONS

Governing the issue of leases to dredge for minerals in the beds of rivers in the Yukon Territory.

(Approved of by Order in Council No. 125, of 18th January, 1898.)

The following regulations are adopted for the issue of leases to persons or companies who have obtained a free miner's certificate in accordance with the provisions of the regulations governing placer mining in the Yukon Territory, to dredge for minerals other than coal in the submerged beds or bars of rivers in that Territory :—

1. The lessee shall be given the exclusive right to subaqueous mining and dredging for all minerals with the exception of coal in and along an unbroken extent of five miles of a river following its sinuosities, to be measured down the middle thereof, and to be described by the lessee in such manner as to be easily traced on the ground ; and although the lessee may also obtain as many as five other leases, each for an unbroken extent of five miles of a river, so measured and described, no more than six such leases will be issued in favour of an individual or company, so that the maximum extent of river in and along which any individual or company shall be given the exclusive right above mentioned, shall under no circumstances exceed thirty miles. The lease shall provide for the survey of the leasehold under instructions from the Surveyor General, and for the filing of the returns of survey in the Department of the Interior within one year from the date of the lease.

2. The lease shall be for a term of twenty years, at the end of which time all rights vested in, or which may be claimed by the lessee under his lease, are to cease and determine. The lease may be renewable, however, from time to time thereafter in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

3. The lessee's right of mining and dredging shall be confined to the submerged beds or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the first day of August in the year of the date of the lease.

4. The lease shall be subject to the rights of all persons who have received or who may receive entries for claims under the Placer Mining Regulations.

5. The lessee shall have at least one dredge in operation upon the five miles of river leased to him, within two seasons from the date of his lease, and if, during one season when operations can be carried on, he fails to efficiently work the same to the satisfaction of the Minister of the Interior, the lease shall become null and void unless the Minister of the Interior shall otherwise decide. Provided that when any company or individual has obtained more than one lease, one dredge for each fifteen miles or portion thereof shall be held to be compliance with this regulation.

6. The lessee shall pay a rental of \$100.00 per annum for each mile of river so leased to him. The lessee shall also pay to the Crown a royalty of ten per centum on the output in excess of \$15,000.00, as shown by sworn returns to be furnished monthly by the lessee to the Gold Commissioner during the period that dredging operations are being carried on ; such royalty, if any, to be paid with each return.

6*a*. The lessee who is the holder of more than one lease shall be entitled to the exemption as to royalty provided for by the next preceding regulation to the extent of \$15,000.00 for each five miles of river for which he is the holder of a lease ; but the lessee under one lease shall not be entitled to the exemption as to royalty provided by the next two preceding regulations, where the dredge or dredges used by him have been used in dredging by another lessee, or in any case in respect of more than thirty miles.

7. The lessee shall be permitted to cut free of all dues, on any land belonging to the Crown, such timber as may be necessary for the purposes of his lease, but such permission shall not extend to timber which may have been heretofore or may hereafter be granted to other persons or corporations.

8. The lessee shall not interfere in any way with the general right of the public to use the river in which he may be permitted to dredge, for navigation and other purposes ; the free navigation of the river shall not be impeded by the deposit of tailings in such manner as to form bars or banks in the channel thereof, and the current or stream shall not be obstructed in any material degree by the accumulation of such deposits.

9. The lease shall provide that any person who has received or who may receive entry under the Placer Mining Regulations shall be entitled to run tailings into the river at any point thereon, and to construct all works which may be necessary for properly operating and working his claim. Provided that it shall not be lawful for such person to construct a wing-dam within one thousand feet from the place where any dredge is being operated, nor to obstruct or interfere in any way with the operation of any dredge.

10. The lease shall reserve all roads, ways, bridges, drains, and other public works, and all improvements now existing, or which may hereafter be made in, upon or under any part of the river, and the power to enter and construct the same, and shall provide that the lessee shall not damage nor obstruct any public ways, drains, bridges, works and improvements now or hereafter to be made upon, in, over, through, or under the river ; and that he will substantially bridge or cover and protect all the cuts, flumes, ditches and sluices, and all pits and dangerous places at all points where they may be crossed by a public highway or frequented path or trail, to the satisfaction of the Minister of the Interior.

11. That the lessee, his executors, administrators, or assigns, shall not nor will assign, transfer or sublet the demised premises, or any part thereof, without the consent in writing of the Minister first had and obtained.

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