

"Owner" means the Owner (as defined in the Coal Mines Act, 1911) of any coal mine, and where an Owner is for the purposes of the Scheme represented by a duly authorised representative includes such representative;

"The Secretary" means the Secretary to the Executive Board constituted under the provisions of the Scheme;

"The Trustees" means the persons for the time being appointed under the provisions of the Scheme to be Trustees for the Executive Board;

"Undertaking" means any undertaking comprising one or more coal mines belonging to the same owner.

The following words respectively have the same meaning in the scheme as in the Act namely "Class" "Coal" "disposal" "functions" "output."

Duration and Scope of the Scheme.

3.—(1) The Scheme shall come into force on such date as may be appointed by the Board of Trade under the provisions of the Act, and shall remain in force until the expiration of Part I of the Act, unless in the meantime—

(i) A new scheme shall be substituted in manner hereafter provided by the Scheme, or

(ii) The Board of Trade shall direct in pursuance of sub-section (7) of Section 5 of the Act that the Scheme shall cease to have effect.

(2) The production of coal and the supply and sale of such coal by all owners shall be regulated by the provisions of the Scheme.

Administration of the Scheme.

4. There shall be constituted and elected annually in manner hereafter in the Scheme provided an Executive Board (hereafter in the Scheme referred to as "the Board") who shall be responsible for the general administration of the Scheme and it shall be the duty of the Board, subject to the provisions of the Scheme and within the limits thereof, to take from time to time such steps as may appear to them desirable for the purposes of regulating to the best advantage the production of coal and the supply and sale of such coal in the District.

5.—(1) The Board shall consist of not more than 15 in number and shall be elected annually at a General Meeting of all the owners in the district. Each owner with a tonnage in excess of 40,000 tons per annum shall be entitled to nominate a representative for election to the Board and those whose tonnage is less than 40,000 tons shall together be entitled to nominate a representative for election from amongst their number.

(2) At every election of members of the Board there shall be elected with each member a person or persons, being officials of an undertaking, to act in case of need as a substitute or substitutes for such member. Any substitute so elected may attend any meeting of the Board but may only take part in the meeting in the absence of the member for whom he acts as substitute.

(3) The Board shall appoint a Chairman to preside at the meetings thereof and a Deputy-Chairman to preside in his absence. If at any meeting of the Board neither the Chairman nor the Deputy-Chairman are present the members of the Board present shall choose

one of their number to act as Chairman of the meeting, provided that the Board may appoint an Independent Chairman to preside at the meetings, who may be paid such remuneration out of the district fund as the Board shall from time to time determine.

(4) The method of voting at the election of members of the first and every succeeding Board, including such substitutes as aforesaid, shall be that prescribed in Clause 27 of the Scheme.

6. The Board shall hold office for twelve months, at the end of which period all members of the Board shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election.

7. The Board may meet together for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they may think fit.

8. The Secretary shall, upon receipt of any requisition for a meeting of the Board, signed by any member of the Board or by any owner, summon a meeting of the Board by giving not less than three days' notice in writing of such meeting to every member of the Board; Provided that in case of urgency the Secretary may summon a meeting by one clear day's notice. Notice must be given either by telegram or telephone and confirmed by written notice.

Provided that the purpose for which the meeting is required shall be specified in every such requisition and notice as aforesaid.

9. Representatives of Owners whose combined output is not less than 50 per cent. of the total output raised in the District during the last completed calendar year for which figures are available shall form a quorum.

10. Any casual vacancy occurring on the Board may be filled by the members of the Board, but any person so appointed a member of the Board shall retire with the elected members at the end of their term of office.

11. The Board may appoint Sub-Committees from time to time from among their own members or otherwise for such purposes as they shall think fit, provided that any decision of a Sub-Committee shall be subject to the approval of the Board.

12. The Board shall appoint a Secretary to the Board and such other Officers as are required to give effect to the functions of the Board and they shall fix the terms and duration of each appointment.

13. Voting at all meetings of the Board and at meetings of any Sub-Committee appointed by the Board shall be by show of hands, each member having one vote; and if at any meeting there should be an equality of votes the Independent Chairman shall have a casting vote.

14. Subject to the provisions of the Scheme the meetings of the Board and of any Sub-Committees appointed by the Board shall be held and conducted in accordance with such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Board, including provision for the taking and keeping of minutes, which shall be signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which they are approved and such signature shall be sufficient evidence of their accuracy.

15. The expenses of the Board and of any Sub-Committees appointed by the Board and the salaries of any officers of the Board, including such remuneration (if any) of the Chairman of the Board as may be determined by