COAL MINES ACT, 1930.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT (COAL MINES) SCHEME, 1930.

Whereas by subsection 5 of Section 1 of the Coal Mines Act, 1930, it is provided that any Scheme may be amended with the approval of the Board of Trade in manner provided by the Scheme;

And whereas in pursuance of powers conferred upon them by subsection (4) of Section 3 of the said Act, the Board of Trade have made the North Staffordshire District (Coal Mines) Scheme (Amendment) Order, 1936, which provides that the North Staffordshire District (Coal Mines) Scheme, 1930, may be amended so as to provide for the matters specified in Part I of the Schedule to the said Order in substitution for the matters mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (f) of subsection (2) of the said Section 3 and for the matters specified in Part II of the said Schedule in addition to the matters mentioned in subsections (2) and (3) of the said Section 3;

And whereas it is provided by Clause 33 of the said Scheme (*inter alia*) that any alteration in the provisions of the Scheme shall be operative from such date as may be prescribed by the Board of Trade;

And whereas in pursuance of the said Clause 33 the amendments of the said Scheme set out in the Schedule hereto have been submitted to the Board of Trade by the Executive Board elected under the provisions of the said Scheme:

Now therefore the Board of Trade in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by subsection (5) of Section 1 of the said Act hereby approve the amendments of the North Staffordshire District (Coal Mines) Scheme, 1930, set out in the Schedule hereto and prescribe the 1st day of August, 1936, as the date from which the said amendments shall come into force:

Provided that where under the said Scheme as amended the Executive Board are empowered to make any determination or appointment or to obtain any information which is necessary or expedient for bringing the said Scheme as amended into operation on the said 1st day of August, and any Owner is required to furnish such information to the Executive Board, the provisions of the said Scheme as amended in relation to the matters aforesaid shall come into force on the 25th day of July, 1936.

Harry Crookshank,
Secretary for Mines.

Board of Trade,
Mines Department,
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25th day of July, 1936.

SCHEDULE.

The North Staffordshire District (Coal Mines) Scheme, 1930, shall be amended in the following manner:—

1. Clause 2 shall have effect as if—

(a) the definitions of the following terms were omitted:—

"Majority Owners"
"Minority Owners"
"Export Supply"
"Inland Supply"
"The customary shipping places of the District"; and

(b) there were added the following definition, that is to say:—

"Supply" includes sale.

2. Clause 3 shall have effect as if in sub-clause (2) thereof after the word "regulated" there were inserted the words "and facilitated".

3. Clause 4 shall have effect as if after the word "regulating" there were inserted the words "and facilitating".

4. Clause 5 shall have effect as if—

(a) in sub-clause (1) thereof the words from "And provided" to the end of the sub-clause were omitted; and

(b) in sub-clause (3) thereof the words "first and every succeeding" were omitted.

5. Clause 11 shall have effect as if—

(a) after the word "office" there were added the words "a casual vacancy in respect of a substitute member may be filled in like manner"; and

(b) the proviso thereto were omitted.

6. Clause 12 shall have effect as if there were added at the end thereof the following words, that is to say "unless the powers of the Board to make such a decision are delegated to the Committee."

7. There shall be inserted the following new Clause, that is to say:—

"13.—(1) The Board shall appoint a Sales Committee, who may be members of the Board or other persons, to perform the functions allotted to them on behalf of and in the name of the Board. The first appointment of the Committee shall be made before 1st August, 1936.

(2) The Sales Committee shall have an Independent Chairman who shall be appointed only by a majority of at least three-fourths of the members of the Board present and voting or in default of such a majority upon the nomination of the Secretary for the time being of the Central Council. The other members of the Committee may be appointed by a simple majority of the members of the Board present and voting.

(3) The Independent Chairman shall within three months after his appointment sell or dispose of any interest or shares or securities, which he may hold in his own name or in the name of a nominee for his own benefit, in any undertaking carrying on in Great Britain the business of coal mining or supplying coal, or the manufacture or sale of by-products of coal or machinery or plant for coal mining. The Chairman while he holds office shall not acquire for his own benefit any interest or shares or securities in any such undertaking, and if under any will or succession or otherwise he becomes entitled for his own benefit to any interest or shares or securities in any such undertaking, he shall sell or dispose of it or them within three months after he has become entitled thereto.