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5th February 1925.

LOCATION:—

COASTAL MINING AND EXPLORATION CO.  
RENEWAL OF LICENCE.

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W. Strachey

Of five areas originally granted all but areas C. and E. have been released. Recommends that at expiration of present renewed licence they should be allowed to surrender, in contingency stated, another area in substitution for either C. or E.

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Previous Paper

MINUTES

Gov 1731/22

Clause 11 of the lease must be read with clause 9 to make the position clear.

The proposal now made is not unreasonable & the Gov. Enquirer is whether the modification now desired & the Co. can be used as a lever to get the small area to be granted reduced to something below 4000 sq. miles.

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Subsequent Paper

Gov 1895/26

? agree to the proposal

17/3/25

As to A,

Please see minutes on 20770/21. As the  
Commissioners accepted d. 11 with their  
eyes open, we have no need to be lenient, but  
the number of separate plots are not  
allowed to have been anticipated  
originally, & the retention of 40000 sq. miles was  
I am inclined to leave the point alone.

The phrase "various" equal to C & E  
is vague. Is it a plot, or is many square  
miles, possibly in many plots. So that they  
may not purchase the eyes of the land, I  
would lay down that the area to be  
subdivided shall consist of not more  
than two plots and that each plot  
must be reasonably regular in shape  
and have two boundaries along  
boundaries of C & E.

Wed. 17.3.25.

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reference to  
B. 11/10/25

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI.  
KENYA.

5th February, 1925.



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No 173.  
Sir,

With reference to Kenya despatch No.1616, of the 22nd November, 1921, relating to a Sole Prospecting Licence granted to the Coastal Mining and Exploration Company, I have the honour to inform you that this licence has been renewed yearly up to the end of 1924 on the surrender of one of the five areas.

2. Areas A, B and D have now been released from the operation of the licence and I have approved the renewal for a further year of the licence over areas C and E. The licensees, however, urge that at the expiration of this renewed licence they should not be required to surrender either area C or E on the ground that they believe that they have located a seam of coal in one area which may run into the other. Consequently if at the end of the year they have to surrender one of these two areas they feel that they will probably be deprived of the fruit of their labours to the advantage of other prospectors who have not been put to the same expenses.

3. I consider that their plea is reasonable and that the situation will be in order if instead of stating categorically that either area C or E must be surrendered at the end of the year the present licence should be amended to provide for the surrender of an area equal in

size -

RIGHT HONOURABLE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL,

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S. W.,

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size to either area C or area E. I trust you will agree that this modification of clause 9 of the licence enclosed with my despatch under reference is reasonable and in the meantime licence similar to that granted last year will be issued.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

*W. Denham*  
/ GOVERNOR.

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Sir,

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Brett Apr 30  
Allen 1/4 J

I have to ack. the recd. of  
your desp No 173 of the 5<sup>th</sup> of  
Feb, regarding the ~~late~~

Prospecting licence granted  
to the Coastal Mining and  
Exploration Company, and to

inform you that I agree to the

renewed  
proposal that the Company  
be amended to provide that  
at the end of the period year,  
the Company shall surrender  
covered by the renewed licence

should not be required to  
instead of  
either area C

- J. Shuckburgh
- C. Davis
- G. Griggie
- J. Masterton Smith
- Arnold
- Thomas

~~an area C~~ but should be  
of  
allowed to surrender an area

equal in size to either of  
area B.

~~These areas~~ on the understanding  
condition of the modification of the lease  
that the area <sup>to be</sup> surrendered shall

consist of not more than two

plots and that each plot

shall ~~not~~ be reasonably regular

in shape and <sup>shall</sup> have two  
boundaries of the

boundaries along the combined  
area represented by areas

C & E on the map <sup>copies</sup>

of which were enclosed in

Sir Edward Northey's despatch

No 1616 of the 22nd of Nov

1921.

Irc

(for the Secretary of State)  
(Signed) W. ORMSBY GORE

for 2731/21/22