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FOR CIRCULATION:-

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- Mr. H. Lambert
- Mr. H. Bond
- Mr. G. Fisher
- Mr. W. A.
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SUBJECT

Mining Rights in VITENGETI AREA

Gives particulars of licenses granted to Kenya Mining Syndicate. States discovery of galena reef as a result of their investigation, and as to present position of application for mining leases.

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*... satisfactory to find that the National Council is looking about the mining rights. I doubt whether we need write further to him & that unless they make further...*

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Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 1208 of 3rd August, relating to the mineral rights granted in the Vitengeni area, I have the honour to inform you that my telegram No. 375 of 27th July should read as follows:-

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\* Your telegram July 19th - Vitengeni area declared open to prospecting February 1920 pegged by McHugh April 1920 rights then transferred to Kenya Mining Syndicate, who obtained sole prospecting rights June 1920. These rights lapsed and sole prospecting licence now being issued to Kenya Mining Company who have applied for lease for 4 claims. Application now under consideration.

2. Designation of the above and of subsequent events, I have to state that by General Notice No. 213 appearing in the Official Gazette of 25th February 1920, the Vitengeni area was declared open to prospecting. A Mr. McHugh pegged four claims in April 1920. His rights in these were transferred to the Kenya Mining Syndicate, who then obtained 4 sole prospecting licences covering 5 square miles each over the adjoining country.

3. These licences expired, but in consideration of the work which the Syndicate had done, a new sole prospecting licence was issued to the Kenya Mining Company, the Syndicate having been converted into a Limited Company in the meantime. As the result of

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their investigations on this licence, they discovered a galena reef. They pegged 23 mineral claims lying on either side of the Tsangalweni River which they now hold.

4. The Company recently applied for mineral leases for four of the claims; the Chief Native Commissioner was consulted as regards native rights and agreed that there were no objections from that point of view provided that the area which had been inspected agreed with the area applied for by the Company.

On the matter being referred to the Company they stated that they desired to hold the matter in abeyance until they were in a position to send a suitable person to the locality to show the District Commissioner the boundaries.

5. The matter is thus unavoidably delayed; the Chief Native Commissioner is anxious for an assurance that native rights are not interfered with, and since there is native cultivation in the vicinity, the question cannot be settled without further enquiry.

As soon as he is in a position to do so, the Acting Commissioner of Mines will submit the application for leases to the Governor as required by Section 103 of the Mining Regulations 1912.

6. Your instructions contained in the third paragraph of your despatch under reference are duly noted and I am furnishing the desired information in a separate despatch.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*W. K. ...*

ACTING GOVERNOR.