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Section 3

BAUXITE LANDS

SALE/LEASE AND

USE OF PRE-MINED and MINED-OUT LANDS

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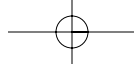
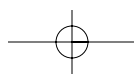
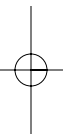
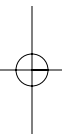


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CHAPTER I

DEVELOPMENT ON BAUXITE LANDS

1.0 BACKGROUND

Bauxitic soils account for approximately 30% of the surface of Jamaica. Access to unencumbered bauxite bearing lands for mining is absolutely necessary for the survival of the industry which accounts for at least 40% of the country's annual foreign exchange earnings. There are more than 400,000 hectares of Bauxite lands concentrated in the parishes of Manchester, St. Ann, St. Elizabeth, Clarendon, Trelawny, and to a lesser extent St. Catherine. At least 43% of these lands are currently allocated under bauxite mining leases or exploration licenses. At any point in time, a portion of this land is being actively mined while the bulk is in agricultural and other uses. While some Bauxite land is owned privately, a significant portion is owned and managed by the government of Jamaica or the bauxite companies operating in Jamaica.

1.1 USE OF BAUXITE LANDS

The Jamaica Bauxite Institute is responsible for monitoring the use of bauxite land and for protecting these lands from sterilization. Bauxite land management is centered around two basic principles. The first is that bauxite deposits occur in populated areas and these deposits must be protected from permanent developments in order to ensure their availability for mining when required. Secondly, efforts have to be made to ensure that these lands are optimally utilized prior to and after mining to the benefit of surrounding communities and in accordance with national development priorities. Bauxite bearing lands can however be made available for non-permanent use prior to mining.

CHAPTER 2

PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING FOR USE OF GOVERNMENT OWNED BAUXITE LANDS

2.0 PRE-MINED LANDS

Enquiries/applications regarding the use of government owned bauxite land for any development are to be directed to the Jamaica Bauxite Institute or to the Commissioner of Lands.

2.1 APPLICATIONS

The following information is required when an application/enquiry is submitted:

The name of the parcel of land must be indicated and a proper location map identifying the land must be provided, with a written description stating how the land can be easily identified.

The use for which the land is required, the type of tenure arrangement being sought and the intended user of the land must be clearly stated.

2.2 THE BAUXITE LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

After the necessary investigations are carried out by the Jamaica Bauxite Institute, the Bauxite Land Management Committee makes a recommendation regarding the application.

2.3 APPROVALS

Approvals for the use of unmined bauxite lands are usually restricted to agricultural development of a non-permanent nature. The erection of buildings or permanent structures is prohibited. A short-term lease is usually granted, with the provision for notice to be given to the lessee in the event that the property is required for mining. Developments, which appear to have the potential to sterilize unmined bauxite lands are not supported.

2.4 MINED-OUT LANDS

Submissions to the Jamaica Bauxite Institute or the Commissioner of Lands for use of mined-out, restored lands for agricultural and non-agricultural purposes are

accepted, provided that the intended use will not impede future mining operations.

The relevant Parish Council/the Town and Country Planning Authority must approve all non-agricultural uses. (See Section 2 Volume 1 dealing with planning and development approvals. A permit or licence may also be required under the Natural Resources Conservation Act).

2.5 CONTACT INFORMATION

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