

[Legal Notice No. 55]

**MINES AND MINERALS ACT
(Cap. 42)**

MINES AND MINERALS (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2011

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 80 of the Mines and Minerals Act (Cap. 42), I make these Regulations –

Citation and commencement **1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Regulations 2011 and commence on the date of publication in the *Gazette*.

New Part added **2.** The Mines and Minerals Regulations 1996 (I/N. 106/96) (“principal Regulations”) is amended by adding the following new Part –

PART XX EXPORTATION OF MINERALS

Definition 69. In this Part –

“application” means an application made under regulation 71 for an export permit;

“consignment permit” means a consignment permit issued to a mining company under regulation 73;

“export and consignment permit” means an export and consignment permit issued to a person other than a mining company under regulation 73;

“export permit” means an export permit issued under regulation 70.

Power to issue export permit **70.** (1) The Minister, acting on the advice of the Board, has the power to issue an export permit to a mining company, in Form No. 18A with or without conditions and subjects to the payment of the export permit fee set out in the Schedule.

(2) The power to issue an export permit includes the power to refuse, vary, suspend or cancel the permit or to vary, suspend revoked conditions or to impose new conditions.

(3) Subject to regulation 73, the export permit authorises the holder to export mineral commodity within the period of the permit.

(4) The Board must assess the application and provide its advice to the Minister on whether or not the application should be granted.

(5) The Board may require the applicant to provide further information within thirty days before it may re-consider the application, otherwise the application lapses at the expiration of the thirty days.

(6) When the Board completes its assessment of the application, the Director shall notify the Minister on the advice of the Board for the purposes of subregulation (1).

(7) The Director shall inform the applicant of the decision of the Minister and, subject to payment of the export permit fee, he may send the export permit to the licensee.

(8) The export permit may be issued for up to 3 years and shall not be transferred or assigned to another person except that a gold dealer may be issued an export permit for a period of up to 12 months.

(9) The requirement of an export permit does not apply if the mining lease authorizes the permit.

71. (1) Any mining company desiring to export mineral commodity may apply in Form No.18 and accompanied by the prescribed application fee to the Director for an export permit. Application for export permit

(2) The Director shall refer the application to the Board.

(3) The Director may, if the application does not contain all the necessary information, require the applicant to submit further documents before he refers the application to the Board.

72. (1) The Minister may, on advice of the Board, suspend or cancel the export permit if the permit holder breaches any condition of the export permit or a provision of the Act or its Regulations. Suspension and cancellation

(2) The Board may, when giving advice to the Minister under subregulation (1), give an opportunity to the permit holder to respond as to why the permit should not be suspended or cancelled.

(3) The Director must forward the advice of the Board to the Minister and inform the permit holder of the decision of the Minister.

(4) When an export permit is suspended or cancelled, the consignment permit is also suspended or cancelled.

Application for
export and
consignment
permit

73. (1) The Director may, with or without condition, grant the following permit to export minerals –

- (a) a consignment permit in Form No. 19A to a mining company pursuant to its export permit issued under regulation 70;
- (b) an export and consignment permit in Form No. 20A to a person other than a mining company.

(2) Any mining company intending to export a consignment of mineral commodity under its export permit may in Form No. 19 apply to the Director for a consignment permit.

(3) Any person other than a mining company may apply in Form No.20 to the Director for an export and consignment permit authorising the person to export the mineral commodity.

(4) Before the mineral commodity is exported, the Director shall –

- (a) inspect, check and verify all information in relation to the exportation of the mineral commodity;
- (b) verify and confirm payment of any tax in relation to exportation of the mineral commodity;
- (c) approve in writing the consignment of mineral commodity to be exported; and
- (d) ensure that all Customs shipment clearance for exportation of the mineral commodity has been completed to his satisfaction.”.

First and
Second
Schedules
amended

3. (1) The First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended by adding the following forms set out in Part 1 of the Schedule to these Regulations.

(2) The Second Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended by inserting a new part 11 as set out in Part 2 of the Schedule to these Regulations.

SCHEDULE
(regulations 3)

PART 1 - AMENDMENTS TO THE SECOND SCHEDULE OF THE
PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

“FORM 18

Application for Mineral Export Permit¹
(regulation 71)

To: The Director of Mines,
Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification
Honiara, Solomon Islands

I, hereby apply for Mineral Export
Permit on behalf of
to export
comprising of
produced from
through

Address in Solomon Islands at which notices may be served:
.....

Approximate mining lease area:

Province:

Island:

Length of Term desired:

Fees paid herewith:

(a) Application Fee S.....

(b) Processing Fee S.....

(c) Mineral Export Permit fee for S.....
..... months/years (*to be paid
when application granted*)

TOTAL FEE S.....

¹Three copies to be submitted

I attached herewith the marketing contract/sales agreement with the purchaser, copy of mining lease, accreditation of traders, retailers, and processors, and mining plan showing the anticipated facilities, scale of operations and production capacity, nature of the mineral products, processing plan and the estimated overall recovery of the commodity and mineral products.

2. Applicants Declaration

I hereby certify that the above particulars are correct for best of my knowledge and belief that the company holds current Mining Lease No.....of 20.....

Dated at this day of 20.....

Signature of Applicant or Agent

Official Use: Received at hr on day of 20..... G.T.R. No: Signature of Receiving Officer



FORM 18A

EXPORT PERMIT² - MINING COMPANIES
(regulation 70)

EXPORT PERMIT NO.

Permit

UPON application dated and on the advice of the Board dated,
I hereby grant an Export Permit to export the mineral listed in Appendix A in
respect of its Mining Licence No..... in relation to land are listed in Appendix B
to –

- (a) Name of Company:
- (b) Address:
- (c) Telephone: Fax:
- (d) Email:

Period

The Permit is for a period of [.....] effective from this day of
..... 20

Conditions

The Permit is subject to the following conditions –

- (a) a consignment permit issued under regulation 73 is required to effect the export of the mineral;
- (b) prescribed export duties of mineral commodity concerned is cleared to the satisfaction of the Director of Mines.

ISSUED this day of 20.....

MINISTER
Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification

²Three copies are to be signed

APPENDIX A

(Minerals which may be, exported from the mining lease area subject
of this permit)

GOLD AND SILVER

APPENDIX B

(Situation and description of the area this subject of this permit)

Area referred hereto as

FORM 19

APPLICATION FOR AND CONSIGNMENT PERMIT BY
MINING COMPANY
(regulation 71)

TO: The Director of Mines
Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification
Honiara, Solomon Islands

a) Mineral Export Information

I³
hereby apply for a miner consignment permit on behalf
of⁴
to export⁵
of⁶
contained⁷ comprising of⁸
produced from⁹
and marked¹⁰
through¹¹
via¹²
shipped by¹³
to¹⁴

Monetary value of minerals by weight in SBD (Solomon dollar)¹⁵

b) Payment herewith

Received from
The sum of
Being for

- ³full name and address of person signing this form
- ⁴name and full address of mining company/person
- ⁵quantity of minerals by weight in ounces
- ⁶name and description of minerals
- ⁷number of packages
- ⁸grade, specifications and/or assay where applicable
- ⁹name and registration number of mine, name of owner of administrative district
- ¹⁰full postal address of consignee
- ¹¹agent and place of export
- ¹²despatched & receiving port of consignment
- ¹³carrier & flight details
- ¹⁴company & country of destination
- ¹⁵value of export metal as of today's price

c) Declaration of Consigner

I hereby certify that the above particulars are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief that the company holds current Mining Lease No..... of 20.....

Date:
Signature of Consigner

d) Mines Officer Receiving Consignment

Received at hr on..... day of 20

G.T.R No:.....
Signature of Receiving Officer

FORM 19A
CONSIGNMENT PERMIT BY MINING COMPANY

Our ref: Date:

[CONSIGNMENT PERMIT NO:]

UPON considering your Application date for an Export and
Consignment Permit to export minerals,

I hereby grant to:

Name:

Address:

Telephone/fax/email contact:

this Export and Consignment Permit to export the following minerals –

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.....
.....

within the period of fourteen (14) days from the date thereof,

Dated this day of 20

DIRECTOR OF MINES
Mines Division
Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification

[Valid (Until/for): One (Shipment) only]

FORM 20

APPLICATION FOR AND CONSIGNMENT PERMIT BY OTHER
PERSONS OTHER THAN MINING COMPANY
(regulation 71)

TO: The Director of Mines
Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification
Honiara, Solomon Islands

a) Mineral Export Information

I¹⁶ hereby apply for a
mineral export and consignment permit to export¹⁷
of¹⁸
contained¹⁹ comprising of²⁰
produced from²¹
and marked²²
through²³
via²⁴
shipped by²⁵
to²⁶

Monetary value of minerals by weight in SBD (Solomon dollar)²⁷

b) Payment herewith

Received from
The sum of
Being for

c) Declaration of Consigner

- ¹⁶full name and address of person signing this form
- ¹⁷quantity of minerals by weight in ounces
- ¹⁸name and description of minerals
- ¹⁹number of packages
- ²⁰grade, specifications and/or assay where applicable
- ²¹name and registration number of mine, name of owner of administrative district
- ²²full postal address of consignee
- ²³agent and place of export
- ²⁴dispatched & receiving port of consignment
- ²⁵carrier & flight details
- ²⁶company & country of destination
- ²⁷value of export metal as of today's price

I hereby certify that the above particulars are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief that the minerals were obtained lawfully in Solomon Islands.

Date:
Signature of Consigner

d) Mines Officer Receiving Consignment

Received at hr on day of 20

G.T.R.No:.....
Signature of Receiving Officer

FORM 20A

**EXPORT AND CONSIGNMENT PERMIT BY PERSONS
OTHER THAN A MINING COMPANY**

Our ref: Date:

[MINERAL EXPORT AND CONSIGNMENT PERMIT NO:]

UPON considering your Application dated for a Consignment Permit to export minerals pursuant to your Export Permit No., issued under regulation 70 which is still valid until the day of 20, I hereby grant to:

Name of the Company/Officer of the Company:

This Consignment Permit to export the following minerals –

.....
.....

with the period of fourteen (14) days from the date thereof,

Date the day of 20

DIRECTOR OF MINES
Mines Division
Ministry of Mines, Energy & Rural Electrification

[Valid (Until/for): One (Shipment) only]

**PART 2 - NEW PART ADDED TO THE SECOND SCHEDULE AS
FOLLOWS -**

**"11. MINERAL EXPORT PERMIT AND CONSIGNMENT
PERMIT FEES**

ITEM	SUBJECT	FEE (\$)
1.	Application for Export Permit (including renewal application)	3,000.00
2.	Processing fee (including plans) (including renewals)	7,000.00
3.	Export Permit Fee (including renewal permit fee) -	
	(a) Up to 12 months	50,000.00
	(b) Over 12 months to 2 years	100,000.00
	(c) Over 2 years to 3 years	150,000.00
4.	Application for consignment permit (regulation 73(1)(a))	5,000.00
5.	Application for export and consignment permit (regulation 73(1)(b))	500.00
6.	Consignment Permit Fee	7,000.00
7.	Export and consignment permit fee	500.00".

MADE AT HONIARA this twenty-seventh day of June, 2011.

HON. MOSES GARU
Minister
Ministry for Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification

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