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PART-IV

PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH
NOTIFICATION
KARACHI, THE 26TH MARCH, 2013.

NO.PAS/Legis-B-03/2012- The Sindh Coal Bill, 2012 having been passed by the Provincial Assembly of Sindh on 13th March, 2013 and assented to by the Governor of Sindh on 20th March, 2013 is hereby published as an Act of the Legislature of Sindh.

THE SINDH COAL ACT, 2012.

SINDH ACT NO. XXVIII OF 2013.

**AN
ACT**

to provide for regulation and development of coal in the Province of Sindh.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for regulation and development of coal in the Province of Sindh and to provide for matters connected therewith or ancillary thereto; **Preamble.**

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**PART I
PRELIMINARY**

**Short title,
extent and
commencement.**

1. (1) This Act may be called the Sindh Coal Act, 2012.
- (2) It shall extend to the whole of Province of Sindh.
- (3) It shall come into force at once.

Definitions.

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context -

- (i) "coal" means a mineral formed below earth's surface and includes anthracite, bituminous coal, sub-bituminous coal and lignite;
- (ii) "coal mine" means any deposit of coal for production, processing or transformation of coal within the Perimeter for such coal mine;
- (iii) "coal title" means the legal entitlement which includes reconnaissance license, exploration license, mineral deposit retention license or mining lease;
- (iv) "deposit" means any concentration of coal that can be economically exploited in any form;
- (v) "Government" means the Government of Sindh;
- (vi) "holder" means a person or a company in whose name a Coal Title is issued by Government and includes his successor in title and interest;
- (vii) "licencee" means a person or a company to whom a licence is granted and includes his successor in title and interest;
- (viii) "mining" means any process through which the coal is exploited which includes surface mining, underground mining, underground coal gasification and any other process;
- (ix) "perimeter" means an area identified and physically demarcated on the surface of a coalfield;
- (x) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules; and
- (xi) "rules" means the rules made under this Act.

**PART II
ADMINISTRATION OF
COAL ACTIVITIES**

3. (1) There shall be an Inspectorate of Coal Mines as an attached department of Coal and Energy Development Department responsible for the implementation and enforcement of coal mine safety, rescue and recovery operations, conducting mine environment sample testing, monitoring the health and welfare of coal mine workers, and the provision of training and testing for its staff.

**Inspectorate of
Coal Mines**

(2) Government may appoint a duly qualified person to be Chief Inspector of Coal Mines for all coalfields in the province, and duly qualified persons to be Inspectors of Coal Mines subordinate to the Chief Inspector.

4. (1) Government may constitute a Committee which shall be headed by the Director General Coal Mines and such other members as may be prescribed.

**Mining
Committee.**

(2) The Committee shall perform such functions and exercise such powers as may be prescribed.

**PART III
COAL MINING AND RELATED
OPERATIONS**

5. (1) Government may issue coal title under the provisions of this Act.

Coal Title

(2) No person, company or other legal entity shall conduct reconnaissance, exploration, exploitation or mining operations without a coal title granted by Government in accordance with this Act.

(3) A coal title shall authorize its holder to occupy land within its perimeter to the extent required for conducting the mining activities.

(4) A coal title does not confer upon its holder any ownership interest in the land.

6. All persons and companies engaged in exploration or exploitation of coal, coal-based power generation or any other use of coal shall conduct environmental impact and social assessment, in the manner as may be prescribed.

**Environmental
Impact and
Social
assessment.**

7. All persons and companies engaged in exploration and exploitation of coal, coal-based power generation or any other use of coal shall make environmental management plan, in the manner as may be prescribed.

**Environmental
Management
Plan.**

20. Government may by notification in the official gazette, **Power to make**
make rules consistent with this Act, for the purpose of giving **rules**
effect to the provisions of this Act.

**BY ORDER OF THE SPEAKER
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH**

**G.M.UMAR FAROOQ
ACTING SECRETARY
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH**