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[12th April, 2017]

AN ACT to amend the Sindh Coal Authority Act, 1993.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Sindh Coal Authority Act, 1993, in the manner hereinafter appearing; **Preamble.**

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Sindh Coal Authority (Amendment) Act, 2017. **Short title and commencement.**

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. In the Sindh Coal Authority Act, 1993, hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 4, in clause (f), the existing Explanation shall be numbered as Explanation-I and thereafter the following new Explanation shall be added:- **Amendment of section 4 of Sindh Act No.VI of 1994.**

“**EXPLANATION-II.** For the purpose of this Act, the Authority may execute such schemes, within and outside the coal mine area, as are assigned to it by Government”.

3. In the said Act, in section 7, for sub-section (1) – **Amendment of section 7 of Sindh Act No.VI of 1994.**

“(i) The Board shall consist of –

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| (i) Minister for Energy or a Member of the Provincial Cabinet nominated by Government | Chairman |
| (ii) Chairman Planning and Development Board, Government of Sindh | Member |
| (iii) Secretary Energy, Government of Sindh | Member |
| (iv) Secretary Finance, Government of Sindh | Member |
| (v) four members of the Provincial Assembly of Sindh to be nominated by the Speaker | Members |
| (vi) one non-official member appointed by Government | Member |

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4. In the said Act, in section 10, in sub-sections (1) and (3), for the word “Authority”, the word “Government” shall be substituted. **Amendment of section 10 of Sindh Act No.VI of 1994.**

5. In the said Act, in section 15 – **Amendment of section 15 of Sindh Act No.VI of 1994.**
 - (a) in sub-section (2), the following proviso shall be added:-

“Provided further that the meeting of the Board shall be held at least once in six months.”.
 - (b) after sub-section (2), the following new sub-sections shall be added:-
 - (3) In the absence of the Chairman, the members present shall elect from amongst themselves a Member to preside over the meeting.
 - (4) Five members shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Board.
 - (5) The members shall have atleast three days notice of the time and place of the meeting and matters on which a decision by the Board shall be taken in such meeting.
 - (6) The decision of the Board shall be taken by the majority of its members present and, in case of a tie, the Chairman or a member presiding a meeting shall have a casting vote.”.

6. In the said Act, after section 19, the following new section shall be inserted:- **Insertion of new section 19-A in the Sindh Act No.VI of 1994.**

“19-A. **Creation of gratuity, provident fund schemes.** The Authority shall constitute for the benefit of employees of the Authority, such gratuity, provident funds and benevolent fund schemes as it may deem appropriate.”.

7. In the said Act, after section 25, the following new section shall be inserted:- **Insertion of new section 25-A and 25-B in the Sindh Act No.VI of 1994.**

“25-A. **Validation.** (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or any rules or regulations, all Directors General appointed after the 11th day of May 2002 shall be deemed to have been validly appointed under this Act.

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(2) All acts done, orders made, proceedings undertaken by the Directors General appointed from 11th day of May 2002 shall be deemed to have been validly done, made, undertaken under this Act and shall continue to remain in force until altered, repealed or amended by the Authority.

25-B. Removal of difficulties. If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, Government may, on the recommendation of the Board, give such directions as it may consider necessary for removal of such difficulty.”.