

## No. 12 OF 1938.

## A LAW FURTHER TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO MINES.

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Governor.

[21st April, 1938.

**B**E it enacted by His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Cyprus as follows :—

## Short title.

5 of 1882  
12 of 1925  
3 of 1928

1. This Law may be cited as the Mines Regulations (Amendment) Law, 1938, and the Mines Regulations Amendment Law, 1882, the Mines Regulations (Amendment) Law, 1925, the Mines Regulations (Amendment) Law, 1928, and this Law may together be cited as the Mines Regulations (Amendment) Laws, 1882 to 1938, and shall be read in conjunction with the Mines Regulations Law 2 Shaban 1285.

Insertion of  
new sections  
11A, 11B,  
11c, 11D and  
11E in Law 5  
of 1882.

2. The following sections shall be inserted in the Mines Regulations Amendment Law, 1882, immediately after section 11 thereof :—

“Oil exploration  
licence.

11A.—(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Law or any other Law, the Governor in Council may issue to any person making application therefor a licence to explore for oil (hereinafter in this Law called ‘an oil exploration licence’) over such areas, for such periods, on such terms and conditions, and on payment of such fees as to the Governor in Council shall seem fit.

(2) Before an oil exploration licence is issued the applicant therefor shall produce evidence to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council that he possesses or commands sufficient working capital and technical knowledge or assistance to ensure proper and adequate exploration for oil of the area to be explored.

11B.—(1) There shall be implied in every oil exploration licence—

(a) an obligation on the part of the holder of such licence to pay compensation to any owner or occupier of any land within the area specified in such licence and of surrounding land, for any damage caused in the process of exploration for oil to any

Conditions  
implied as  
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surface rights which shall have been created before or after the grant of such licence ; and where the Governor is of the opinion that the exploration is likely to cause such damage, he may, before such licence is granted, require the applicant therefor to give such security against damage, either by way of deposit or otherwise, as he may think fit, and on the security being given such owner or occupier shall not be entitled to restrain the exploration by action or otherwise ;

- (b) an obligation on the part of the holder of such licence to indemnify and keep indemnified the Governor and every officer of the Government against all actions, claims and demands whatsoever which may be made or brought by any persons in respect of any damage or injury which may be done to their property by such holder in the exercise of the powers conferred on him by his licence and against all costs and expenses relating thereto.

Right of holder of oil exploration licence.

11C. Subject to the provisions of section 11B and to the terms and conditions in his oil exploration licence contained the holder thereof shall have the exclusive right to enter upon any lands within the area specified in such licence for himself, his agents or workmen, for the purpose of exploring for oil.

Right of holder of oil exploration licence to obtain permit to prospect for oil.

11D. Upon the completion of the exploration of the area specified in any oil exploration licence to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council and in accordance with the terms and conditions of such licence the holder thereof shall have the right to obtain, at any time prior to the expiration of such licence, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Law in force for the time being, a permit to prospect for oil over such portion or portions of the said area as may be selected by him.

Saving.

11E. No oil exploration licence issued under this Law shall operate so as to prevent any person otherwise entitled to do so from prospecting or conducting mining operations

