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Mineral Resources and Other Legislation (Extension of Waiver Provisions—COVID-19) Amendment Regulation 2020

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Mineral Resources Act 1989 Petroleum Act 1923 Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004

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Part 1 Preliminary

1 Short title

This regulation may be cited as the Mineral Resources and Other Legislation (Extension of Waiver Provisions— COVID-19) Amendment Regulation 2020.

2 Commencement

This regulation is taken to have commenced on 1 October 2020.

Part 2 Amendment of Mineral Resources Regulation 2013

3 Regulation amended

This part amends the Mineral Resources Regulation 2013.

4 Insertion of new s 98A

After section 98—

insert-

98A Moratorium on rental payable for exploration permits for COVID-19 emergency

- (1) This section applies in relation to rental payable under section 138 of the Act, for a year, for an exploration permit, if the rental is payable during the moratorium period.
- (2) For section 138(4) of the Act, the amount prescribed for the year is 0.
- (3) Subsection (2) applies—
 - (a) despite section 98; and

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- (b) whether or not the year starts during the moratorium period.
- (4) This section expires on 31 March 2021.
- (5) In this section—

moratorium period means the period-

- (a) starting on 1 October 2020; and
- (b) ending on 31 March 2021.

year, for an exploration permit, means a period of 1 year starting, in each year, on the day the exploration permit is granted.

Part 3 Amendment of Petroleum and Gas (General Provisions) Regulation 2017

5 Regulation amended

This part amends the *Petroleum and Gas (General Provisions) Regulation 2017.*

6 Insertion of new s 64A

After section 64—

insert—

64A Waived special amendment fees for COVID-19 emergency

- (1) This section applies in relation to a special amendment fee that is payable by a person during the waiver period.
- (2) Payment of the fee is waived for the person.
- (3) Subsection (2) applies despite section 64.
- (4) This section expires on 31 March 2021.

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Part 3 Amendment of Petroleum and Gas (General Provisions) Regulation 2017

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(5) In this section—

special amendment fee means the fee mentioned in schedule 2, part 1, item 7.

waiver period means the period—

- (a) starting on 1 October 2020; and
- (b) ending on 31 March 2021.

7 Insertion of new s 65A

After section 65—

insert-

65A Moratorium on annual rent payable for authorities to prospect for COVID-19 emergency

- (1) Subsection (2) applies in relation to annual rent payable under the 2004 Act, section 75 for an authority to prospect if the rent is payable during the moratorium period.
- (2) For the 2004 Act, section 75(1)(b), the amount of annual rent payable is 0.
- (3) Subsection (4) applies in relation to annual rent payable under the 1923 Act, section 74N for an authority to prospect if the rent is payable during the moratorium period.
- (4) For the 1923 Act, section 74N(1)(b), the amount of annual rent payable is 0.
- (5) Subsections (2) and (4) apply despite section 65.
- (6) This section expires on 31 March 2021.
- (7) In this section—

moratorium period means the period—

- (a) starting on 1 October 2020; and
- (b) ending on 31 March 2021.

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Endnotes

ENDNOTES

- 1 Made by the Governor in Council on 2 October 2020.
- 2 Notified on the Queensland legislation website on 2 October 2020.
- 3 The administering agency is the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy.

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