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MINES AND QUARRIES

The Ironstone Restoration Fund (Standard Rate) Order 1976

Made - - - -	*27th January* 1976
Laid before Parliament	*5th February* 1976
Coming into Operation	*1st April* 1976

The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 3 of the Mineral Workings Act 1971**(a)** and after consultation with those persons and bodies of persons appearing to him to be representative of ironstone operators and of owners of interests in land from which ironstone is extracted, hereby makes the following order:—

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Ironstone Restoration Fund (Standard Rate) Order 1976 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1976.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889**(b)** shall apply for the interpretation of this order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. In respect of all work of the kinds specified in section 9(1) of the Mineral Workings Act 1951**(c)** which is completed after 31st March 1976 the standard rate for the purposes of section 9 of that Act (payment to operators from the Ironstone Restoration Fund by reference to excess of cost of works of restoration over the standard rate) shall be £510 per acre.

3. The Ironstone Restoration Fund (Standard Rate) Order 1975**(d)** is hereby revoked, but without prejudice to any payments due to operators under section 9 of the Mineral Workings Act 1951 in respect of work completed on or before 31st March 1976.

27th January 1976.

Anthony Crosland,
Secretary of State for the Environment.

(a) 1971 c. 71.
(b) 1889 c. 63.
(c) 1951 c. 60.
(d) S.I. 1975/181 (1975 I, p. 457).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

Section 9 of the Mineral Workings Act 1951, as amended by the Mineral Workings Act 1971, provides that the rate of payments out of the Ironstone Restoration Fund to be made to ironstone operators in respect of the restoration of worked ironstone land in compliance with conditions of a planning permission shall represent the amount by which the estimated cost per acre of the work of restoration exceeds such standard rate as the Secretary of State may from time to time determine. The existing standard rate, prescribed by the Ironstone Restoration Fund (Standard Rate) Order 1975, is £410 per acre: this order raises it to £510 per acre in respect of all work completed after 31st March 1976.

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