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MINES AND QUARRIES

The Ironstone Restoration Fund (Standard Rate) Order 1981

Made - - - -	*25th February* 1981
Laid before Parliament	*6th March* 1981
Coming into Operation -	*1st April* 1981

The Secretary of State for the Environment, after consultation with such persons and bodies of persons as appear to him to be representative of ironstone operators and of owners of interests in land from which ironstone is extracted and in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 3 and 5 of the Mineral Workings Act 1971(**a**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:—

1. This order may be cited as the Ironstone Restoration Fund (Standard Rate) Order 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1981.

2. In respect of all work of the kinds specified in section 9(1) of the Mineral Workings Act 1951(**b**) which is completed after 31st March 1981 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 works of restoration over the standard rate) shall be £1,017 per acre.

3. The Ironstone Restoration Fund (Standard Rate) Order 1980(**c**) 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 before the coming into operation of this order.

25th February 1981

Michael R. D. Heseltine,
Secretary of State for the Environment.

(**a**) 1971 c. 71. (**b**) 1951 c. 60. (**c**) S.I. 1980/250.

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 1980, is £871 per acre: this order raises it to £1,017 per acre in respect of all work completed after 31st March 1981.

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