EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Under the Mineral Workings Act, 1951, operators of certain ironstone mines have to pay a contribution to the Ironstone Fund within one month of the end of each financial year. Section 4 (3) provides that under- or over-payments should be recoverable by or from the Minister with interest at such rate as may from time to time be determined by the Treasury.

By this Order the Treasury now determine that the rate should be increased from three per cent. per annum (which has been in force since 1st April, 1952 (S.I. 1952/581)) to four and a half per cent. per annum.

ACCIDENTS AND DISEASES, NOTIFICATION

1957 No. 1095

The Mines and Quarries (Notification of Dangerous Occurrences) Order, 1957

Made - - - -	*25th June*, 1957
Laid before Parliament	*28th June*, 1957
Coming into Operation	*1st July*, 1957

Whereas the Minister of Power is of opinion that the special classes of occurrences at mines and quarries which are hereinafter specified are of so dangerous a nature as to render it expedient that notice should be given under section one hundred and sixteen of the Mines and Quarries Act, 1954(**a**) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") in every case thereof:

Now, therefore, the Minister in pursuance of the powers conferred upon him by subsection (1) of section one hundred and seventeen of the Act hereby orders as follows:—

1.—(1) This order shall come into operation on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, and may be cited as the Mines and Quarries (Notification of Dangerous Occurrences) Order, 1957.

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

2. The provisions of the said section one hundred and sixteen of the Act are hereby extended to occurrences of each of the following special classes, that is to say:—

(*a*) any occurrence, at a mine or quarry, in which any person suffers such an electric shock or burn, by coming into contact with any conductor in a circuit in which the voltage for the time being exceeds twenty-five, that he receives therefor at the mine or quarry (as the case may be) first aid or medical treatment;

(*b*) any occurrence, at a mine or quarry, in which any person suffers such bodily injury, resulting from an explosion or discharge of any blasting material or device as defined in subsection (4) of section sixty-nine of the Act, that he receives therefor at the mine or quarry (as the case may be) first aid or medical treatment;

(**a**) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 70. (**b**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(*c*) any occurrence, at a mine of coal, stratified ironstone, shale or fireclay, while breathing apparatus or a smoke helmet or other apparatus serving the same purpose is in use, of a failure of that apparatus or helmet to function safely or of a defect therein likely to affect its safe working;

(*d*) any occurrence, at a mine of coal, stratified ironstone, shale or fireclay, in which, forthwith after using and arising out of the use of breathing apparatus or a smoke helmet or other apparatus serving the same purpose, any person receives at the mine first aid or medical treatment by reason of his unfitness or suspected unfitness.

Dated this twenty-fifth day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

Mills,
Minister of Power.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This order, made under the Mines and Quarries Act, 1954, s. 117 (1), extends the provisions of s. 116 of that Act to certain special classes of dangerous occurrences at mines and quarries.

The effect of the order is that the manager of a mine or the owner of a quarry must, when there is such an occurrence at the mine or quarry, give notice thereof to the inspector for the district and to the employees' nominee, whether or not death or serious bodily injury has been caused. The classes of occurrences to which the order relates are specified in art. 2, and arise out of the use at mines or quarries of electricity, or blasting materials or devices, or the use at mines of coal, stratified ironstone, shale or fireclay of breathing apparatus, smoke helmets, or other apparatus serving the same purpose.

EMPLOYMENT BELOW GROUND

1957 No. 751

The Coal Mines Regulation (Suspension) Order, 1957

Made - - - -	*29th April*, 1957
Coming into Operation	*1st May*, 1957

At the Court at Windsor Castle, the 29th day of April, 1957

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1908(a), makes provision regarding the times during which certain persons employed in mines below ground may be below ground in a mine for the purpose of their work:

And Whereas by section four of that Act it is provided that Her Majesty may, in the event of, inter alia, great emergency, or in the event of any grave

(a) 8 Edw. 7. c. 57.