BEEBY 5 - LICENCE TO MINE ANTARCTICA

Opening an area

Area opened for exploration and development for that resource. (31(2))

REGULATORY COMMITTEE establishes a REGULATORY COMMITTEE for area. The 10 members include: Sponsoring State(s); the USA & USSR, minor & developing nations. (39) (Commission for political & economic concessions at expense of environmental protection.)

Application examined.

To information adequate & sufficient? (43(1))

Yes

No

Request Declined (43(2))

Do proposed activities conflict with the Convention? (43(5))

Yes

No

Application Declined (43(6))

Exploration permit issued. (46(2))

Exploration permit application. (42) (Details of methods, installations, duration & Sponsoring State/operator link not requested.)

Yes

No

Seeks further information from Sponsoring State. (51(2))

Exploration under an approved Management Scheme. (Different Schemes can have different laws & environmental controls depending on outcome in Regulatory Advisory Committee and Commission cannot monitor. (49)

Development

Development activities under an approved Management Scheme. Advisory Committee and Commission cannot monitor.

Development permit must be issued. (51(5))

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Yes Management Scheme approved. (51(5))

Limited opportunity for changes to Management Scheme. (51(6))

No

No input by Commission (51(4))

Are there significant changes to envisaged activities or new knowledge to consider? (There is no genuine between exploration & development - this could be a disaster in hard-rock mining especially stages. Offer generally.) (51(4))

Yes

No

Is the information sufficient and adequate? (51(2))

Application examined.

Development permit application. Many details not requested. (51(2))

Explorer Committee and Commission do not have permits, provide advice only. (51(4))

Yes

No

Grounds for review by COMMISSION limited to "abuse of power" or "non-compliance". (51(3))

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