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1.0 CHAPTER 1 - INTRODUCTION

1.1 Definition

The term "quarry" can be defined as an open or surface working, usually for the extraction of building stone, as slate, limestone etc. In its widest sense, the term mine includes quarries, and has been sometimes so construed by the courts; but when the distinction is drawn, mine denotes underground workings and quarry denotes superficial workings. ¹

Products (other than petroleum) exploitable from below the earth's surface are divided into two categories, namely "metals and minerals" on the one hand and "rock materials" on the other. The Mining Enactment (Cap. 147) defines "mining" or "to mine" as,

" to distinguish, remove, cart, carry, wash, sift, smelt, refine, wash or otherwise deal with any rock, stone, gravel, clay, sand, soil or mineral by any mode or method whatever for the purpose of obtaining metal or mineral there from "

No attempt is however made in the Enactment to denote what these "metals" or "mineral" are, or what range of substances the words encompass. It can however be deduced that a substance is a mineral if the mode employed for its extraction conforms with the definition of mining under the Mining Enactment and also the end use to which the substance is to be subjected to. On the other hand, the National Land Code further provides the definition of "rock materials" as