

(7.) The tailing produced from each parcel crushed may be purchased at such plants as may be approved, and will be paid for by the Government within 14 days of the date of agreement of assays, at the rate of not more than seventy-five per cent. (75 per cent.) of the gold contents. Fine gold shall be paid for at the rate of 80s. per ounce and the charge for treatment shall be 8s. 6d. per ton.

(8.) The number of tons of tailing to be paid for from each parcel shall not be more than 92 per cent. of the tons crushed.

(9.) The Manager shall take samples of the tailing as it passes through the battery. The sample collected shall be thoroughly mixed and divided into four portions, one for assay by the Manager, and one for the vendor; the other two shall be sealed, one being sent to the Perth Office of the Mines Department, and the other kept by the Manager for reference or umpire, if necessary.

(10.) Within three weeks of the completion of the crushing the vendor and manager shall compare assays, and if these differ by not more than six grains per ton the mean of the assays shall be accepted as correct. If there should be a greater difference than six grains between the assays, the umpire sample shall be sent by the Manager to the Government Assayer at Perth, whose assay shall be accepted as final by both parties. The cost of the umpire's assay (10s.) shall be borne by the party whose assay differs most from the umpire's result. The Manager's assay shall not be made known to the vendor until he has produced his assay certificate for comparison of assays or has agreed in writing to accept the Manager's assay. If the vendor does not produce an assay certificate for comparison within 21 days of the completion of the crushing, the Manager's assay shall be final. If the Manager considers any sample shows an abnormal assay value for the grade of ore producing the tailing, he may refer the matter to the Minister, whose decision as to the values to be paid on shall be indisputable and final.

(11.) All tailing of low value that does not require to be purchased shall become the property of the Government.

(12.) Where no cyanide plant has been erected at a State Battery, any person desirous of claiming tailing, the product of his crushing, may remove it to a site clear of the settling area immediately the crushing is completed, and must notify the Manager of his intention to do so previous to commencement of the crushing. All tailing not so removed shall be deemed abandoned, and may be dealt with as the Minister may direct.

(13.) All ore will be delivered and received for treatment absolutely at the owner's risk, and the Government shall not be responsible for any suspension of operations, delays in treatment, or for any loss or damage arising from any cause whatsoever.

(14.) Any owner of ore or his deputy may be present during the crushing of his parcel, but shall take no part in the treatment except by the express permission and under the direction of the Manager.

(15.) At every State Battery there shall be kept a book in which shall be recorded the number of tons in each parcel left for treatment, the name, locality, and number of the lease or holding from which it is obtained, and the name of the person for whom the ore is to be crushed.

(16.) A copy of the foregoing rules shall be inserted in the said book, and every person sending ore for treatment shall sign opposite the entry relating to the ore lodged by him, and such signature shall be sufficient evidence that he is cognisant of the foregoing rules and agrees to be bound by them.

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