

C.L.M. CIRCULAR NO. 1/1959Application for land earmarked for Prospecting Permit

It sometimes happens that application for land are rejected because the area is under consideration for the grant of a Prospecting Permit, or a Prospecting Permit may actually exists over the area. This is correct but can lead to hardship if alater application who happens to apply after the prospecting Permit question is settled, is successful. The earlier applicant may justly feel that he has been unfairly treated.

2. Application for land which is found to fall within an area earmark for Prospecting Permit should be registered and charted in pencil on the Standard Sheet in the normal way and the file K.I.V. 'd'. When the Prospecting Permit application is rejected or the Prospecting Permit finally expires without selection for Mining title, it will be observed when correcting the Standard Sheets that there are application outstanding in the area. All the files referred to should then be taken out and dealt with.

3. Applicants affected in this way should be sent a standard form of acknowledgement in Malaya as follows:-

" With reference to your application for land in Mukim _____ dated _____, this land is temporarily earmarked for prospecting purposes. Your application will be _____ when the question for prospecting has been settled.

I suggest you have a number of copies of this reply cyclostyled ready for use in your office. The file containing the application can simply be chopped "Acknoeledged on _____" in the usual way and K.I.V. 'd'.

4. I realise that this arrangement will have the effect on making the arrears position in land offices look worse than it is and it is much easier to reject application outright if they fall within areas earmarked for prospecting, but we should be prepared to make the extra effort and put up with any unjustified criticism on the subject of arrears which may follow as result, in the interests of fairness to the ordinary kampung applicant.

Sdg. (x x x)
COMMISSIONER OF LAND & MINES,
TERENGGANU.
(M.J.T. McCann)

To: All Collectors of Land Revenue.

c.c. Hon'ble State Secretary, Terengganu.

K. Terengganu: 31st. January, 1959.