

Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 993 *R*

DATED

[Despatch Abstract.]

*Works estimated to cost over Rs. 50,000. Letter to the
Govt of India stating that provision will be made
as for certain — in the Schedule of demands of
S. I. Railway for 1897-98.*

BACK PAPERS.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Letter from

No.

Dated

SERIAL
No. /

To E. R.

I understand (privately) that the S.I.R. are revising their Working rules. Do you not think this would be a suitable time to suggest that they should be arranged similar to the NWR rules - that is, the General Rule is printed in large type and the 60 subsidiary rules amplifying the General rule printed in smaller type below the General rule to which they are subsidiary. I think they should be asked to exclude from these revised rules, unimportant departmental instructions such as directions how to clean lamps etc with which their present book is stocked.

Crus. $\frac{13}{12}$

ask them to let us
have the proofs to
criticise -

Where are the Revised
Indexing Duplicates!

The rules relating to accidents are also under revision & should

$\frac{19}{14}$

As Revised rules are short
to be issued by India. the
Revision ^{of the P.I.R.} should ~~and~~ be proposed
The question was mooted in
1891 when the Agent said the
proposal would be considered
next time the rules were
revised.

SERIAL

Form No. 7.

MADRAS, 20th Decr, 1894

To

SERIAL

No. 2

Agent, S. I. R.

No. 3994 Reply No. 280, dated 25.3.95

SIR,

I understand
the Co Working Rules are
being revised and shall
be obliged if a copy of
the proofs ^{when ready} can be sent
to me to criticize

WM. 20
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Reminders.

Subject

SERIAL 1848

No. 3

25/3/95

South Indian Railway Co., Ltd.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

TRICHINOPOLY, 25 March 1895.

No. 280

From

The AGENT,
SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To

The CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,
MADRAS.

Sir,

Referring to your letter No 3774 of the 20th of December last, I have the honor to inform you that the revision of this Company's working instructions is in hand and that the complete set of proofs are being gone through; as soon as this is done and fair proofs received, which it is thought will be in about two weeks' time, a proof copy will be sent you for criticism.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

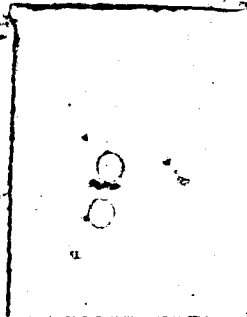
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Alt 4.

Yours most obediently,

William B. Betts
Agent

W.B.

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Form No. 7

MADRAS, 9th May 1895.

To

SERIAL
No. 4

Agent, S. I. R.

No. 1514 Reply No. 524, dated 7-6-95

Sir,

With reference to your No. 280 dt 25th March 1895, I have the honour to request that you will kindly let me know when a proof copy of the Govt Revised Working Instructions will be submitted to this office for criticism.

Reminders.

No 1514, 6.6.95 *CM 1/6*
1514 : 8.7.95 *deop 7/6*
1514 : 7.8.95 *CM 7/8*
1514 : 3.9.95 *issued 8/8*
CM 4/5 *issued 5/9*

CM 9/5

Subject.

Letter to Aho 1514
9/5/95

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No. 524

South Indian Railway Co., Ltd.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

TRICHINOPOLY,

SERIAL
No. 5

1895

Permit

From

Acting
THE AGENT,

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER

FOR RAILWAYS,

MADRAS.

Sir,

ask when they may be returned
H. 16/8

In reply to your letter No. 1514 of the 9th ultimo regarding the revision of this Company's Working Rules, I have the honor to inform you the Acting Traffic Manager has circulated proof copies of the Revised Rules among the Divisional Officers for their views and suggestions, and that he is engaged in further revising these Rules to bring them into accordance with the new General Rules for Railways. The Acting Traffic Manager is somewhat pressed with work at present owing to sickness in his staff, but every effort is being made to push forward this revision, and the result shall be sent to you as soon as possible.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most obedient servant

David Logan
Acting Agent

W.A.

W.C. 21/9.

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REGISTERED
No. 2480
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No. 851

SERIAL
No. 6

South Indian Railway Co., Ltd.
AGENT'S OFFICE,

TRICHINOPOLY, 19th September 1895.

Print
From

Ag:
THE AGENT,

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER

FOR RAILWAYS,

MADRAS.

Sir,

Referring to your reminder No. 1514/4, dated the 5th instant, regarding the Revision of the Working Rules of this company, I have the honor to inform you that the proof copy of these Rules is being gone through by a Committee of Heads of Departments, and I hope to be able to send you final proof copy shortly.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

M. L. Mesurier
for Ag: Agent.

MCS

I think we had better have a first proof - as we may require some alterations to make

From

THE AGENT,

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

Trichinopoly,

To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR

RAILWAYS,

Madras.

Dated
Received

No.

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ENCLOSURE.

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20.9.95

Form No. 7

MADRAS, 21st September 1895.

To

SERIAL
No. 7

Agent, S. I. R.

Print

No. 3005 Reply No. 928, dated 12. 10. 95

SIR,

Reminders.

*Will be
submitted
to this office*

With reference
to your letter No. 851 dated the
19th inst., I shall be glad
if a first proof copy of the
revised "working rules" as
they may require some alterations
which can be submitted to
this office in order
that any alterations
may also be embodied in
the final proof

*which may amuse
necessity*

CPM 20/9

Subject.

etc 21/9.

10/9

From
THE AGENT,
SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,
Trichinopoly,
To
THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR
RAILWAYS,
Madras.
Dated
Received
No.
189
Letter to A No 3005
21-9-95
ENCLOSURE.

14/10

No. 928

SERIAL
No. 8

South Indian Railway Co., Ltd.

AGENT'S OFFICE,

TRICHINOPOLY, 14th October 1895.

From

THE AGENT,

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER

FOR RAILWAYS,

MADRAS.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 21st ultimo I have the honor to forward you herewith a proof copy of the proposed Working Rules, which will be gone over next week by a Committee of Officers deputed by the Heads of the Engineering, Locomotive, and Traffic Departments.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

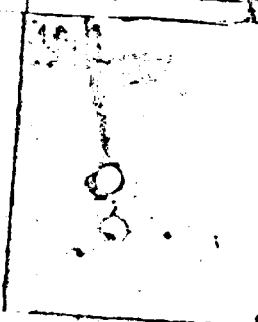
Your most Obedient Servant

H. L. Mesurier
Jr. Agent

Enclosure by book post.

M.S.

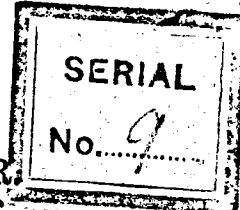
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Form No. 7

MADRAS, 18th Oct 1895

To



Agent, S. I. R.

Print

No. 3287 Reply No. 908, dated 11/10/96

SIR,

With ref to your letter No 928 dated 12th Oct 1895 to return herewith the 1st proof copy of the proposed Working rules

I would draw your attention to the marginal pencil notes thereon, which have been made by an officer of this Dept

The rules appear to be in many cases contradictory redundant & ill arranged and are based on the General rules of 1880 instead of those of 1895.

It would have been more convenient if they had been arranged as proposed in my letter No 455 of 2-4-1895 by the General Rule reproduced in large type with your own subsidiary Rules, amplifying the general rule where necessary, printed in a smaller type below the rule to which they were subordinate.

Reminders. Enc one

3287 of 4-12-95.
Not necessary
but suggestions are
being carried out
UTM. 6/12

From
The Agent,
SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,
Trichinopoly,
To
THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR
RAILWAYS,
Madras.
Dated
Received
No.
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Letter to A No 3287
18/10/95
ENCLOSURE.

1 I would suggest that a
2 responsible officer of the
3 Traffic Department be placed
4 on special duty to put these
rules into ^{it would have made} shape. He should
be instructed to visit
Madras to consult with
an officer of this department.

From ¹⁶ ~~15~~ ¹⁰ C.M. 15/10.

SERIAL
No. 10

OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,

Madras, 28 January 1896.

To

AGENT AND MANAGER, M. R.

S. I. R.

No. 295 Reply No. , dated

Received

which was left at
this office by Mr H.D. Johnston

Reminders.

I consider it is worked
on the Line Clear & Cau-
tion message system -

Subject.

Sir,

In returning an office box,
containing a number of books
& draft rules in connection
with the new S.I.R. Working
rule book, I have to
offer the following remarks.

(1) I consider the S.I.R. is
worked on the Absolute
Block System - but
a large number of the
rules under "Line Clear &
Caution message" apply to
the Absolute Block System
& are not provided in Chap. VII
of the General rules.

(2) Rule 28 of Chap. IV provides
for the case of the S.I.R.

(3) Many of the subsidiary
rules which are taken over from
the old S.I.R. rules
are, now that they are read
in conjunction with the General
Rules, redundant.

(4) In some instances the grouping
of the subsidiary rules requires

iron alteration (vide for instance Rule 144, which enacts that the Guard must regulate his watch, and sub rules thereto) which says that (c) Guards must not change trains & (d) they must not refuse to go out with ~~the~~ train) ~~which is in the hands of~~

(3) There appear to be no subsidiary rules on signals at junctions.

4) A number of ~~proposed~~ suggestions in pencil by Mr. Stookids are deserving of attention. In many instances they are ~~more~~ clearer than the sub rules as at present worded.

(5) A note "not applicable to S.I.R." might advantageously be introduced under many of the General Rules.

It is impossible for me to ^{in detail} criticise the rules in their present form owing to the absence of legible numbering. I shall be glad to receive a printed proof for the purpose as soon as they are struck off.

ER 12 Monday
M.M. 24
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Copy of
this memo
to go with
box to Agent
Engrs.

Agent may be asked to have proofs struck for further consideration - as at present presented I cannot undertake any review thereof.

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Consig. Engr's No. 13.

Print

No. 295

SERIAL
No. 70

OFFICE OF CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,
Madras, 28 January 1896.

MEMORANDUM.

The following minutes of Com. & Eng. Com. In returning an office box, wanted Agent which was left at this office by Mr. H. D. Johnston containing a number of books and draft rules in connection with the new South Indian Railway working rule book. I have the honor to offer the following remarks:-

I consider it is worked on the line clear and caution message system.

- (1) I consider the South Indian Railway is worked on the absolute block system - but a large number of the rules under "line clear and caution message" apply to the absolute block system and are not quoted in Chapter II of the General Rules. Rule 28 of Chapter II expressly provides for the case of the South Indian Railway.
- (2) Many of the subsidiary rules which are taken verbatim from the old South Indian Railway rules are, now that they are read in conjunction with the General Rules, redundant.
- (3) In some instances the grouping of the subsidiary rules require alteration (vide for instance Rule 144, which

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which enacts that the guard must regulate his watch and subsidiary rules thereto which say that (c) guards must not change trains) and (d) they must not refuse to go out with trains.

(4) There appear to be no subsidiary rules on signals at junctions.

(5) A number of suggestions in pencil by Mr. Schoobridge are deserving of attention. In many instances they are clearer than the subsidiary rules as at present worded.

(6) A note "not applicable to the South Indian Railway" might advantageously be introduced under many of the General Rules.

It is impossible for me to criticize in detail the rules in their present form owing to the absence of legible numbering. I shall be glad to receive a printed proof for the purpose as soon as they are struck off.

Copy forwarded to the Agent South Indian Railway with box.

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

April 21st 1896

Just copy
to be added to
have proof
struck off.
for further con-
sideration -
not at present
presented &
cannot undertake
any revision
thereof

7/11/11

SERIAL

No. 11

No. 696 R.T.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

Simla, the 7th September 1896.

General Rules of 1895 for working railways open for traffic.

READ—

Section 47 of the Indian Railways Act, 1890.

Government of India, Public Works Department, notification No. 118, dated the 21st March 1895, publishing—in the *Gazette of India* of the 23rd March 1895—the Government of India circular No. 6 Railway, dated the 12th March 1895, and the General Rules for all open lines of railway in British India administered by the Government, therewith promulgated.

Government of India, Public Works Department, notification No. 257, dated the 28th May 1896, publishing—in the *Gazette of India* of the 30th May 1896—the Government of India circular No. 3 Railway, dated the 22nd May 1896, and the amended rules therewith promulgated.

Letter from the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, No. 561 R., dated the 26th June 1896, forwarding letter from the Agent, South Indian Railway, No. 523, dated the 17th June 1896.

Letter from the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, No. 680 R., dated the 13th August 1896.

OBSERVATIONS.—The Agent, South Indian Railway Company, has applied that the General Rules for working open lines of railway in British India, administered by the Government, which have been published under the Government of India, Public Works Department, notification No. 118, dated the 21st March 1895 (*vide* the *Gazette of India* of the 23rd March 1895), as modified by the Government of India circular No. 3 Railway, dated the 22nd May 1896, published under Public Works Department notification No. 257, dated the 28th May 1896 (*vide* the *Gazette of India* of the 30th May 1896), may be made applicable to the South Indian railway and to the lines worked by it.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council is pleased to sanction, with effect from the 1st October 1896 the application to the South Indian and Mayavaram-Mutpet railways of the General Rules for working open lines of railway in British India, administered by the Government, which are cited in the foregoing observations, in supersession of the rules now in force.

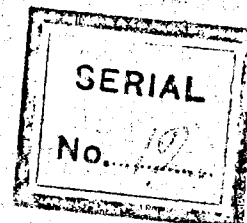
ORDER.—Ordered, that this resolution be published under a notification in Part I of the *Gazette of India*, as required by section 47, sub-section (3) of the Indian Railways Act, 1890; also that the General Rules cited in the foregoing observations—which have already been published in the *Gazette of India*—be kept at railway stations as directed by sub-section (6) of the same section.

Ordered also that this resolution be communicated to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, for information and guidance.

By order,

G. A. ANDERSON,
Offg. Under Secretary.

Documents accompanying.
Nil.



Extract from Agents' letter to Board No 500 d 23/9/96

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REVISED GENERAL RULES FOR WORKING OPEN LINES OF RAILWAYS.

Adverting to the paragraphs on this matter in my letters Nos. 441, and 447, of the 6th of August, and 17th September, 1895, I have to inform you that the introduction of the new General Rules of 1895 having been postponed to the 1st of July, 1896, vide Government of India Circular No. 19 Railway of 9th December, 1895, (copy sent with my letter No. 461) and subsequently certain modifications being made, as detailed in the accompaniment to Government of India Circular No. 3 Railway of 22nd May, 1896, of which I forwarded a copy among the enclosures to my letter No. 487, a renewed application was made to Government for sanction to the amended Rules being made applicable to the South Indian Railway and to the lines worked by it.

The required sanction to the application of the new Rules to the South Indian, and Mayavaram-Mutupet, Railways has been accorded, with effect from 1st October, 1896, in Government of India Resolution No. 696 R. T., dated 7th September, 1896, a copy of which has been placed among the enclosures to this letter.

Print

The compilation of the Subsidiary Rules to the new General Rules (a work of considerable labour) has been completed, and it is anticipated that the books of the General Rules, with the Subsidiary Rules thereto, will be in the hands of the Staff by the date fixed for the introduction of the former.

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AGENT'S OFFICE

TRICHINOPOLY, 1st October 1896

From

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THE AGENT.

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY.

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THE CONSULTING ENGINEER

FOR RAILWAYS.

MADRAS.

Sir,

Adverting to correspondence, ending with your letter No. 3287 of the 18th October 1895 regarding the compilation of Subsidiary Rules for this Railway, I have the honor to forward a copy of the Rules, Subsidiary to the General Rules of 1895, which have been drawn up for the guidance of the Staff of this Railway and shall be glad if the same can receive the approval of the Governor General in Council as provided for in Section ⁴⁷(3) of Chapter VII of the Indian Railways Act of 1890.

Additional Copies of the above mentioned book will be sent later on.

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of discussion on
his manner to let
to subiding
I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Sanction of Rules - 1881
 1 Enclosure by book-post.
 ER more is being
 by papers - on
 be acting for
 in doing
 your most obedient servant
 R.D. & Miller. Captain R.D.
 Agent

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27/10/96

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Dated
Received

No.
ENCLOSURE.

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To
THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR
RAILWAYS

FROM
THE AGENT,
SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,
TRICHINOPOLY

No. 968

South Indian Railway Co., Ltd.
AGENT'S OFFICE,

SERIAL
No. 14

TRICHINOPOLY, 17th October 1896.

From
per mail
THE AGENT,
SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,
To
THE CONSULTING ENGINEER
FOR RAILWAYS,
MADRAS.

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter No. 908 of
the 1st instant I have the honor to forward you herewith
(in a separate parcel) six additional copies of the
Subsidiary Rules to the General Rules of 1895 for open
lines of Railways.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

M. Le Meunier
for Agent

6. Enclosures
by Railway parcel.

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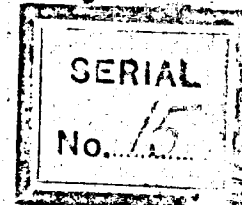
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Letter from
No.
Dated



To E. R.
Nothing was done at the
time but—

Act IX of 90. Sect 47(3)
lays down that "a rule
made under the section
(subsidiary rules) shall not
take effect until it has
been received the sanction of the
J. G. in Council and been
published in the Gazette
of India"

As far as I can
understand, the previous
discussion on this subject
I gather that Mr. Capt. Shelly
considered it necessary to have
the rules published in the
Gazette of India & Mr. Upcott
thought it unnecessary on
the ground that prosecution
could always be made
under some general rule

Forward to India
for sanction
17/10

From

The Agent,

South Indian Railway,

Trichinopoly.

To

The Consulting Engineer for

Railways,

Madras.

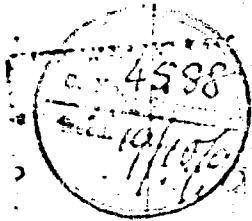
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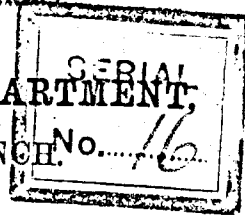
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Government of Madras

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

RAILWAY BRANCH.



To

THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA,

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

*Simla**Madras, 22nd October 1896.*

SIR,

*With reference to
Govt. of India Resolution N^o.
696 R.T. of 7th Sept. 1896,
sanctioning, with effect from
1st October 1896, the appli-
cation to the South Indian
& Mysorean - Malabar R.
of the General Rules of 1895
for working open lines of
railway, I am directed
to forward herewith a copy
of the Rules, subsidiary to
the General Rules referred to
above which have been
drawn up for the guidance*

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Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 10

Order No 6 of 4-1-97

Copy forwarded to the Agent S. I. Railway with reference to his letter No. 900 of 1st October 1896.

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From The Govt of India

No. 970 RT

Dated 21. 12. 96.

Received 2. 1. 97

Enclosures

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Subsidiary rules of the S. I. Ry.

stating that approval by the Governor G. in Council of — is unnecessary for reasons given therein

Despatched on 4-1-97

of the S. I. Railway staff, and to request the approval of the Governor General in Council to the rules in question (which are printed in small type below the main rules to which they are subsidiary) as provided for in Section 47(3) of Chapter VI of the Indian Railways Act of 1890.

2. Some doubts exist as to whether rules published by a R. Administration Subsidiary to the General Rules have any legal force in law unless sanctioned by the Govt of India as provided in Sec 47 of Chap VI of the Indian R. Act of 1890: the rules are accordingly forwarded for the approval of G. S. and it is considered that such approval is necessary in order to give them legal force.

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Documents accompanying:-
Copy of the subsidiary rules referred to

B. No 910. Dated 25. 10. 96

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SERIAL
No. 17

No. 17

The Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department, Railway Branch.

Sir,

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Please see also
Sec 101 of the Act

3.

3. The Government of India are therefore of opinion that Railway Administrations have already sufficient power to enforce the observance of their subsidiary rules and that it is unnecessary to give them the force of law by approval by the Governor General in Council under section 47 of the Railways Act - a course which, as it would involve the necessity for obtaining formal approval to every modification of the subsidiary rules which might be found necessary in the course of working, would be found extremely cumbersome and inconvenient both to Government and to Railway Administrations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. A. M. M. M.

Under Secretary.

Documents accompanying:-

Nil.