

**LA BREA JETTY AND TRAMWAY ACT**

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**Note on Subsidiary Legislation**

This Chapter contains no subsidiary legislation.

**Note on Adaptation**

Under paragraph 6 of the Second Schedule to the Law Revision Act (Ch. 3:03) the Commission amended certain references to public officers in this Chapter. The Minister's approval of the amendments was signified by LN 120/1980, but no marginal reference is made to this Notice where any such amendment is made in the text.

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CHAPTER 51:04

LA BREA JETTY AND TRAMWAY ACT

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19 of 1894.

**An Act to enable the Trinidad Asphalt Company to erect and maintain a Jetty and Tramway at La Brea.**

Commencement.

[13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1894]

Short title.

**1.** This Act may be cited as the La Brea Jetty and Tramway Act.

Interpretation.  
[16 of 1962].

**2.** In this Act—  
“Company” means the Trinidad Asphalt Company, its successors and assigns;\*  
“jetty” means the jetty and any extension thereof and works connected therewith authorised by this Act;  
“tramway” means the tramway and works connected therewith authorised by this Act.

Right to construct jetty and tramway.

**3.** Subject to the conditions and restrictions contained in this Act, the Company shall have the right to construct a jetty and a tramway thereon, and to drive piles into the bottom of the sea for the protection thereof, according to the deposited plans and sections, and in all respects in accordance with those plans and sections, and from time to time to erect all such piers, bulwarks and outworks as may be necessary for the protection or repairing of the same, and the jetty and tramway shall be vested in the Company in full and absolute dominion.

Right to extend jetty in accordance with deposited plans.  
[16 of 1962].

**4.** Subject to the conditions and restrictions contained in this Act, the Company shall have the right to extend the jetty and tramway constructed by virtue of the powers conferred by this Act and to drive piles into the bottom of the sea for the support or protection of the extension, according to the plans and sections so deposited as mentioned above with the Minister, and in all

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\*Now the Trinidad Lake Asphalt Limited.

respects in accordance with such plans and sections, and from time to time to erect such piers, bulwarks and outworks as may from time to time be necessary for the protection or repairing of the extension, and any extension of the existing jetty and tramway shall, subject as provided below, be vested in the Company in full and absolute dominion.

**5.** Whenever the Company is desirous of constructing any further extension of the said jetty and tramway, it shall deposit with the Minister plans and sections of the extension, and upon the Minister approving of the extension by writing under his hand it may proceed with the construction of the extension, and for that purpose the Company shall have the same rights and powers as are vested above in the Company for the purpose of the extension mentioned in section 4, and such further extension shall, subject as provided below, be vested in the Company in full and absolute dominion.

Right to make further extensions.  
[16 of 1962].

**6.** The Company shall, at its own expense, exhibit and keep burning every night from sunset to sunrise such lights for the guidance of vessels as the Minister shall from time to time approve; if the Company refuses or neglects to comply with this provision, it is for each offence liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand dollars.

Lights.

**7.** The Company shall, upon being required to do so by letter from the Minister of Finance, provide sites, approved by the Minister, for Customs offices and a boat-house, to be erected at the cost and to be the property of the State. Any officer or employee of the State shall, as may be required for the purposes of the State, have free access at all times to the jetty and tramway.

Customs offices, etc., Government officers to have access.  
[16 of 1962].

**8.** Every person who trespasses upon or wilfully or by negligence does any damage to the jetty or tramway or any part thereof shall answer for the same in an action of damages at the suit of the Company.

Protection against damage.

**9.** (1) Any person who fastens any vessel, flat, boat or other matter or thing, to the jetty or tramway or any part thereof, or

Protection against obstruction.

wilfully obstructs the approach by sea or land to the jetty or tramway is liable on summary conviction to a fine of two hundred dollars.

Right of  
detention.

(2) Any servant of the Company may take any such vessel, flat, boat or other matter or thing which he finds fastened to the jetty or tramway or any part thereof, and detain the same for a reasonable time until a complaint can be made before a Magistrate, and, in case of a conviction, until the amount of the penalty imposed by the Court has been satisfied.

Jetty to become  
property of the  
State on  
expiration of  
Pitch Lake  
lease.

**10.** The jetty shall become and be the property of the State without any compensation to the Company upon the termination of the lease of the Pitch Lake situated at La Brea granted by deed dated 19th February 1925, and made between the Governor of the one part and Trinidad Lake Asphalt Limited of the other part and registered as No. 503 of the protocol of deeds for the year 1925.\*

Saving of State  
and other rights.

**11.** Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of the State or of any bodies politic or corporate or of any other persons except such as are mentioned or referred to in this Act and those claiming by, through, from or under them.

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\*Lease further extended by deed registered No. 99 of 1946 for a term expiring on 31st January 1956.