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THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows:

1. — (1) The functions of the Prime Minister under the Niger Dams Act 1962 (being functions which, by virtue of section 12 (3) of the Constitution (Suspension and Modification) Decree 1966 and section 2 (1) (a) (i) of the Constitution (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) Decree 1967, were exercisable immediately before the commencement of this Decree by the Head of the Federal Military Government) are hereby transferred to the Commissioner for Mines and Power; and accordingly the said Act is hereby amended—

   (a) by substituting the words “the Commissioner” for the words “the Prime Minister” wherever they occur, except in section 5 (1) (b),
   (b) by deleting the words “and the Minister” and “and the Prime Minister respectively” in the said section 5 (1) (b), and
   (c) by inserting in section 9 (2), immediately after the definition of “the authority”, the following definition—

   “‘the Commissioner’ means the Commissioner for Mines and Power;”

   (2) The said Act is hereby further amended by deleting the words “(including in particular the bodies mentioned in paragraphs (e) to (g) of subsection (1) of section four of this Act)” in section 6 (1).

2. — (1) This Decree may be cited as the Niger Dams (Amendment) Decree 1970 and shall apply throughout the Federation.

   (2) This Decree shall be deemed to have come into force on 1st January 1970.

Made at Lagos this 12th day of January 1970.

MAJOR-GENERAL Y. GOWON,
Head of the Federal Military Government,
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces,
Federal Republic of Nigeria