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and taking into consideration an additional payment of $1\frac{1}{4}$ per cent of lease in lieu of transfer duty, it can be seen that no lease will be payable when

and that the distributable profit on the upper side of this cut-off line is determined by the relationship

$$D = 0.3344 R - 0.2714 C \dots (27)$$

When considering the position of a specific mine, it is necessary to take account of any special provisions in the lease agreement, for example stipulated minimum payments.

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