

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The Manchester Ship Canal (Bridgewater Canal) Act 1907 authorises the working of mines and minerals under and adjacent to the portion of the Bridgewater Canal in Lancashire extending from Monton Bridge to Leigh. The 1907 Act requires in certain circumstances certain payments in respect of works necessitated by such working of mines and minerals to be made by “mine owners”. This Order amends the definition of “mine owner” so as to make certain that in the absence of any other “mine owner”, the Coal Authority (established under the Coal Industry Act 1994) is liable as “mine owner” in respect of coal-mining operations carried out before the restructuring date for the purposes of the 1994 Act. That restructuring date was 31st October 1994.