

PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS OPEN FOR APPLICATION UNDER COMPETITION

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**PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS
OPEN FOR APPLICATION UNDER EQUAL COMPETITION
UNTIL 30th September, 2008**

These include areas for which licences were current on 18th April 2008 but have become available in the period to 25th July 2008 and areas that were offered but were subsequently declined in the same period.

350	Tipperary	3628	Longford
1302	Limerick	3629	Longford
1586	Longford	3630	Longford
1675	Leitrim	3809	Clare
2839	Limerick/Tipperary	3810	Clare
3363	Longford	3924	Limerick/Tipperary
3467	Mayo		

**THE ARRANGEMENT OF 'INTERIM'
PROSPECTING LICENCE COMPETITIONS**

Ground available for application under competition is offered every three months through publications that normally issue on 1st February, 1st May, 1st August and 1st November. The competition listed in publications that issue on 1st February and 1st August are termed 'interim' competitions. Such publications are limited to providing a list of competition areas and an update of the current prospecting licence situation, namely:-

- Prospecting Licence areas open for application under equal competition. **Interested parties have two months in which to apply for such areas**, with all applications received during that period deemed to have been received at the same time.
- A list of current prospecting licences that have been granted since the cut-off date of the previous competition publication.
- A list of all prospecting licences that have been offered and advertised, but not yet granted.

These 'interim' competition publications do not include a revised prospecting licence map, full list of current licences, details of restricted licences etc. **They should be used, therefore, in conjunction with the preceding publication, in this case the publication dated 1st May, 2008 (Minerals Publication MP 03/08).** If required, copies of the latter publication can be obtained free of charge from the Exploration and Mining Division of the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All applications for prospecting licences must be made **directly by the applicant** to:-

The Secretary General, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
Exploration and Mining Division, Beggars Bush, Haddington Road, Dublin 4

on **Form No. 1**, accompanied by a **fee of €190 per prospecting licence area**. Copies of Form No.1 are available from the above address, or may be printed/downloaded from our website <http://www.mineralsireland.ie>. All payments must be in Euro, and cheques and bank drafts drawn on a bank branch located in the Republic of Ireland. All cheques and bank drafts should be made payable to "The Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources" and endorsed "Account payee only".

Prospecting Licences should be issued within four months of the application date (or the closing date of the competition, if the area sought is in competition), provided that the applicant complies fully with application requirements, responds rapidly to any queries, and causes no delay in supplying a satisfactory insurance policy.

STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

A company that has not reached the stage of making a formal application for a Prospecting Licence may establish its interest in an area with the Exploration and Mining Division by written submission of a "Statement of Interest" on the relevant form. A Statement of Interest will normally relate to open ground or areas open for application at any time and for which the company may make a formal application following a review of data.

The procedure for lodging Statements of Interest over areas is outlined in the 1st May and 1st November publications. Their period of validity extends up to a maximum of six months (unless there are exceptional circumstances), that is until the next edition of the map showing areas held under State Mining and Prospecting Facilities. A copy of the application form is available from our website <http://www.mineralsireland.ie>.

PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS GRANTED SINCE 18th April 2008

The following prospecting licences, which were granted since 18th April 2008, are restricted to certain minerals. The licensed minerals are abbreviated as follows: Base Metals (Bm); Barytes (B); Gold (G); Silver (S); Platinum Group Elements (PGE).

PL Area	Licensee	Start	County	Minerals
757	Hidefield Gold Plc	20/06/2008	Sligo	Bm, B & S
1228	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	12/06/2008	Westmeath	Bm, B & S
1229	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	12/06/2008	Westmeath	Bm, B & S
1577	Connemara Mining Co. Ltd.	07/07/2008	Tipperary	Bm, B, S, G & PGE
1578	Connemara Mining Co. Ltd	07/07/2008	Tipperary	Bm, B, S, G & PGE
1660	Hidefield Gold Plc	20/06/2008	Sligo	Bm, B & S
2564	Teck Cominco Ireland Ltd	12/06/2008	Tipperary	Bm, B, S & G
3321	Connemara Mining Co. Ltd	07/07/2008	Tipperary	Bm, B, S, G & PGE
3640	Belmore Resource (Holdings) Plc	14/07/2008	Clare	Bm, B & S
3641	Belmore Resource (Holdings) Plc	14/07/2008	Clare	Bm, B & S
3727	Teck Cominco Ireland Ltd	12/06/2008	Tipperary	BM, B, G, S, & PGE
3734	Hidefield Gold Plc	20/06/2008	Sligo	Bm, B & S
3735	Hidefield Gold Plc	20/06/2008	Sligo	Bm, B & S
3878	Teck Cominco Ireland Ltd	12/06/2008	Tipperary	Bm, B, S, G, & PGE
3907	Teck Cominco Ireland Ltd	12/06/2008	Offaly	Bm, B, S, G, & PGE
3967	Hidefield Gold Plc	20/06/2008	Sligo	Bm, B & S
3968	Hidefield Gold Plc	20/06/2008	Sligo	Bm, B & S
3969	Hidefield Gold Plc	20/06/2008	Sligo	Bm, B & S
3970	Hidefield Gold Plc	20/06/2008	Sligo	Bm, B & S
3980	Boliden Tara Mines Ltd	12/06/2008	Offaly	Bm, B, S & G
3981	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	12/06/2008	Westmeath	Bm, B & S
3985	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	12/06/2008	Westmeath	Bm, B & S

PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS OFFERED AND ADVERTISED

PL Area	Licensee	County	PL Area	Licensee	County
1327	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Meath	3338	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Cork
1388	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Westmeath	3365	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	Cork
1450	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Meath/Dublin	3406	Connemara Mining Co. Ltd	Offaly/Westmeath
1641	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd	Laois	3425	Connemara Mining Co. Ltd	Tipperary
1667	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Roscommon	3427	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd	Kildare
1801	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Longford	3569	Lundin Mining Exploration Ltd	Tipperary
1802	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Longford	3633	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Longford
1803	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Longford	3649	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd	Kildare
2069	Lundin Mining Exploration Ltd	Tipperary	3662	Midas Minerals Resources Ltd	Laois
2219	Midas Minerals Resources Ltd	Laois	3664	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Dublin
2512	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd	Laois	3665	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Dublin
2637	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Cork	3674	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd	Laois
2664	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Longford	3675	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd	Laois
2698	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Longford	3678	Connemara Mining Co. Ltd	Tipperary
2780	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Longford	3722	Connemara Mining Co. Ltd	Offaly/Westmeath
2784	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Roscommon	3741	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	Cork
2836	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Meath	3902	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Cork
2946	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd	Cork	3953	Connemara Mining Co. Ltd	Tipperary
2947	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd	Cork	3982	Connemara Mining Co. Ltd	Offaly/Westmeath
2948	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd	Cork	3983	Connemara Mining Co. Ltd	Offaly/Westmeath
3155	Kenmare Resources Plc	Wexford	3988	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Meath
3156	Connemara Mining Co. Ltd	Tipperary	3989	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Meath
3237	Kenmare Resources Plc	Wexford	3990	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Meath
3293	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Limerick/Cork	3991	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Meath
3295	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Cork	3992	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Dublin
3318	Lundin Mining Exploration Ltd	Tipperary			

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