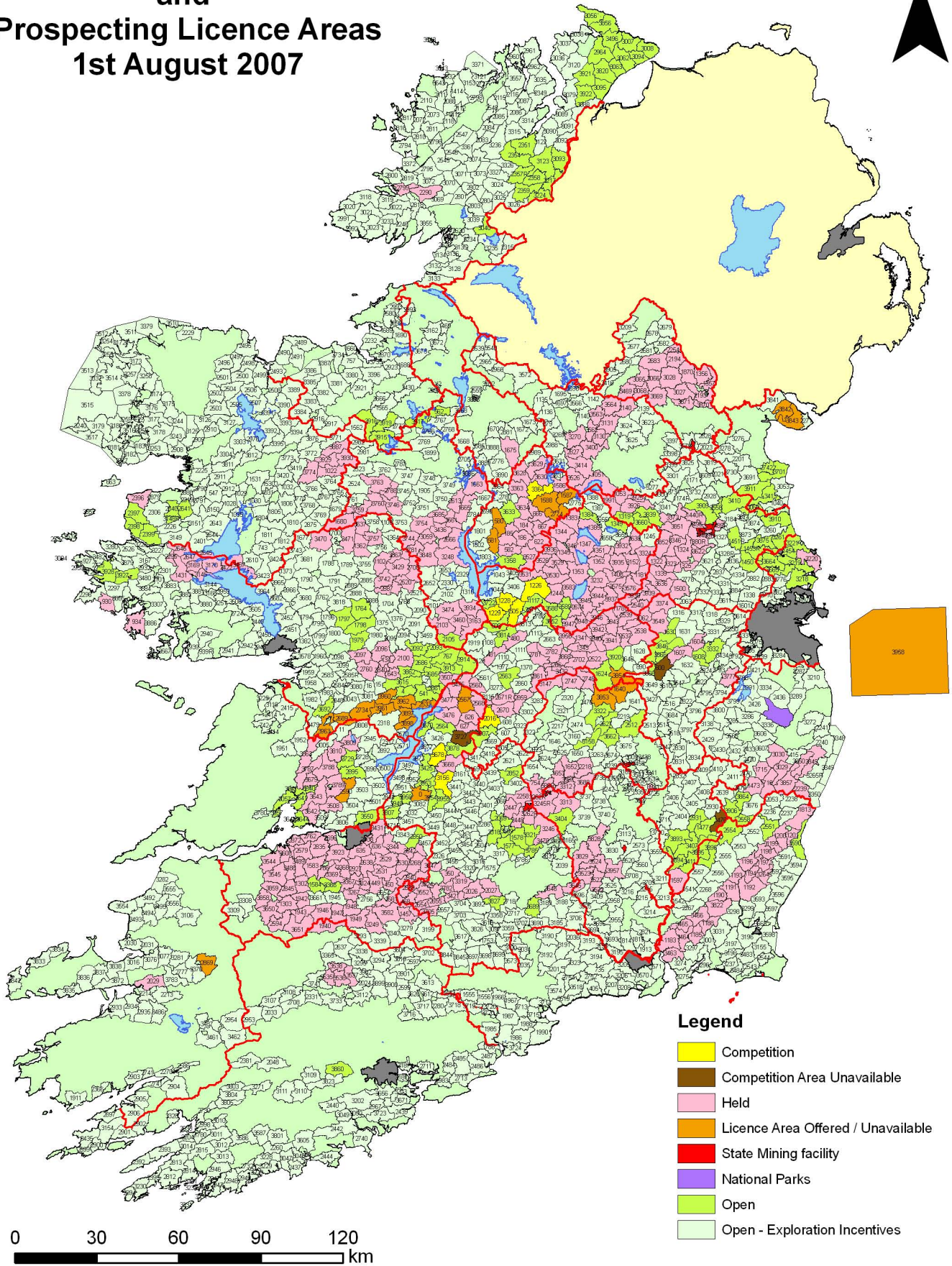


# State Mining and Prospecting Licence Areas 1st August 2007



## Legend

- Competition
- Competition Area Unavailable
- Held
- Licence Area Offered / Unavailable
- State Mining facility
- National Parks
- Open
- Open - Exploration Incentives

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PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS OPEN  
FOR APPLICATION UNDER COMPETITION

1st AUGUST, 2007



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**PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS  
OPEN FOR APPLICATION UNDER EQUAL COMPETITION  
UNTIL 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2007**

These include areas for which licences were current on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2007 but have become available in the period to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2007 and areas that were offered but were subsequently declined in the same period.

505	Westmeath	1228	Westmeath	2016	Offaly
649A	Offaly	1229	Westmeath	3156	Tipperary
1226	Westmeath	1476	Carlow	3678	Tipperary

**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, 2007 (Minerals Publication MP 05/07).** 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.minex.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 intends to 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.minex.ie>.

**PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS GRANTED SINCE 20<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

The following prospecting licences, which were granted since 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2007 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).

<b>PL Area</b>	<b>Licensee</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Minerals</b>
3754	Boliden Tara Mines Ltd.	11/05/2007	Roscommon	Bm, B, S & G
1663	Boliden Tara Mines Ltd.	11/05/2007	Roscommon	Bm, B, S & G
1665	Boliden Tara Mines Ltd.	11/05/2007	Roscommon	Bm, B, S & G
2613	Boliden Tara Mines Ltd.	11/05/2007	Roscommon	Bm, B, S & G
3436	Boliden Tara Mines Ltd.	11/05/2007	Roscommon	Bm, B, S & G
3561	Boliden Tara Mines Ltd.	11/05/2007	Roscommon	Bm, B, S & G
3685	Boliden Tara Mines Ltd.	11/05/2007	Roscommon	Bm, B, S & G
2290	Belmore Resources Ltd.	20/06/2007	Donegal	Bm, B, S, G & PGE
2799	Belmore Resources Ltd.	20/06/2007	Donegal	Bm, B, S, G & PGE
3536	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	09/07/2007	Cork	Bm, B, S & G
3537	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	09/07/2007	Cork	Bm, B, S & G
3538	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	09/07/2007	Cork	Bm, B, S & G
3535	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	09/07/2007	Cork	Bm, B, S & G
2872	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	23/07/2007	Limerick	Bm, B, S & G
2762	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	23/07/2007	Limerick	Bm, B, S & G
3527	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	23/07/2007	Westmeath & Longford	Bm, B & S
3528	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	23/07/2007	Westmeath & Longford	Bm, B & S
3529	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	23/07/2007	Westmeath & Longford	Bm, B & S
3530	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	23/07/2007	Westmeath & Longford	Bm, B & S
3531	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	23/07/2007	Westmeath & Longford	Bm, B & S
1353	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	23/07/2007	Westmeath & Longford	Bm, B & S
1244	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	23/07/2007	Westmeath & Longford	Bm, B & S
3583	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	23/07/2007	Westmeath & Longford	Bm, B & S

**PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS OFFERED AND ADVERTISED**

<b>PL Area No.</b>	<b>Licensee</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>PL Area No.</b>	<b>Licensee</b>	<b>County</b>
1640	El Nino Ventures Inc.	Offaly	3962	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	Galway
3853	El Nino Ventures Inc.	Offaly	2689	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	Galway
3854	El Nino Ventures Inc.	Offaly	2734	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	Galway
1587	El Nino Ventures Inc.	Longford	3960	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	Galway
1588	El Nino Ventures Inc.	Longford	3961	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	Galway
2774	El Nino Ventures Inc.	Longford	3962	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	Galway
580	El Nino Ventures Inc.	Longford	2533	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	Galway
581	El Nino Ventures Inc.	Longford	3898	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	Galway
3963	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	Galway	3897	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	Galway

**CORRECTION - Aurum Mineral Resources**

In the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2007 edition of "State Mining and Prospecting Facilities", Prospecting Licences held by **Aurum Mineral Resources** were incorrectly indicated on the accompanying map as being held by **Aurum Exploration Ltd.** In fact, no licences are held by Aurum Exploration Ltd. We apologise to both companies for this error, which was made at the editing stage.