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PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS OPEN
FOR APPLICATION UNDER COMPETITION

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THE ARRANGEMENT OF 'INTERIM' PROSPECTING LICENCE COMPETITION PUBLICATIONS

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 November, 2005 (Minerals Publication MP 15/05)**. If required, copies of the latter publication can be obtained free of charge from the Exploration and Mining Division of the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

This remains the same, details concerning which are provided every six months in the publications dated 1st May and 1st November. All applications for prospecting licences must be made **directly by the applicant** to:-

The Secretary General
Department of Communications, Marine 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, Marine and Natural Resources" and endorsed "Account payee only".

Successful applicants can anticipate that a Prospecting Licence will 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 they comply fully with application requirements, respond rapidly to any queries and cause no delay in supplying a satisfactory insurance policy.

STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

A company that has not reached the stage of making 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
OPEN FOR APPLICATION UNDER EQUAL COMPETITION
UNTIL 31st MARCH, 2006**

These include areas for which licences were current on 11th October, 2005 but have become available in the period to 20th January, 2006 and areas that were offered but were subsequently declined in the same period.

581	Longford	2554	Wexford	3123	Donegal
2351	Donegal	2558	Wicklow	3217	Donegal
2354	Donegal	3040	Donegal	3224	Donegal
2357R	Donegal	3063	Donegal	3820	Donegal
2358	Donegal	3093	Donegal	3921	Donegal
2359	Donegal	3095	Donegal	3922	Donegal

**PREVIOUSLY CLOSED COMPETITION LICENCE AREAS
NOW AVAILABLE FOR APPLICATION**

PL Area No.	County
2397	Mayo
2398	Mayo
2399	Mayo
3148R	Mayo

**PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS
GRANTED SINCE 11th OCTOBER, 2005**

The following prospecting licences, which were granted since 11th October 2005 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 No.	Licensee	Start	County	Minerals
134	Teck Cominco	11/01/2006	Galway	Bm, b, g, s & PGE
643	Teck Cominco	11/01/2006	Galway	Bm, b, g, s & PGE
666	Teck Cominco	07/12/2005	Longford	Bm, b, g, s & PGE
934	Gary R. Brown	22/12/2005	Galway	Bm & s
1322	Tara Mines Ltd	09/12/2005	Meath	Bm, b, g & s
1323	Tara Mines Ltd	09/12/2005	Meath	Bm, b, g & s
1325	Tara Mines Ltd	09/12/2005	Meath	Bm, b, g & s
1339	Tara Mines Ltd	09/12/2005	Meath	Bm, b, g & s
1344	Teck Cominco	24/11/2005	Westmeath	Bm, b, g, s & PGE
1345	Teck Cominco	24/11/2005	Westmeath	Bm, b, g, s & PGE
1346	Teck Cominco	24/11/2005	Westmeath	Bm, b, g, s & PGE
1347	Teck Cominco	25/11/2005	Westmeath	Bm, b, g, s & PGE
1351	Teck Cominco	24/11/2005	Westmeath	Bm, b, g, s & PGE
1352	Teck Cominco	26/11/2005	Westmeath	Bm, b, g, s & PGE
1406	Teck Cominco	19/01/2006	Westmeath	Bm, b, g, s & PGE
2096	Teck Cominco	11/01/2006	Galway	Bm, b, g, s & PGE
2097	Teck Cominco	11/01/2006	Galway	Bm, b, g, s & PGE

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2100	Teck Cominco	11/01/2006	Galway	Bm, b, g, s & PGE
2760	Teck Cominco	11/01/2006	Galway	Bm, b, g, s & PGE
3152	Teck Cominco	19/01/2006	Westmeath	Bm, b, g, s & PGE
3324	Tara Mines Ltd	09/12/2005	Westmeath	Bm, b, g & s
3346	Tara Mines Ltd	09/12/2005	Meath	Bm, b, g & s
3476	Teck Cominco	19/01/2006	Tipperary	Bm, b, g, s & PGE
3477	Teck Cominco	19/01/2006	Tipperary	Bm, b, g, s & PGE
3622	Tara Mines Ltd	09/12/2005	Meath	Bm, b, g & s
3634	Teck Cominco	07/12/2005	Longford	Bm, b, g, s & PGE
3638	Tara Mines Ltd	09/12/2005	Westmeath	Bm, b, g & s
3679	Belmore Resources	12/12/2005	Clare	Bm, b, g & s
3840	Teck Cominco	11/01/2006	Galway	Bm, b, g, s & PGE
3852	Tara Mines Ltd	09/12/2005	Meath	Bm, b, g & s
3932	Tara Mines Ltd	09/12/2005	Westmeath	Bm, b, g & s
3935	Teck Cominco	19/01/2006	Westmeath	Bm, b, g, s & PGE

PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS OFFERED AND ADVERTISED

PL Area No.	Licensee	County	Minerals
3246	P.J. Kelly	Tipperary	Dolomite and Dolomitic Limestone

COMPANY ADDRESSES

Licensee	Address
Belmore Resources (Holdings) Plc	103 Rathfarnham Wood Dublin 14
Gary R Brown	547 West 23 rd Street North Vancouver B.C. Canada V7M 2C1
Kellys of Fantane (Concrete Ltd)	c/o Roger Kelly & Sons Ltd Fantane Borrisoleigh Thurles Co. Tipperary
Tara Mines Limited	Knockumber Navan Co. Meath
Teck Cominco Limited	c/o Mr. Vaughan Williams Aurum House 40/41 Watergate Street Navan Co. Meath