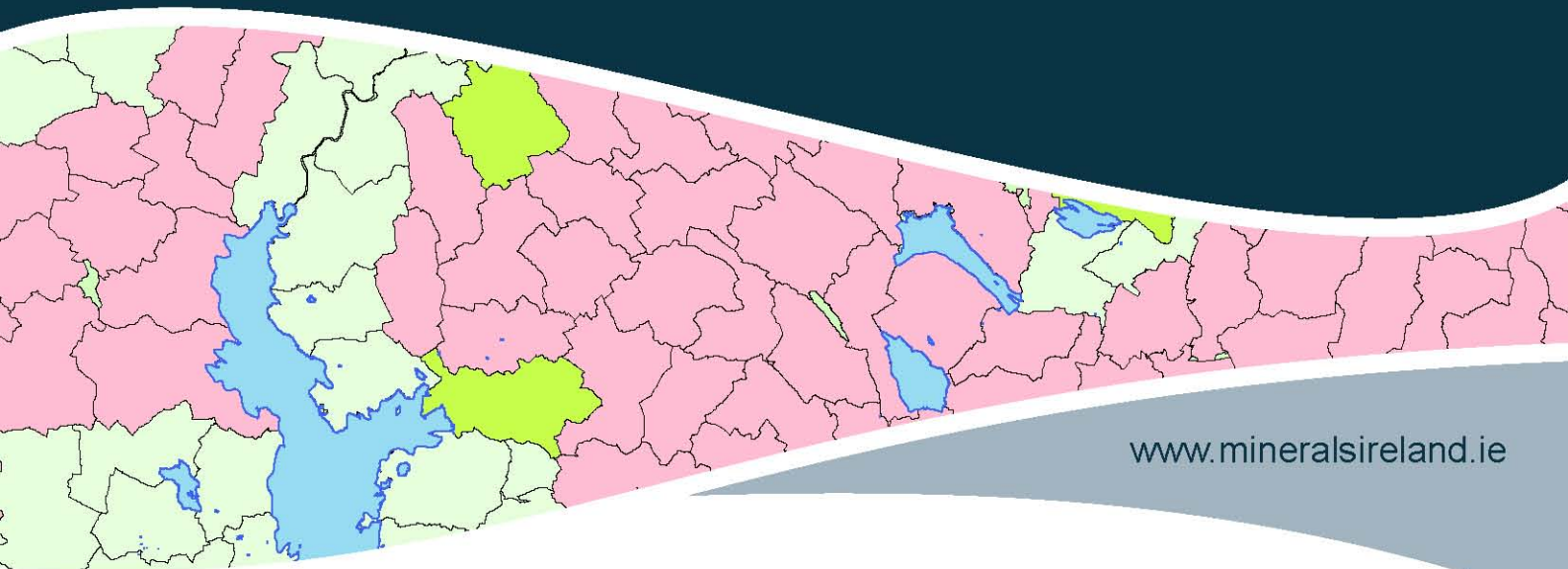


# PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS OPEN FOR APPLICATION UNDER COMPETITION

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**PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS  
OPEN FOR APPLICATION UNDER EQUAL COMPETITION  
UNTIL 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2012**

These include areas for which licences were current on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011 but have become available in the period to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2012 and areas that were offered but were subsequently declined in the same period.

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**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 November, 2011 (Minerals Publication MP 06/11).** 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, 29-31 Adelaide Road, Dublin 2 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 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER, 2011

The following prospecting licences, which were granted since 1st November 2011, 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); Rare Earth Elements (REE).

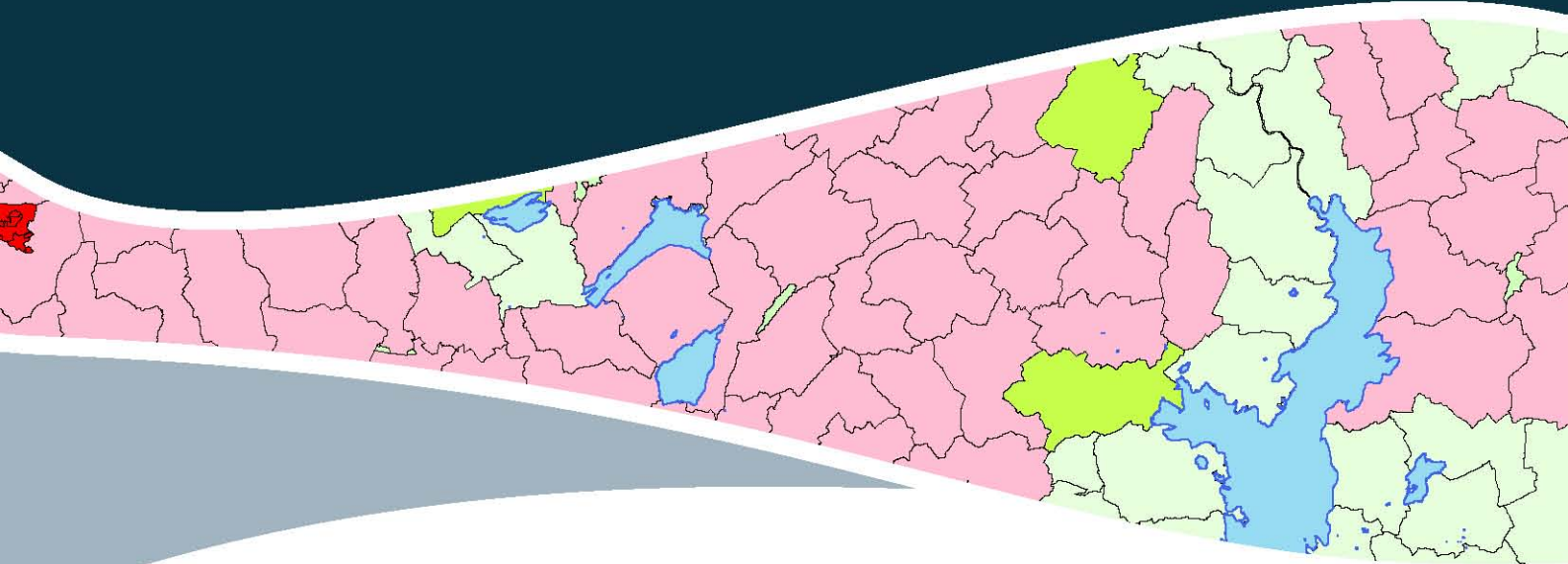
PL Area	Licensee	Start	County	Minerals
468	Merrex Gold Incorporated	26/11/2011	Tipperary/ Limerick	Bm, b, s, g
890	Merrex Gold Incorporated	28/11/2011	Offaly	Bm, b, s, g
1044	Merrex Gold Incorporated	26/11/2011	Westmeath	Bm, b, s, g
1196	Hendrick Resources (Ireland) Ltd	12/01/2012	Wexford	Bm, b, s, g, PGE, Caesium, Lithium, Niobium, Tantalum, Tin & Tungsten
1228	Merrex Gold Incorporated	26/11/2011	Westmeath	Bm, b, s, g
1229	Merrex Gold Incorporated	26/11/2011	Westmeath	Bm, b, s, g
1316	Teck Ireland Ltd	26/01/2012	Kildare	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
1317	Teck Ireland Ltd	26/01/2012	Kildare	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
1318	Teck Ireland Ltd	26/01/2012	Kildare	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
1331	Teck Ireland Ltd	26/01/2012	Meath	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
1332	Teck Ireland Ltd	26/01/2012	Meath	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
1333	Teck Ireland Ltd	26/01/2012	Meath	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
1334	Teck Ireland Ltd	26/01/2012	Meath	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
1338	Teck Ireland Ltd	14/12/2011	Meath	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
1384	Teck Ireland Ltd	19/12/2011	Westmeath	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
1473	Strategic Materials Pty Ltd	12/01/2012	Wicklow	Bm, s, g, REE, Tungsten, Tin, Molybdenum, Lithium, Tantalum, Hafnium, Niobium
1586	Lundin Mining Exploration Limited	26/01/2012	Longford	Bm, b, s, g
1601	Teck Ireland Ltd	26/01/2012	Meath	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
1604	Merrex Gold Incorporated	19/11/2011	Kildare	Bm, b, s, g
1608	Merrex Gold Incorporated	19/11/2011	Kildare	Bm, b, s, g
1624	Merrex Gold Incorporated	28/11/2011	Offaly	Bm, b, s, g
1628	Merrex Gold Incorporated	28/11/2011	Offaly	Bm, b, s, g
1640	Merrex Gold Incorporated	28/11/2011	Laois	Bm, b, s, g
1672	Lundin Mining Exploration Limited	26/01/2012	Leitrim	Bm, b, s, g
1715	Strategic Materials Pty Ltd	12/01/2012	Wicklow	Bm, s, g, REE, Tungsten, Tin, Molybdenum, Lithium, Tantalum, Hafnium, Niobium
1716	Strategic Materials Pty Ltd	12/01/2012	Wicklow	Bm, s, g, REE, Tungsten, Tin, Molybdenum, Lithium, Tantalum, Hafnium, Niobium
2053	Hendrick Resources (Ireland) Ltd	13/01/2012	Wexford	Bm, b, s, g, PGE, Caesium, Lithium, Niobium, Tantalum, Tin & Tungsten
2063	Teck Ireland Ltd	26/01/2012	Meath	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
2236	Hendrick Resources (Ireland) Ltd	13/01/2012	Wexford	Bm, b, s, g, PGE, Caesium, Lithium, Niobium, Tantalum, Tin & Tungsten

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2237	Hendrick Resources (Ireland) Ltd	13/01/2012	Wexford	Bm, b, s, g, PGE, Caesium, Lithium, Niobium, Tantalum, Tin & Tungsten
2238	Hendrick Resources (Ireland) Ltd	13/01/2012	Wexford	Bm, b, s, g, PGE, Caesium, Lithium, Niobium, Tantalum, Tin & Tungsten
2268	Hendrick Resources (Ireland) Ltd	12/01/2012	Wexford	Bm, b, s, g, PGE, Caesium, Lithium, Niobium, Tantalum, Tin & Tungsten
2552	Hendrick Resources (Ireland) Ltd	13/01/2012	Wexford	Bm, b, s, g, PGE, Caesium, Lithium, Niobium, Tantalum, Tin & Tungsten
2654	Merrex Gold Incorporated	26/11/2011	Tipperary	Bm, b, s, g
2710	Teck Ireland Ltd	14/12/2011	Dublin	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
2775	Teck Ireland Ltd	19/12/2011	Longford	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
2778	Teck Ireland Ltd	26/01/2012	Meath	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
2779	Teck Ireland Ltd	26/01/2012	Meath	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
2881	Lundin Mining Exploration Limited	26/01/2012	Leitrim	Bm, b, s, g
2882	Teck Ireland Ltd	14/12/2011	Meath	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
2883	Teck Ireland Ltd	14/12/2011	Meath	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
2884	Teck Ireland Ltd	26/01/2012	Meath	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
3029	Strategic Materials Pty Ltd	12/01/2012	Wicklow	Bm, s, g, REE, Tungsten, Tin, Molybdenum, Lithium, Tantalum, Hafnium, Niobium
3030	Strategic Materials Pty Ltd	12/01/2012	Wicklow	Bm, s, g, REE, Tungsten, Tin, Molybdenum, Lithium, Tantalum, Hafnium, Niobium
3185	Conroy Gold & Natural Resources Plc	04/12/2011	Tipperary	Bm, b, s, g
3188	Conroy Gold & Natural Resources Plc	04/12/2011	Tipperary	Bm, b, s, g
3257	Strategic Materials Pty Ltd	28/12/2011	Mayo	Bm, REE, Tin, Niobium, Zircon, Tantalum
3269	Lundin Mining Exploration Limited	26/01/2012	Cavan	Bm, b, s, g
3325	Conroy Gold & Natural Resources Plc	04/12/2011	Tipperary/ Kilkenny	Bm, b, s, g
3329	Teck Ireland Ltd	14/12/2011	Kildare	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
3331	Merrex Gold Incorporated	19/11/2011	Kildare	Bm, b, s, g
3363	Lundin Mining Exploration Limited	26/01/2012	Longford	Bm, b, s, g
3364	Lundin Mining Exploration Limited	26/01/2012	Longford	Bm, b, s, g
3406	Merrex Gold Incorporated	26/11/2011	Westmeath	Bm, b, s, g
3502	Conroy Gold & Natural Resources Plc	19/11/2011	Clare	Bm, b, s, g
3503	Conroy Gold & Natural Resources Plc	19/11/2011	Clare	Bm, b, s, g
3504	Conroy Gold & Natural Resources Plc	19/11/2011	Clare	Bm, b, s, g
3552	Merrex Gold Incorporated	26/11/2011	Tipperary	Bm, b, s, g
3611	Teck Ireland Ltd	14/12/2011	Meath	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
3614	Teck Ireland Ltd	26/01/2012	Kildare	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
3628	Lundin Mining Exploration Limited	26/01/2012	Longford	Bm, b, s, g
3633	Lundin Mining Exploration Limited	26/01/2012	Longford	Bm, b, s, g
3648	Merrex Gold Incorporated	28/11/2011	Offaly	Bm, b, s, g
3655	Teck Ireland Ltd	19/12/2011	Westmeath	Bm, b, s, g, PGE

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3676	Hendrick Resources (Ireland) Ltd	13/01/2012	Wicklow	Bm, b, s, g, PGE, Caesium, Lithium, Niobium, Tantalum, Tin & Tungsten
3696	Conroy Gold & Natural Resources Plc	04/12/2011	Tipperary/ Kilkenny	Bm, b, s, g
3722	Merrex Gold Incorporated	26/11/2011	Westmeath	Bm, b, s, g
3777	Canex JV	19/12/2011	Kildare	Bm, b, s, g
3782	Merrex Gold Incorporated	26/11/2011	Tipperary	Bm, b, s, g
3854	Merrex Gold Incorporated	28/11/2011	Offaly	Bm, b, s, g
3866	Merrex Gold Incorporated	19/11/2011	Kildare	Bm, b, s, g
3920	Merrex Gold Incorporated	28/11/2011	Offaly	Bm, b, s, g
3981	Merrex Gold Incorporated	26/11/2011	Westmeath	Bm, b, s, g
3982	Merrex Gold Incorporated	26/11/2011	Westmeath/ Offaly	Bm, b, s, g
3983	Merrex Gold Incorporated	26/11/2011	Westmeath	Bm, b, s, g
4052	Teck Ireland Ltd	26/01/2012	Meath	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
4059	Lundin Mining Exploration Limited	26/01/2012	Leitrim	Bm, b, s, g
4060	Lundin Mining Exploration Limited	26/01/2012	Leitrim	Bm, b, s, g
4065	Merrex Gold Incorporated	28/11/2011	Laois	Bm, b, s, g
4068	Merrex Gold Incorporated	19/11/2011	Kildare	Bm, b, s, g
4069	Merrex Gold Incorporated	19/11/2011	Kildare	Bm, b, s, g
4070	Merrex Gold Incorporated	19/11/2011	Kildare	Bm, b, s, g
4071	Merrex Gold Incorporated	19/11/2011	Kildare	Bm, b, s, g
4072	Merrex Gold Incorporated	19/11/2011	Kildare	Bm, b, s, g
4073	Merrex Gold Incorporated	19/11/2011	Kildare	Bm, b, s, g
4079	Hendrick Resources (Ireland) Ltd	13/01/2012	Wicklow	Bm, b, s, g, PGE, Caesium, Lithium, Niobium, Tantalum, Tin & Tungsten
4080	Hendrick Resources (Ireland) Ltd	13/01/2012	Wicklow	Bm, b, s, g, PGE, Caesium, Lithium, Niobium, Tantalum, Tin & Tungsten
4081	Hendrick Resources (Ireland) Ltd	12/01/2012	Wexford	Bm, b, s, g, PGE, Caesium, Lithium, Niobium, Tantalum, Tin & Tungsten
4083	Lundin Mining Exploration Limited	26/01/2012	Leitrim	Bm, b, s, g
4084	Lundin Mining Exploration Limited	26/01/2012	Cavan/Leitrim	Bm, b, s, g
4085	Lundin Mining Exploration Limited	26/01/2012	Cavan	Bm, b, s, g

#### PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS OFFERED AND ADVERTISED

<b>PL Area</b>	<b>Licensee</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>PL Area</b>	<b>Licensee</b>	<b>County</b>
1245	Teck Ireland Ltd	Westmeath	3659	Teck Ireland Ltd	Westmeath
1319	Teck Ireland Ltd	Meath	3660	Teck Ireland Ltd	Meath
1349	Teck Ireland Ltd	Westmeath	3783	IMC Exploration Limited	Kerry
2777	IMC Exploration Limited	Kerry	3839	Teck Ireland Ltd	Meath
3370	IMC Exploration Limited	Kerry	3928	Conamara Stone Ltd	Galway
3658	Teck Ireland Ltd	Westmeath			



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