

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, MARINE  
AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**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 issued 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 issued.

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, 2005 (Minerals Publication MP 11/05).** 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 6 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 photocopies of the form provided in this publication may be used. All payments must be in Euro, and cheques and bank drafts drawn on a bank branch located in the Republic of Ireland. Eurocheques for amounts less than €1015 are also acceptable. All cheques and bank drafts should be made payable to "The Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources" and endorsed "Account payee only".

At the present time applicants can anticipate that the Prospecting Licence will be issued within four months of the application date (or closing date of the competition if the area sought is in competition ground), 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 which 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 standard 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 reconnaissance surveys. During the reconnaissance stage, only work of a regional nature may be carried out i.e. work which is designed to assist the company in the selection of areas for which application will be made.

The procedure for lodging Statements of Interest over areas, as outlined in the 1st May and 1st November publications, remains the same. 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, currently issued on 1st May and 1st November of each year, and hence is not affected by the issue of the 'interim' prospecting licence competition publication. A copy of the application form is included in this publication.

**PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS  
OPEN FOR APPLICATION UNDER EQUAL COMPETITION  
UNTIL 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2005**

These include areas for which licences were current on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2005 but have become available in the period to 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2005 and areas that were offered but were subsequently declined in the same period.

134	Galway	2760	Galway	3550	Clare
506	Westmeath/Offaly	2850	Limerick	3590	Wexford
541	Galway	2964	Donegal	3633	Longford
643	Galway	3007	Donegal	3660	Meath
767	Galway	3008	Donegal	3777	Kildare
1587	Longford	3056	Donegal	3807	Limerick/Tipperary
2069	Tipperary	3062	Donegal	3820	Donegal
2093	Galway	3063	Donegal	3839	Meath
2096	Galway	3094	Donegal	3840	Galway
2097	Galway	3318	Limerick	3856	Donegal
2100	Galway	3496	Donegal	3913	Galway
2105	Roscommon	3507	Galway	3914	Galway
2686	Galway				

**PROSPECTING LICENCES ISSUED SINCE 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL, 2005**

None

**PROSPECTING LICENCES OFFERED AND ADVERTISED**

None

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, MARINE AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES**

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**APPLICATION FOR A PROSPECTING LICENCE UNDER THE MINERALS  
DEVELOPMENT ACTS, 1940 TO 1999**

**A separate form should be used for each application. More than one area may be included on the same form only if the areas are adjacent and for the same minerals. If more than one form is used, the relative priorities of all areas must be given. Licences are granted for 6 years unless a shorter period is warranted.**

(1) Name(s) of Applicant(s) in full

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(2) Address(es) of Applicant(s)

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(3) Address(es) of Applicant(s) Registered Office

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Company Telephone and Fax Number .....

(4) Nationality of Applicant(s) .....

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**(5) Occupation of Applicant(s)** .....

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In the case of a company that is not the holder of a current prospecting licence, the application must be accompanied by copies of its most recent Annual Report and audited accounts, together with information concerning its share capital and details of significant shareholdings.

**(6) A description of the area sought.** In the case of ground for which established boundaries are shown on the prospecting licence map, the area required can simply be referred to by one or more licence numbers. For 'open ground' the boundaries required should be outlined in red on a one inch (or, where appropriate, six inch) Ordnance Sheet.

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**(7) A priority listing of areas, or in the case of open ground, a breakdown of the area in terms of sub-areas in order of priority of interest (where practical or relevant). The area with the highest priority should be listed first.**

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**(8) The basis of the interest of the applicant in this ground (all minerals which are of interest, the basis for the belief that these minerals might be present etc.), and for which the applicant will carry out exploration.**

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The applicant is invited to submit any maps, diagrams or reports which support the belief of the applicant that minerals are present. This information will be treated as confidential, and will not be placed on Open File at any stage. Such information will assist in determining which applicant (if any) in the case of competition will be offered a Licence over the area.

(9) (a) A full and detailed description of the programme of prospecting which the applicant proposes to carry out for each of the areas applied for, including particulars of any special techniques or equipment to be used.

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(b) Estimates, **for each two year phase** of the 6-year Licence term, of the proposed expenditure on each category of activity comprising the programme for each area applied for.

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(10) Information concerning the applicant's previous experience in prospecting for minerals (if not previously the holder of a Prospecting Licence).

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**(11)** Names, addresses, qualifications and experience of technical experts or advisers who will organise and carry out the prospecting programme. If the applicant will be the operator, then this should be stated.

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**(12)** Amount of capital available for operations under the Licence(s) now applied for:

(a) At present available

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(b) Which applicant can make available

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Applicants may be asked to provide evidence that these amounts are available.

**(13)** Names and addresses of persons to whom the Minister can refer for evidence as to (a) character, (b) financial standing and (c) technical qualifications of the applicant(s). Independent references must be provided to cover each aspect.

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I/We hereby declare that all the foregoing particulars are correct. I/We enclose herewith the Ordnance Sheets referred to under (6) and a remittance of €190.00 per Prospecting Licence being the prescribed fee on application.

Signature(s) of Applicant(s)

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Date

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THE SECRETARY GENERAL  
Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources,  
Exploration and Mining Division,  
Beggars Bush,  
Haddington Road,  
Dublin 4.

**Note:** Acceptance of applications for prospecting licences for consideration will not create any obligation on the part of the Minister to grant any facilities.

**PROSPECTING LICENCE RENEWAL APPLICATION FORM**

Prospecting Licence No. .... Expiry Date.....

PL Area No..... Licence Holder(s).....

We wish to make an application for renewal of this Prospecting Licence.

We *undertake to provide the documentation as listed below* least 6 weeks prior to the licence expiry date (i.e. ..../...../.....)/*enclose the documentation herewith* (delete as appropriate).

**We accept that if all requirements are not provided by this date, this application to renew will be deemed invalid and the licence will not be renewed.**

**Requirements to be provided:**

- The original of the licence document.
- A detailed account of work performed under the licence during the current phase, including details of all occurrences of minerals of potential economic significance. The relevant work report requirements are to be followed.
- The completed Confidential Summary of Work Form.
- Completed 'Statement of Qualification' Form
- Details of the proposed exploration programme for the next two years.
- A firm commitment to the relevant minimum expenditure requirements as given in the 1994 Terms, unless results, at any stage, indicate that further expenditure would not be justified. In that event, the licence will be immediately surrendered.
- Signed agreement to the conditions in the 'Form of Undertaking' (Form 3).

**It is noted that no reminder for outstanding requirements will issue.**

Signed.....  
(authorised representative of the Licence holder)

Name of signatory (block letters).....

Date.....

To be returned to: Exploration and Mining Division  
Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources  
Beggars Bush  
Haddington Road  
Dublin 4  
Ireland

(April 2005)

**PROSPECTING LICENCE SURRENDER/EXPIRY FORM**

**A SEPARATE FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED FOR EACH PROSPECTING LICENCE.**

1. Prospecting Licence No..... Issue date .....
2. Area No: ..... County:.....
3. Licence Holder:.....
4. Surrendered / expired with effect from : .....
5. (a) Has any work been carried out in the area since submission of the last renewal report? **YES/NO**
- (b) If **YES** has this work been reported to the Exploration & Mining Division **YES (Date.....)/ NO**

**Note: A FINAL REPORT IS REQUIRED. If it has not been sent in, it MUST be submitted not later than THREE WEEKS after the date that this form is sent. If no work has been done since submission of the last work report, reasons should be given in the final report.**

6. (a) Has Diamond drilling with core recovery been carried out at any time during your tenure of the licence? **YES/NO**
- (b) If **YES**, please indicate
  - (i) No. of holes .....
  - (ii) Total meterage .....
  - (iii) Location where core is stored .....
  - (iv) Contact name for access to core .....
7. Do you intend to retain the core? **YES/NO**

**Note: If you do not intend to retain the core** it must not be disposed of until written authorisation is received from EMD and signed by an Inspector of the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources. Core disposal must be sought in writing (with appropriate details of core and location map) from the Exploration and Mining Division.

Signed: .....  
(Authorised representative of the Licence holder)

Name of signatory (block letters) ..... Date: .....

To be returned to: Exploration and Mining Division,  
Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources  
Beggars Bush,  
Haddington Road,  
Dublin 4.

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**CONFIDENTIAL SUMMARY OF WORK**

Every Work Report (i.e. for each Prospecting Licence area), must be accompanied by a completed ‘‘Summary of Work’’ form. This summary should include all work carried out in the Prospecting Licence area during the period to which the report relates (generally the previous two years).

Please answer for all categories of work. If no work was carried out, enter ‘‘None’’. For these entries, no entry is required for the ‘‘Cost’’ window. Costs should be entered to the nearest €100.

Prospecting Licence Area

Date issued

Work period From  to

Licensee

Operator

Type of report (X in box)    1. Renewal     2. Review     3. Expiry     4. Surrender

Submitted by

Date

Signature .....

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**WORK CARRIED OUT**

<b>Geology</b>		Area (sq. km)	Cost €
(a)	Geological Mapping	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(b)	Prospecting	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other	Technique		
(c)	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
(d)	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>

### Geochemistry

	Number of samples	Cost €
(a) Soil	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(b) Stream sediment	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(c) Deep overburden	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(d) Lithochemochemistry	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(e) Assays (core)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other Sample type		
(f) <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(g) <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

### Geophysics

(a) Airborne	(i) Magnetics	<input type="text"/>	Area (sq. km)	<input type="text"/>	Cost €	<input type="text"/>	
	(ii) EM			<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
	Other Technique						
	(iii)	<input type="text"/>	Area (sq. km)	<input type="text"/>	€	<input type="text"/>	
	(iv)	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
(b) Ground	(i)	IP / Resistivity		<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
	(ii)	EM (incl TEM)		<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
	(iii)	Gravity		<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
	(iv)	VLF EM		<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
	Other Techniques						
	(v)	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
	(vi)	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
(c) Borehole geophysics			Number of holes	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	

**Drilling and Trenching**

	Number of holes	Metres drilled	Cost €
(a) Diamond drilling (cored)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(b) Open hole drilling	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(c) Trenching		Metres trenched	<input type="text"/>

**Other work**

(a) Environmental		€ <input type="text"/>
Other Type of work		€
(b) <input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
(c) <input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
<b>6. Total estimated cost of all work carried out</b>		€ <input type="text"/>

The proposed exploration programme for the next two years will include:

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### STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION FOR TECHNICAL REPORTS

This declaration is to be completed by the author or individual responsible for endorsing and signing off technical reports, and to be attached to the front of the report.

PL(s).....

County(ies).....

Period.....

#### Declaration

The attached report has been approved by the undersigned, a Qualified Person as recognised by the Exploration and Mining Division, Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources.

Name (Capitals).....

Professional Association (current membership).....

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Relevant area(s) of expertise as recognised by the Professional Association .....

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Signature.....

Date.....

**STATEMENT OF INTEREST FOR PROSPECTING FACILITIES UNDER  
THE MINERALS DEVELOPMENT ACTS, 1940 TO 1999**

Application is hereby made to lodge a 'Statement of Interest' for prospecting facilities in an area in County(ies) .....

Minerals of interest are: .....

The Area concerned is included:

- (a) Within the following Prospecting Licence Areas. ....  
as marked on the attached copy of the relevant part of the most recent map of 'State Mining and Prospecting Areas' issued by the Department; OR
- (b) In an open area the boundaries of which are given on the attached map at a scale of half inch/one inch/six inches to the mile/1:25,000 or other appropriate scale.

Applicant name(s) and address

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Date: .....

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