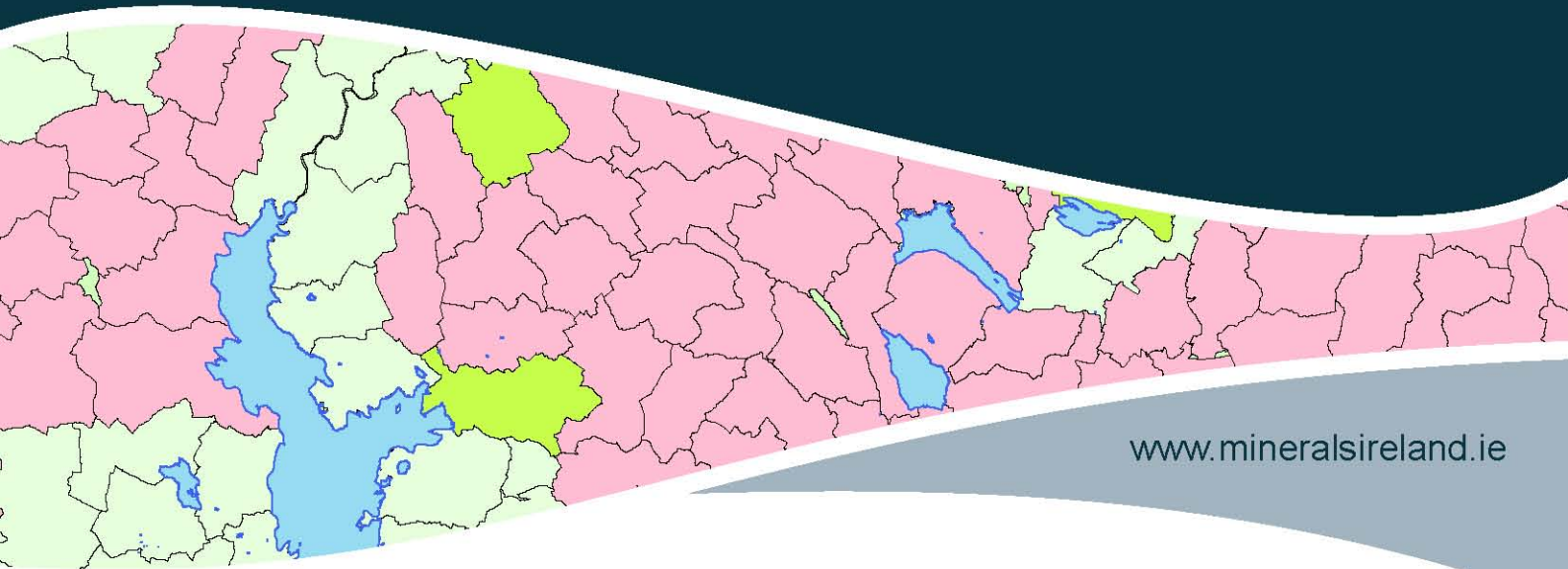


PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS OPEN FOR APPLICATION UNDER COMPETITION

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**PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS
OPEN FOR APPLICATION UNDER EQUAL COMPETITION
UNTIL 31st March, 2011**

These include areas for which licences were current on 15th October 2010 but have become available in the period to 21st January 2011 and areas that were offered but were subsequently declined in the same period.

2840	Limerick/Tipperary	3475	Offaly/Tipperary
3246	Tipperary	3507	Galway
3345	Kilkenny		

**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, 2010 (Minerals Publication MP 07/10)**. 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>.

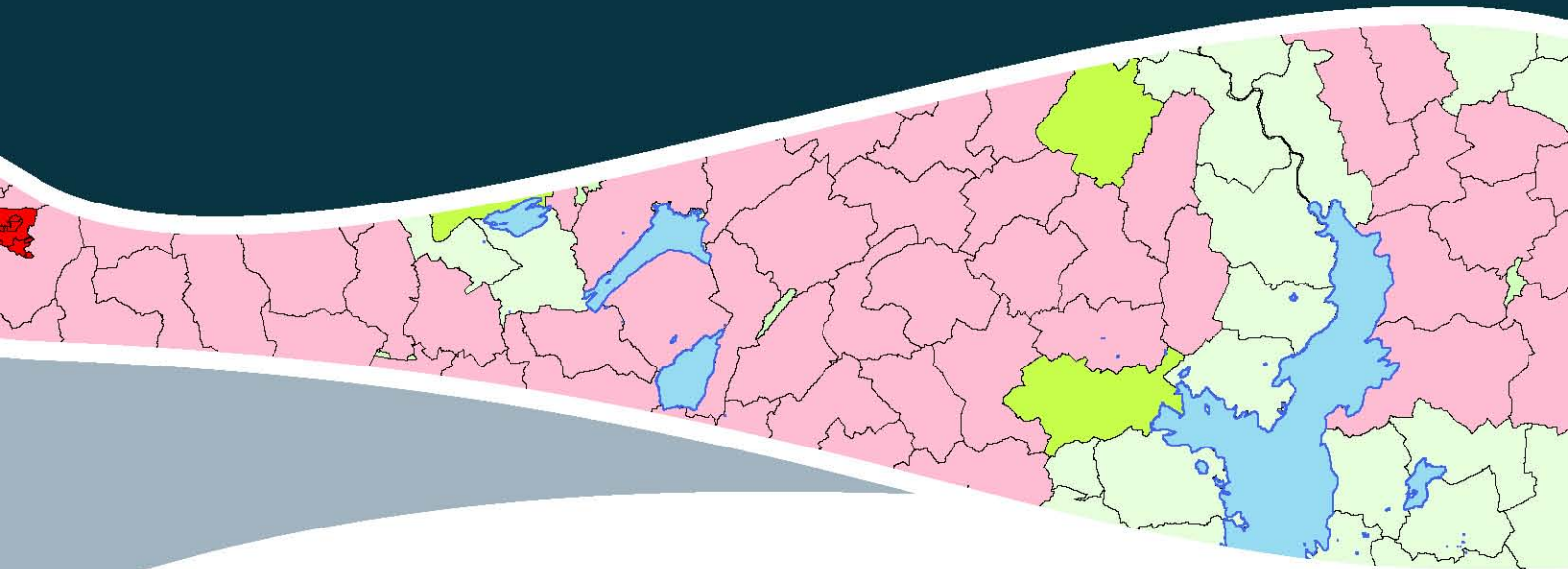
PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS GRANTED SINCE 15th OCTOBER, 2010

The following prospecting licences, which were granted since 15th October 2010, 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
1562	Oriel Selection Trust Ltd	30/01/2011	Mayo	Bm, b, s, g
3771	Oriel Selection Trust Ltd	30/01/2011	Mayo	Bm, b, s, g
3772	Oriel Selection Trust Ltd	30/01/2011	Mayo	Bm, b, s, g
4041	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	02/12/2010	Laois	Bm, b, s
4042	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	02/12/2010	Laois	Bm, b, s
4046	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	15/01/2011	Galway	Bm, b, s

PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS OFFERED AND ADVERTISED

PL Area	Licensee	County	PL Area	Licensee	County
2803	Oriel Selection Trust Ltd	Donegal	4011	Terra Energy Ltd	Leitrim/Roscommon
3971	Oriel Selection Trust Ltd	Donegal	4012	Terra Energy Ltd	Sligo/Roscommon
3978	Oriel Selection Trust Ltd	Donegal	4013	Terra Energy Ltd	Cavan/Leitrim
3979	Oriel Selection Trust Ltd	Donegal	4014	Terra Energy Ltd	Cavan/Leitrim
4005	Terra Energy Ltd	Leitrim	4015	Terra Energy Ltd	Cavan/Leitrim
4006	Terra Energy Ltd	Cavan/Leitrim	4016	Terra Energy Ltd	Leitrim
4007	Terra Energy Ltd	Leitrim	4017	Terra Energy Ltd	Leitrim
4008	Terra Energy Ltd	Leitrim	4045	Boliden Tara Mines Limited	Offaly
4009	Terra Energy Ltd	Leitrim	4048	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	Galway
4010	Terra Energy Ltd	Sligo			



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