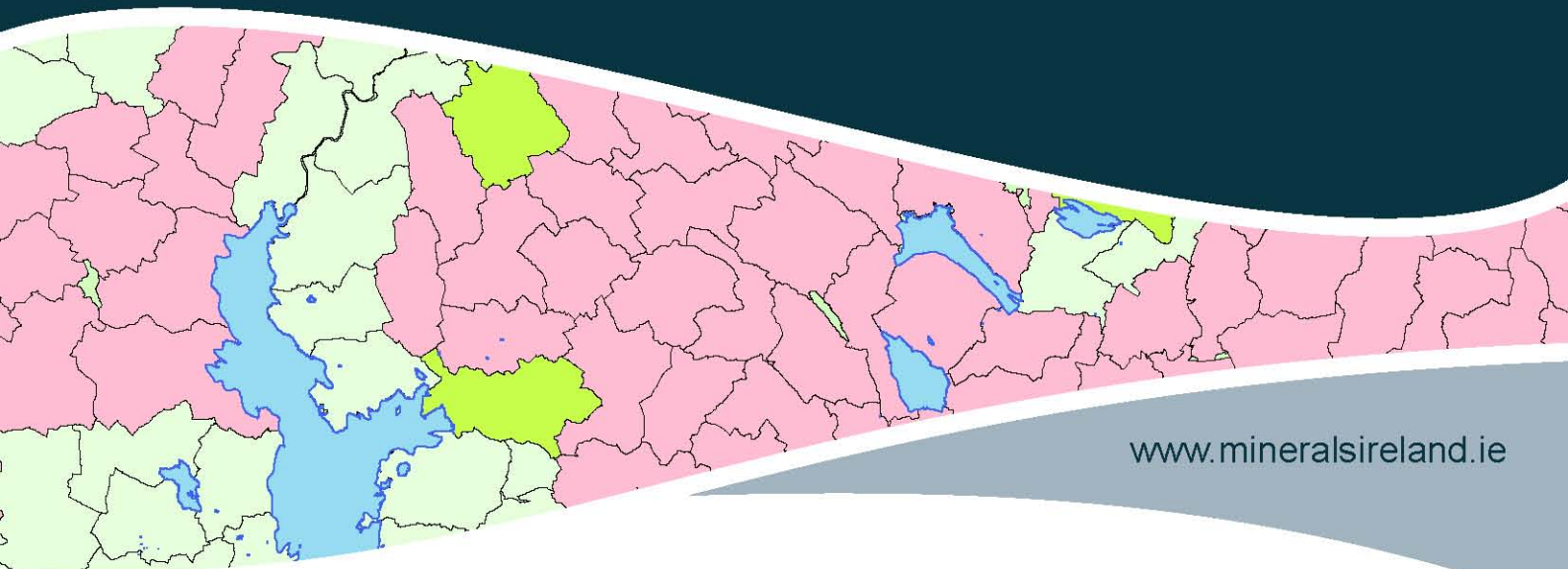


PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS OPEN FOR APPLICATION UNDER COMPETITION

1ST FEBRUARY 2009



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**PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS
OPEN FOR APPLICATION UNDER EQUAL COMPETITION
UNTIL 31st MARCH, 2009**

These include areas for which licences were current on 16th October 2008 but have become available in the period to 26th January 2009 and areas that were offered but were subsequently declined in the same period.

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| 1604 | Kildare | 3065 | Monaghan | 3563 | Cavan |
| 1607 | Kildare | 3068 | Monaghan | 3564 | Cavan |
| 2100 | Galway | 3131 | Cavan | 3688 | Laois |
| 2140 | Cavan | 3469 | Monaghan | 3870 | Monaghan |
| 2827 | Cavan | 3526 | Cavan | 3871 | Monaghan |
| 3027 | Monaghan | 3562 | Cavan | | |

**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, 2008 (Minerals Publication MP 06/08)**. 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>.

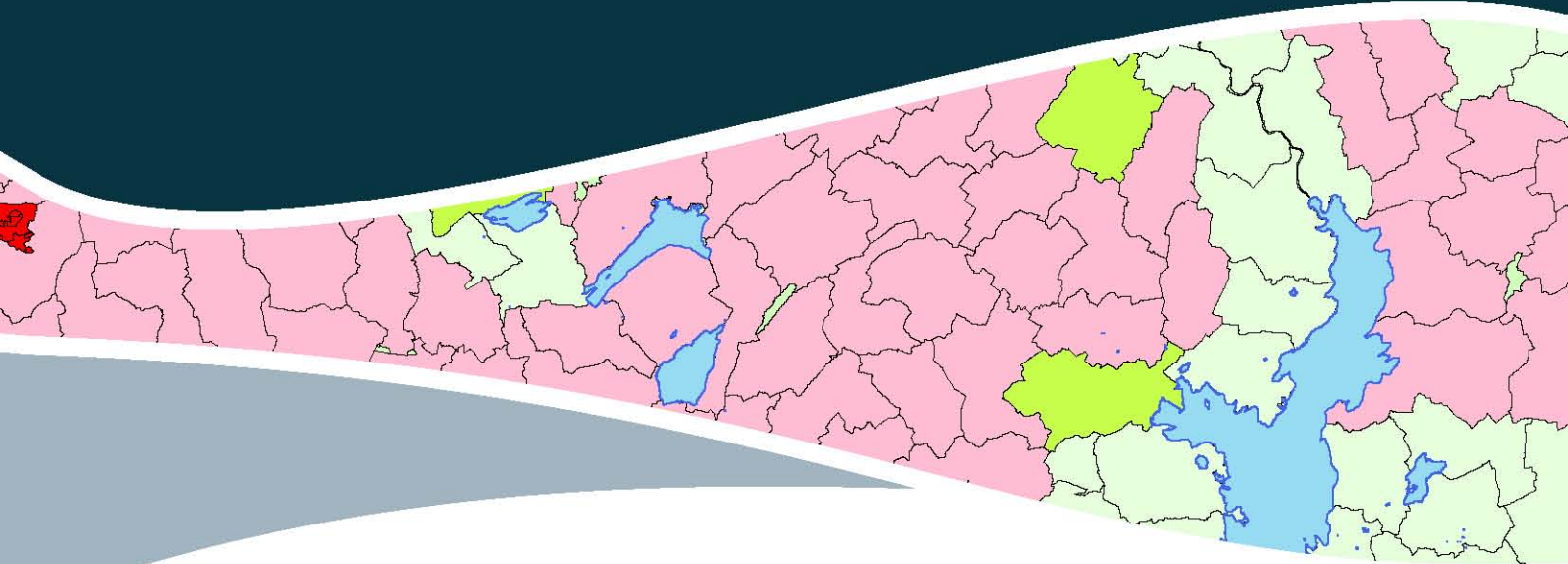
PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS GRANTED SINCE 16th OCTOBER, 2008

The following prospecting licences, which were granted since 16th October 2008, 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 |
|---------|-----------------------------------|------------|---------|----------|
| 1670 | Lundin Mining Exploration Limited | 08/12/2008 | Leitrim | Bm, b, s |
| 2776 | Lundin Mining Exploration Limited | 08/12/2008 | Leitrim | Bm, b, s |
| 3888 | Lundin Mining Exploration Limited | 08/12/2008 | Leitrim | Bm, b, s |
| 3889 | Lundin Mining Exploration Limited | 08/12/2008 | Leitrim | Bm, b, s |
| 3890 | Lundin Mining Exploration Limited | 08/12/2008 | Leitrim | Bm, b, s |

PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS OFFERED AND ADVERTISED

| PL Area | Licensee | County | PL Area | Licensee | County |
|---------|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 449 | Connemara Mining Co. Ltd | Limerick | 3545 | Boliden Tara Mines Ltd | Limerick |
| 450 | Connemara Mining Co. Ltd | Limerick | 3686 | Boliden Tara Mines Ltd | Roscommon |
| 1043 | Teck Cominco Ireland Ltd | Westmeath | 3741 | Exploration & Discovery Ltd | Cork |
| 1142 | Metallum Exploration Limited | Cavan | 3858 | Boliden Tara Mines Ltd | Limerick |
| 1302 | Lundin Mining Exploration Limited | Limerick | 3971 | Oriel Selection Trust Ltd | Donegal |
| 1575 | Lundin Mining Exploration Limited | Tipperary | 3978 | Oriel Selection Trust Ltd | Donegal |
| 1584 | Lundin Mining Exploration Limited | Limerick | 3979 | Oriel Selection Trust Ltd | Donegal |
| 1675 | Lundin Mining Exploration Limited | Leitrim | 3986 | Oriel Selection Trust Ltd | Donegal |
| 1696 | Metallum Exploration Limited | Cavan | 3987 | Oriel Selection Trust Ltd | Donegal |
| 2115 | Oriel Selection Trust Ltd | Donegal | 3994 | Boliden Tara Mines Ltd | Limerick |
| 2394 | Ray Hilliard Ltd | Cork | 3995 | Boliden Tara Mines Ltd | Offaly |
| 2416 | Metallum Exploration Limited | Monaghan | 3996 | Teck Cominco Ireland Ltd | Longford |
| 2545 | Oriel Selection Trust Ltd | Donegal | 3997 | Metallum Exploration Limited | Monaghan |
| 2546 | Oriel Selection Trust Ltd | Donegal | 3998 | Metallum Exploration Limited | Monaghan |
| 2604 | Lundin Mining Exploration Limited | Tipperary | 3999 | Metallum Exploration Limited | Monaghan |
| 2638 | Connemara Mining Co. Ltd | Limerick | 4000 | Metallum Exploration Limited | Monaghan |
| 2677 | Metallum Exploration Limited | Monaghan | 4001 | Metallum Exploration Limited | Cavan |
| 2678 | Metallum Exploration Limited | Monaghan | 4002 | Metallum Exploration Limited | Monaghan |
| 2679 | Metallum Exploration Limited | Monaghan | 4003 | Oriel Selection Trust Ltd | Donegal |
| 2680 | Metallum Exploration Limited | Monaghan | 4004 | Oriel Selection Trust Ltd | Donegal |
| 2681 | Metallum Exploration Limited | Monaghan | 4005 | Terra Energy Ltd | Leitrim |
| 2682 | Metallum Exploration Limited | Monaghan | 4006 | Terra Energy Ltd | Cavan/Leitrim |
| 2795 | Oriel Selection Trust Ltd | Donegal | 4007 | Terra Energy Ltd | Leitrim |
| 2803 | Oriel Selection Trust Ltd | Donegal | 4008 | Terra Energy Ltd | Leitrim |
| 2927 | Connemara Mining Co. Ltd | Limerick | 4009 | Terra Energy Ltd | Leitrim |
| 3105 | Terra Energy Ltd | Kilkenny | 4010 | Terra Energy Ltd | Sligo |
| 3128 | Lenagold Ltd | Donegal | 4011 | Terra Energy Ltd | Leitrim/Roscommon |
| 3132 | Lenagold Ltd | Donegal | 4012 | Terra Energy Ltd | Sligo/Roscommon |
| 3133 | Lenagold Ltd | Donegal | 4013 | Terra Energy Ltd | Cavan/Leitrim |
| 3134 | Lenagold Ltd | Donegal | 4014 | Terra Energy Ltd | Cavan/Leitrim |
| 3135 | Lenagold Ltd | Donegal | 4015 | Terra Energy Ltd | Cavan/Leitrim |
| 3136 | Lenagold Ltd | Donegal | 4016 | Terra Energy Ltd | Leitrim |
| 3162 | Lenagold Ltd | Leitrim | 4017 | Terra Energy Ltd | Leitrim |
| 3209 | Metallum Exploration Limited | Monaghan | 4018 | Terra Energy Ltd | Laois |
| 3230 | Ray Hilliard Ltd | Cork | 4019 | Terra Energy Ltd | Kilkenny |
| 3316 | Lundin Mining Exploration Limited | Tipperary | 4020 | Terra Energy Ltd | Kilkenny |
| 3317 | Lundin Mining Exploration Limited | Tipperary | 4021 | Terra Energy Ltd | Laois |
| 3320 | Lundin Mining Exploration Limited | Tipperary | 4022 | Terra Energy Ltd | Laois |
| 3353 | Terra Energy Ltd | Kilkenny | 4024 | Terra Energy Ltd | Kilkenny/Tipperary |
| 3366 | Lundin Mining Exploration Limited | Limerick | 4025 | Terra Energy Ltd | Tipperary |
| 3367 | Connemara Mining Co. Ltd | Limerick | 4026 | Terra Energy Ltd | Tipperary |
| 3405 | Teck Cominco Ireland Ltd | Westmeath | 4027 | Terra Energy Ltd | Tipperary |



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