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PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS OPEN  
FOR APPLICATION UNDER COMPETITION

1st FEBRUARY, 2004



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- Report by the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, for the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2003. MP 1/04. 79pp.
- Exploration and Mining Facilities. MP 10/03. 6pp.
- Land of Mineral Opportunities. MP 11/03. 6pp.
- Environmental Safeguards - the Irish Way. MP 09/03. 4pp.
- Mine Waste Management Workshop, Dublin, 2002. Available on CD.
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- Exploration Focus - Clontibret Gold Prospect (1993). Minfo 10/93. 4pp.
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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, MARINE  
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**1st FEBRUARY, 2004**

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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 November, 2003 (Minerals Publication MP 22/03)**. 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 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2004**

These include areas for which licences were current on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2003 but have become available in the period to 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2004 and areas that were offered but were subsequently declined in the same period.

382	Westmeath	2675	Westmeath	3152	Westmeath
1349	Westmeath	2676	Westmeath	3588	Westmeath
1353	Westmeath	2774	Longford	3589	Westmeath
1979	Galway				

**PROSPECTING LICENCES ISSUED SINCE 6th OCTOBER, 2003**

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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and the source .....

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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 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.

**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) .....

The Area concerned is included:

- (a) Within the following Prospecting Licences Nos. ....  
as marked on the attached copy of the relevant part of the most recent Prospecting Licence Competition Map 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: .....

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