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PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS OPEN
FOR APPLICATION UNDER COMPETITION

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**PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS
OPEN FOR APPLICATION UNDER EQUAL COMPETITION
UNTIL 31st March, 2008**

These include areas for which licences were current on 26th October 2007 but have become available in the period to 25th January 2008 and areas that were offered but were subsequently declined in the same period.

3545	Limerick
3858	Limerick
3859	Limerick

**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, 2007 (Minerals Publication MP 09/07).** 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.minex.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.minex.ie>.

PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS GRANTED SINCE 26th October 2007

The following prospecting licences, which were granted since 26th October 2007, 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
3201	Connemara Mining Co. Ltd.	19/12/2007	Waterford	Bm, B, S & PGEs
3519	Connemara Mining Co. Ltd.	19/12/2007	Waterford	Bm, B, S & PGEs
600	El Nino Ventures Inc.	19/12/2007	Westmeath	Bm, B, S & G
3866	El Nino Ventures Inc.	19/12/2007	Kildare	Bm, B, S & G
405	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Waterford	Bm, B, S & G
735	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Waterford	Bm, B, S & G
1373	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Galway	Bm, B, S & G
1913	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Kilkenny	Bm, B, S & G
2053	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Wexford	Bm, B, S & G
2236	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Wexford	Bm, B, S & G
2237	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Wexford	Bm, B, S & G
2238	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Wexford	Bm, B, S & G
2551	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Wexford	Bm, B, S & G
2552	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Wexford	Bm, B, S & G
2610	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Mayo	Bm, B, S & G
2724	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Galway	Bm, B, S & G
2752	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Waterford	Bm, B, S & G
2754	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Waterford	Bm, B, S & G
3144	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Galway	Bm, B, S & G
3166	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Galway	Bm, B, S & G
3194	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Waterford	Bm, B, S & G
3195	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Kilkenny/Waterford	Bm, B, S & G
3205	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Waterford	Bm, B, S & G
3206	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Waterford	Bm, B, S & G
3207	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Waterford	Bm, B, S & G
3208	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Waterford	Bm, B, S & G
3251	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Galway	Bm, B, S & G
3265R	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Wexford	Bm, B, S & G
3323	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Waterford	Bm, B, S & G
3350	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Wexford	Bm, B, S & G
3423	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Mayo	Bm, B, S & G
3424	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Mayo	Bm, B, S & G
3505	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Galway	Bm, B, S & G
3506	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Galway	Bm, B, S & G
3518	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Waterford	Bm, B, S & G
3570	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Waterford	Bm, B, S & G
3571	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Waterford	Bm, B, S & G
3574	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Waterford	Bm, B, S & G
3676	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Wexford	Bm, B, S & G
3682	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Galway	Bm, B, S & G
3881	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Galway	Bm, B, S & G
3880	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Galway	Bm, B, S & G
3959	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Galway	Bm, B, S & G
3964	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Galway	Bm, B, S & G
3965	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Galway	Bm, B, S & G
3966	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd.	19/12/2007	Galway	Bm, B, S & G
3525	Teck Cominco Ireland Ltd.	19/12/2007	Kilkenny	Bm, B, S, G & PGEs

PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS OFFERED AND ADVERTISED

PL Area No.	Licensee	County	PL Area No.	Licensee	County
2217	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	Laois	2564	Teck Cominco Ireland Ltd.	Tipperary
3160	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	Laois	3727	Teck Cominco Ireland Ltd.	Tipperary
1646	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	Laois	3878	Teck Cominco Ireland Ltd.	Tipperary
2625	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	Laois	3907	Teck Cominco Ireland Ltd.	Offaly
3158	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	Laois	2553	Connemara Mining Co. Ltd.	Wexford
1650	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	Laois	2554	Connemara Mining Co. Ltd.	Wexford
3263	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	Laois	2555	Connemara Mining Co. Ltd.	Wexford
1630	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	Kildare	2558	Connemara Mining Co. Ltd.	Wicklow
1631	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	Kildare	3741	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	Cork
3846	Exploration & Discovery Ltd.	Kildare	757	Hidefield Gold Plc.	Sligo
2306	Mayo's Gold Ltd.	Mayo	1660	Hidefield Gold Plc.	Sligo
2397	Mayo's Gold Ltd.	Mayo	3734	Hidefield Gold Plc.	Sligo
2398	Mayo's Gold Ltd.	Mayo	3735	Hidefield Gold Plc.	Sligo
2641	Mayo's Gold Ltd.	Mayo	3967	Hidefield Gold Plc.	Sligo
3149	Mayo's Gold Ltd.	Mayo	3968	Hidefield Gold Plc.	Sligo
3972	Mayo's Gold Ltd.	Mayo	3969	Hidefield Gold Plc.	Sligo
3973	Mayo's Gold Ltd.	Mayo	3970	Hidefield Gold Plc.	Sligo
3974	Mayo's Gold Ltd.	Mayo			
3975	Mayo's Gold Ltd.	Mayo			
3976	Mayo's Gold Ltd.	Mayo			
3977	Mayo's Gold Ltd.	Mayo			

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