

# EXPLORATION AND MINING DIVISION IRELAND

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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 a list of licence recently issued or advertised. In particular,

- 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 May 2006 (Minerals Publication MP 09/06)**. 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

The application procedure remains the same, details concerning which are provided every six 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 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, Marine and Natural Resources" and endorsed "Account payee only".

Successful applicants can anticipate that a Prospecting Licence will 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 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 that 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 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 intends to 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  
OPEN FOR APPLICATION UNDER EQUAL COMPETITION  
UNTIL 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006**

These include areas for which licences were current on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2006 but have become available in the period to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2006, and areas that were offered but were subsequently declined in the same period.

626	Tipperary	1584	Limerick	3729	Clare
627	Tipperary	3321	Tipperary	3866	Kildare
1577	Tipperary	3366	Limerick		
1578	Tipperary	3689	Tipperary		

**PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS  
GRANTED SINCE 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2006**

The following prospecting licences, which were granted since 19<sup>th</sup> April 2006, 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).

<b>PL Area No.</b>	<b>Licensee</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Minerals</b>
1181	Teck Cominco	09/06/2006	Westmeath	Bm, b, g, s & PGE
1473	Aurum and Ormonde	14/06/2006	Wicklow	Bm, g, s, PGE, tungsten, lithium, molybdenum
1715	Aurum and Ormonde	14/06/2006	Wicklow	Bm, g, s, PGE, tungsten, lithium, molybdenum
1716	Aurum and Ormonde	14/06/2006	Wicklow	Bm, g, s, PGE, tungsten, lithium, molybdenum
2062	Teck Cominco	09/06/2006	Offaly	Bm, b, g, s & PGE
3029	Aurum and Ormonde	14/06/2006	Wicklow	Bm, g, s, PGE, tungsten, lithium, molybdenum
3030	Aurum and Ormonde	14/06/2006	Wicklow	Bm, g, s, PGE, tungsten, lithium, molybdenum
3267	Aurum Mineral Resources	14/06/2006	Limerick	Bm, b, g & s
3575	Teck Cominco	09/06/2006	Westmeath	Bm, b, g, s & PGE
3576	Teck Cominco	09/06/2006	Westmeath	Bm, b, g, s & PGE
3809	Aurum Mineral Resources	24/11/2005	Clare	Bm, b, g, s
3810	Aurum Mineral Resources	25/11/2005	Clare	Bm, b, g, s
3937	Teck Cominco	09/06/2006	Westmeath	Bm, b, g, s & PGE
3938	Teck Cominco	09/06/2006	Meath	Bm, b, g, s & PGE
3939	Teck Cominco	09/06/2006	Meath	Bm, b, g, s & PGE

**PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS OFFERED AND ADVERTISED**

None

## COMPANY ADDRESSES

<b>Licensee</b>	<b>Address</b>
Aurum Mineral Resources	Aurum House 40/41 Watergate Street Navan Co. Meath
Ormonde Mining Plc	Ormonde House Metges Lane Navan Co. Meath
Teck Cominco Limited	c/o Mr. Vaughan Williams Aurum House 40/41 Watergate Street Navan Co. Meath