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## **MINERALS DEVELOPMENT ACTS, 1940-1999**

### ***Report by the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources for the Six Months ended 30 June 2005***

This **Report** is compiled under Section 77 of the Minerals Development Act, 1940 and Section 8 of the Minerals Development Act, 1979.

The **Report** sets out details of the State Mining Leases, State Mining Licences and Prospecting Licences current as of **30 June 2005** and the total amount of all moneys collected by the Minister under or by virtue of any such Lease or Licence or otherwise in connection with the Minerals Development Acts for the six months ended **30 June 2005**.

As of **30 June 2005** there were:

- **8** extant State Mining Licences
- **12** extant State Mining Leases
- **241** extant Prospecting Licences

In the period of six months ended **30 June 2005**:

- **29** Prospecting Licences were granted
- **23** Prospecting Licences were surrendered and **19** Navan held Licences were terminated
- Total receipts amounted to **€1,765,667.01**.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF PERIOD**

- Base metal prices in € were higher in the period than in the previous six months. The average monthly price of zinc for the period was €1008 per tonne, compared to €830 per tonne, in the previous six months. Mining continued at the three base metal mines: Tara Mines Limited's mine at Navan, Co. Meath; The Lisheen Mine, Co. Tipperary; and Arcon Mines Limited at Galmoy, Co. Kilkenny, all of which are profitable.
- Two new State Mining Licences were granted to Arcon Mines Limited in the period for the development of part of the R Zone, which has exceptionally high grades (18.2% Zn and 6.9% Pb) and for extension to the K zone at Galmoy County Kilkenny. A merger between Arcon International Resources and the Lundin Mining Group was completed in the period. This development is seen as a vote of confidence in Arcon and the mining industry here.
- Tara Mines Limited now part of New Boliden, was granted Planning Permission by Meath County Council in 2004 for a major south west extension of the mine, the SWEX-B. Applications for new State Mining Facilities for this and for State minerals in Nevinstown adjacent to the former Bula property are being progressed by the Department and are expected to be finalised in 2005 or early 2006.
- The Common Council position on the proposed Extractive Industry Waste Directive was transmitted to the European Parliament and is now under consideration by the Environment Committee. The Second Reading will take place in September.

- The Raw Materials Supply Group, a multi-stakeholder forum under the auspices of DG Enterprise continued it's work. This included preparation of the second report on Sustainable Development which is at an advanced stage. Discussion documents were issued on the study on the competitiveness of the extractive industry in the EU and the final report on the Minerals Planning Policies across the Member States was issued.

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## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN EXPLORATION AND MINING

During the last six months there has been a clear improvement in the fortunes of Ireland's mining sector, and a noticeable increase in optimism in the exploration sector. In base metal mining, the three underground zinc-lead mines continue to account for a very significant amount of the production of zinc (42%) and lead (29%) concentrate in Western Europe. All three mines have also been drilling in search of further resources in the vicinity of the mines. In May, **Arcon International Resources**, owner of the Galmoy Mine, was acquired by **Lundin Mining**. Mining of gypsum continues at **Irish Gypsum's** open pit at Knocknacran, Co. Monaghan, while a number of dolomite and dolomitic limestone quarries are also in production.

Base metal exploration outside near-mine areas has resumed, and a number of companies have increased budgets to carry out drilling programmes this year. Some exploration for gold has also been carried out.

### DEVELOPMENT

- **Navan (New Boliden)**

Production at the New Boliden-Tara Mines underground zinc-lead mine at Navan, Co. Meath during 2004 amounted to 2.5Mt grading 9.15% Zn and 1.82% Pb. This produced 381,275t of zinc concentrate (55.9% Zn) and 52,263t of lead concentrate (60.5% Pb). Total production (1977-2004) amounts to more than 60Mt grading 8.37% Zn and 2.04% Pb. At the end of 2004, Tara's JORC Classified Ore Reserves for the entire orebody amounted to 16.3Mt at 8.7% Zn and 1.9% Pb, with an additional 20.2Mt of Mineral Resources grading 7.2% Zn and 2.1% Pb.

An electric motor breakdown at one of the grinding mills caused production disruptions in June. Production of zinc and lead concentrates was expected to decline by approximately 40 per cent over the 6 weeks that the repairs are expected to take. The mine is expected to return to full production in mid-July.

- **Lisheen (Anglo American)**

During 2004 **Anglo American** produced 1.46Mt of ore grading 11.71% Zn and 1.76% Pb from the underground mine at Lisheen, Co. Tipperary. This ore produced 293,092t of zinc concentrate (53.3% Zn). Total production (1999-2004) is 6.57Mt grading 11.62% Zn and 2.27% Pb. Reserves at end December 2004 were 11.97Mt grading 11.69% Zn and 1.94% Pb, with added Resources of 1.77Mt at 12.14% Zn and 2.10% Pb.

Tipperary (NR) County Council have agreed to grant planning permission to Anglo to work minerals in the Bog Zone, northeast of the current underground workings. These minerals lie within the existing State Mining Lease area. One appeal against this decision was lodged on 13<sup>th</sup> June, and the matter is now with An Bord Pleanála.

- **Galmoy (Arcon Mines)**

Production during 2004 by **Arcon Mines Ltd.** from their underground zinc-lead mine at Galmoy, Co. Kilkenny yielded 0.64Mt grading 12.9% Zn and 5.5% Pb. This resulted in 134,000t of zinc concentrate (51.5% Zn) and 26,000t of lead concentrate (57.7% Pb). Total production since start of mining to end 2004 is 4.4Mt at 11.02% Zn and 1.99% Pb. Reserves at the end of December 2004 were 3.96Mt at 14.1% Zn and 4.3% Pb. This tonnage comprises 2.62Mt of Proven Reserves at 15.9% Zn and 4.96% Pb, and 1.34Mt of Probable Reserves at 10.62% Zn and 3.0% Pb.

In April, Arcon International Resources, the parent company of Arcon Mines Ltd, was acquired by **Lundin Mining**. Lundin, which is listed on the Toronto and the Stockholm Stock Exchanges, is a Canadian mining and exploration company with a primary focus in Europe. The principal asset of the company is the Zinkgruvan zinc-lead-silver mine in Sweden. Lundin Mining also holds more than 95% of the shares in North Atlantic Natural Resources (NAN), whose primary asset is the Storliden copper-zinc mine in Northern Sweden. In addition, Lundin Mining holds a copper/gold exploration project in the Norrbotten Mining District in northern Sweden.

Development of the high grade R zone at Galmoy is underway, following the issue of a new State Mining Licence in January.

Arcon continued their near mine exploration programme, with particular attention being paid to areas on strike along the 'en echelon' G Fault system that links Galmoy with the nearby Lisheen zinc-lead deposit.



County Map of Ireland showing locations mentioned in the text. Bulgaden (BG), Galmoy (GA), Knocknacran (KC), Lisheen (LI), Navan (NA), Pallas Green (PG), Slieve Glah (SG), Tullybuck-Lisglassan (TL)

## EXPLORATION

### • Company Activities

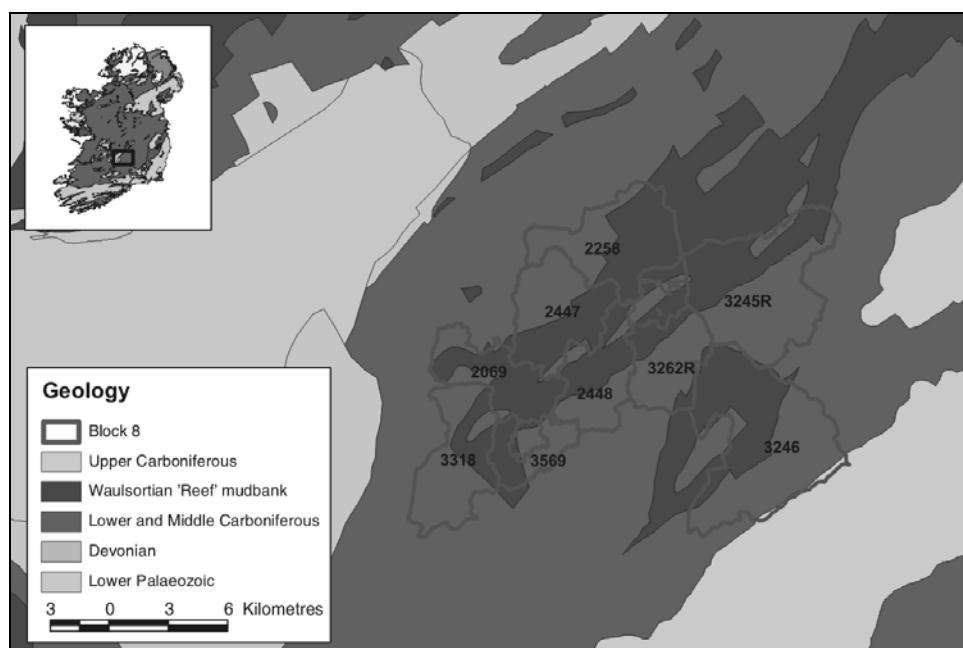
During the past six months, **Arcon Exploration Plc** continued to concentrate most of its efforts in the vicinity of the company's underground zinc-lead mine at Galmoy, Co. Kilkenny (operated by **Arcon Mines Ltd**), where they have been drill-testing geophysical targets generated by a variety of methods, including gravity surveying, Schlumberger array IP and resistivity depth soundings.

**Asarco Exploration Company Inc.** (Asarco) has undertaken a comprehensive technical review of its ground holding in Ireland. The ground holding covers an area of 555 sq. km, and is divided into five licence blocks. These are located in Cos. Kildare, Laois, Offaly, Tipperary and Limerick, where there are the same dolomitized Waulsortian Limestone Complex lithologies as host the Lisheen and Galmoy zinc-lead ore bodies. Asarco is seeking joint venture partners for their ground.

In September 2004, **Conroy Diamonds and Gold Plc** received a commissioned report from SRK Consulting (UK) on the gold prospects and exploration potential of the company's licences in the Longford-Down Massif. The report recommended focusing on three target areas. Each area is characterised by a deep-seated lineament that intersects the major NE-SW Orlock Bridge fault, which is believed to be the controlling structural influence on gold mineralization within the Lower Palaeozoic rocks of the Massif. At the end of February, Conroy said that recent deep overburden sampling at Slieve Glah, which lies some 45km southwest of the Tullybuck-Lisglassan prospect, had outlined two zones of "anomalous bedrock mineralization".

In the latter part of 2004, **Minco** and their joint venture partner, **Noranda**, carried out a drilling programme that extended the known mineralized zone at their Pallas Green, Co. Limerick prospect. A significant drill programme is proposed for this prospect in 2005.

Also in Co. Limerick, **Tara Mines** will carry out a drilling programme this year on the Bulgaden prospect, where they have intersected 5.3m grading 9.6% Zn, 2.1% Pb, and 4.5m grading 12.3% Zn, 1.6% Pb, at a depth of approximately 300m.



**Currently held Prospecting Licence areas over the southern part of the 'Rathdowney Trend', for which exploration data has just been released.**

- **Prospecting Licences**

At the end of June 2005, there were 241 current Prospecting Licences, held by a total of 26 different companies or individuals. During the past six months, twenty-nine licences were issued. Twenty-one licences were issued to Connemara Mining Co. Ltd. These included a block of ten licences in south Co. Limerick / north Co. Cork (Kilmeedy), all of which were issued for base metals, barytes, silver, gold and Platinum Group Elements. The company were also granted five licences in east Co. Limerick (three at Fedamore and two at Holycross). These licences are for base metals, barytes and silver; the five licences are already held by Aurum Mineral Resources for gold. Connemara Mining also received a block of five licences in north Co. Meath / Co. Cavan (Oldcastle), all of which are for base metals, barytes, silver, gold and Platinum Group Elements. A single licence in Co. Kerry (Castlemaine,) for base metals, barytes, silver, gold and Platinum Group Elements, was also granted to the company. Oriel Selection Trust were granted five licences in Co. Mayo (Charlestown), for base metals, barytes, silver and gold. Arcon were granted a licence at Carrickboy Co. Longford for base metals, barytes and silver. Minco were granted a licence at Lisnagry Co. Limerick for base metals, barytes, silver and Platinum Group Elements. Finally, Dan Morrissey (Irl) Ltd was granted a licence in Co. Carlow / Co. Laois for coal and fireclay. Twenty-three licences were surrendered during that period, and a further nineteen Navan Resources licences were revoked, following liquidation of the company.

## **Exploration Support**

During the past six months, the Exploration and Mining Division has maintained its ongoing complementary exploration support programmes, designed to encourage exploration; all data is provided free of charge and in digital format.

- **The MAPS (Minerals Administration Programme Support) Programme.**

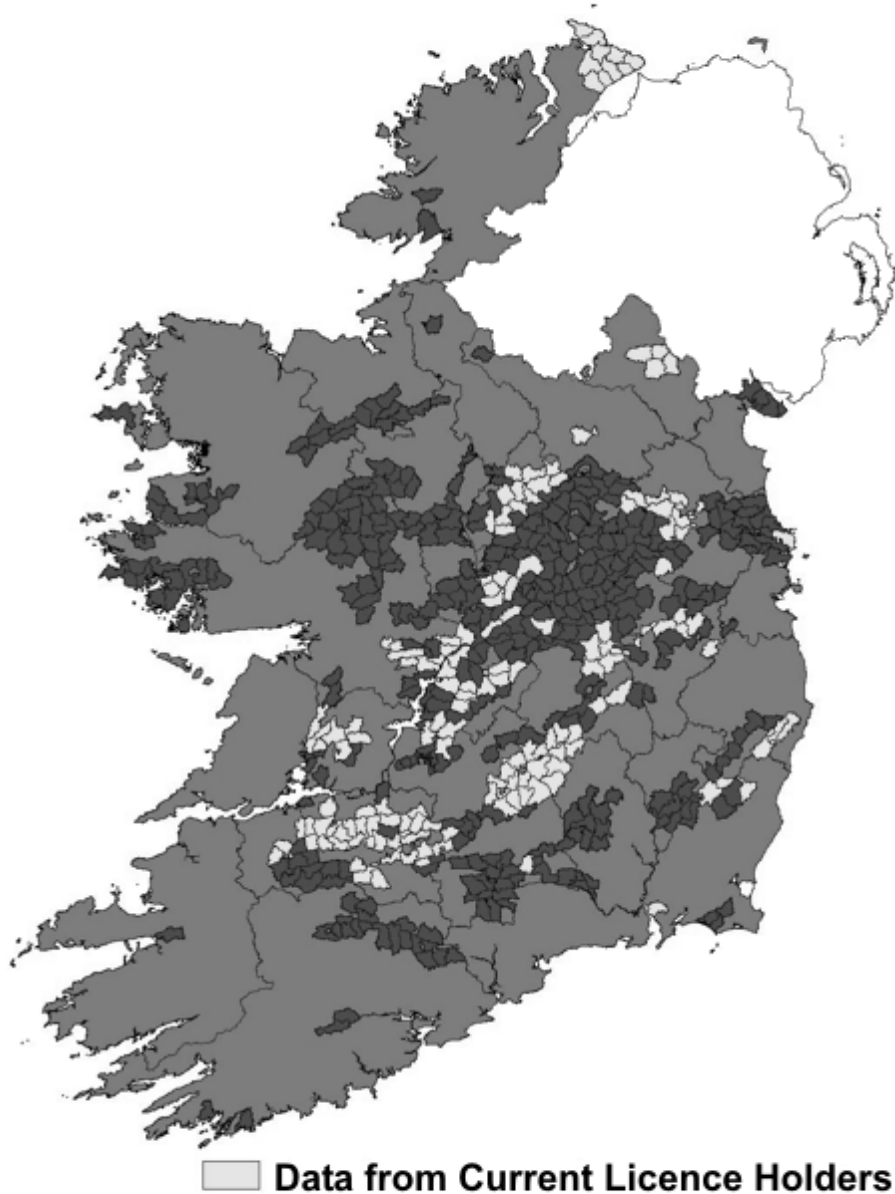
The Minerals Administration Programme Support programme is designed to provide online clients with the available background data that will allow them to assess ground, apply for permits and otherwise undertake eBusiness. The programme is now nearing completion. The MAPS website ([www.minex.ie](http://www.minex.ie)) has recently been completely revised, with the addition of substantial new content and a GIS map viewer with increased functionality. There are now 21 spatial datasets available, with a new mining theme that includes data on current and historic mines, and on current or expired mining permits. It is expected that the remaining elements of this programme will be completed by late 2005. These include the full e-Business facilities for permitting, and the back office workflow system, which will deliver increased efficiency for customers.

- **Data Availability Programmes**

A substantial amount of company exploration data has been made available free through the Data Availability Programmes, both online, at [www.minex.ie](http://www.minex.ie), and on CD/DVD. **All** non-confidential reports held by EMD, relating to in excess of 600 Prospecting Licence areas, have now been released into the public domain. Online data is currently available for over 40% of the ground enclosed by Prospecting Licence boundaries (See Figure below).

*Data from current holders.* Company reports older than six years have been published online for over 140 currently held licence areas. As many of these reports are large and relatively slow to download, EMD has also released much of this data on CD-ROM. To date, nine of these “exploration data release” CDs have been made available, the most recent of which focuses on the highly prospective Rathdowney Trend. In addition, all companies who availed of the exploration expenditure concessions and are seeking joint venture partners have also had their data released online (some 110 licence areas in total).

*Data from surrendered ground.* Data for an additional 37 surrendered licence areas has been made publicly available, linked with the relevant quarterly Prospecting Licence Competition for ground surrendered in the previous quarter (1<sup>st</sup> February or 1<sup>st</sup> May 2005).



**Map showing Prospecting Licence areas for which exploration data is available online.  
The coverage relates to all data released since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2000.**

*Online Availability of Company Data.* This programme is driven by the objective of providing both industry and the general public with as much free information as possible regarding company activities, ground assessment for exploration, and newly available areas for competitive application. All data released since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2000 has now been published online, including some 70% of the Central

Ireland Basin Zinc Province (see Figure). All further data releases will be immediately available on the website, apart from the airborne geophysical data (for which file sizes are too large). Although none of the exploration data released prior to 2000 is online, it is available through the Geological Survey of Ireland.

*Digital Prospecting Licence Data.* A digital version of the Prospecting Licence map is now published twice yearly, on 1<sup>st</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> November. These are provided free on request (email: EMDTechnical.info@dcmnr.gov.ie). All licence data are provided on CD in shapefile format, for use with the ESRI suite of GIS products. A free map viewer “ArcExplorer,” is bundled with the licence data. This enables clients without access to standard GIS desktop applications to display the licence data, and determine ground status and joint venture availability. The area boundaries can also be downloaded off the [www.minex.ie](http://www.minex.ie) website.

*Airborne Geophysical Data Release.* No further data has been released since August 2004.

## • Target Areas Programme

The Target Areas programme was established to stimulate exploration interest in specific areas of the country by providing focused information and added value to ongoing data release programmes. Four projects have been undertaken to date.

*Data on Gold in Ireland* To increase the awareness of the gold potential of the country a digital release of all known gold localities in a GIS format was issued in 2004 in association with the Geological Survey of Ireland. The gold localities are all described, and are located on a simplified geological map. The free CD also includes a review of the potential for gold mineralization in Ireland, a bibliography, and has been revised to update the status of exploration licence areas. The gold spatial data are also accessible through the [www.minex.ie](http://www.minex.ie) website.

*Ballinalack Zinc-Lead Deposit* The Ballinalack zinc-lead deposit has measured and indicated resources of 7.83 Mt grading 6.4% Zn and 1.0% Pb. The massive sulphide mineralization is hosted in a similar setting to the Lisheen and Galmoy zinc-lead deposits. All exploration data over this deposit and the adjacent area, with the geology and drill hole locations in a GIS format, was published on CD and distributed in March 2005. The Prospecting Licence areas relating to this deposit in Co. Westmeath were recently made available under competition, with a closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2005.

*Cregganbaun Gold Prospect.* Exploration in the area of this gold prospect has demonstrated extensive gold mineralization, with grades of up to 270 g/t Au. The prospect is located in a 10 km long shear zone in deformed Ordovician sediments. A compilation of the exploration data, geology etc. for the prospect and adjacent areas was published in May, 2005 and is available free on CD. The ground was recently made available under competition, with a closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2005.

*The Airborne Magnetic Interpretation Project* This project, in partnership with PGW Europe Ltd., continues to be delayed. Focused on three blocks covering part the Lower Carboniferous Central Basin area, the digital products for the first of the blocks to be available have been completed and are being prepared for release.

## Joint Venture Opportunities

Six Prospecting Licence holders are seeking joint venture partners. The companies that have properties on offer are: Arcon Exploration, Asarco Exploration, Cambridge Mineral Resources, Glencar Mining,

Minco, and Mineral Estates (Ireland) Ltd. A booklet providing details of the licence areas on offer is available from the Exploration and Mining Division.

## PDAC Convention 2005, Toronto

The 73<sup>rd</sup> annual Convention and Trade Show of the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) was held in Toronto from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> March 2005. The Exploration and Mining Division took its usual stand location at the Trade Show, sharing an extended display with colleagues from Northern Ireland (Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, and the Geological Survey of Northern Ireland), in a combined 'Ireland' exhibit. The PDAC meeting is the biggest of its kind in the world, and this year had an estimated attendance of 11,500, the largest in its history. There was abundant evidence of increased funding available for exploration, and there was increased interest in exploration in Ireland from several major as well as junior companies.

## Exploration and Mining Expenditure for 2003

Expenditure on mineral exploration and development is derived from data supplied by Prospecting Licence and State Mining Facility holders. The figures for 2003 (the latest year for which figures are available) are provided below in summary form. Expenditure on exploration totalled €8.04 million, a 21% increase over the previous year (€6.55 million), but still well down on earlier years. The increase was reflected in figures for exploration in both Prospecting Licences and within State Mining Facilities. However, it is notable that exploration expenditure within State Mining Facilities (Navan, Lisheen and Galmoy) is greater than the total spent in Prospecting Licences. Gold exploration expenditure was substantially higher at €0.3 million, the third successive annual increase. The development costs at €13.9 million (€15 million in 2002) were again essentially related to base metal operations.

<b>Prospecting Licence Areas</b>	<b>Base Metals €</b>	<b>Gold €</b>	<b>Other Minerals</b>	<b>Total €</b>
Geology	266,520	71,528	0	338,048
Geochemistry	158,396	51,596	0	209,992
Geophysics	261,508	20,000	0	281,508
Airborne Surveys	187,475	0	0	187,475
Drilling	1,645,060	44,623	0	1,689,683
Trenching	0	11,402	0	11,402
Environmental Studies	1,500	0	0	1,500
Feasibility Studies	0	0	0	0
Other Field Related Costs*	285,816	68,242	0	354,058
Other Costs**	24,000	28,125	0	52,125
<b>Total Expenditure (PL Areas)</b>	<b>2,830,275</b>	<b>295,516</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(a) €3,125,791</b>

## State Mining Facilities (SMF)

### *Exploration Expenditure:*

Drilling	4,555,586
All other expenditure, excluding Irish office overheads	<u>356,448</u>
<b>Total Exploration Expenditure (SMFs)</b>	<b>(b) €4,912,034</b>

### *Total Development Expenditure:*

<b>Total Expenditure SMF Areas</b>	<u>13,865,211</u>	<b>18,777,245</b>
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### **Irish Office Overheads**

1,456,633

### **Total Overall Expenditure**

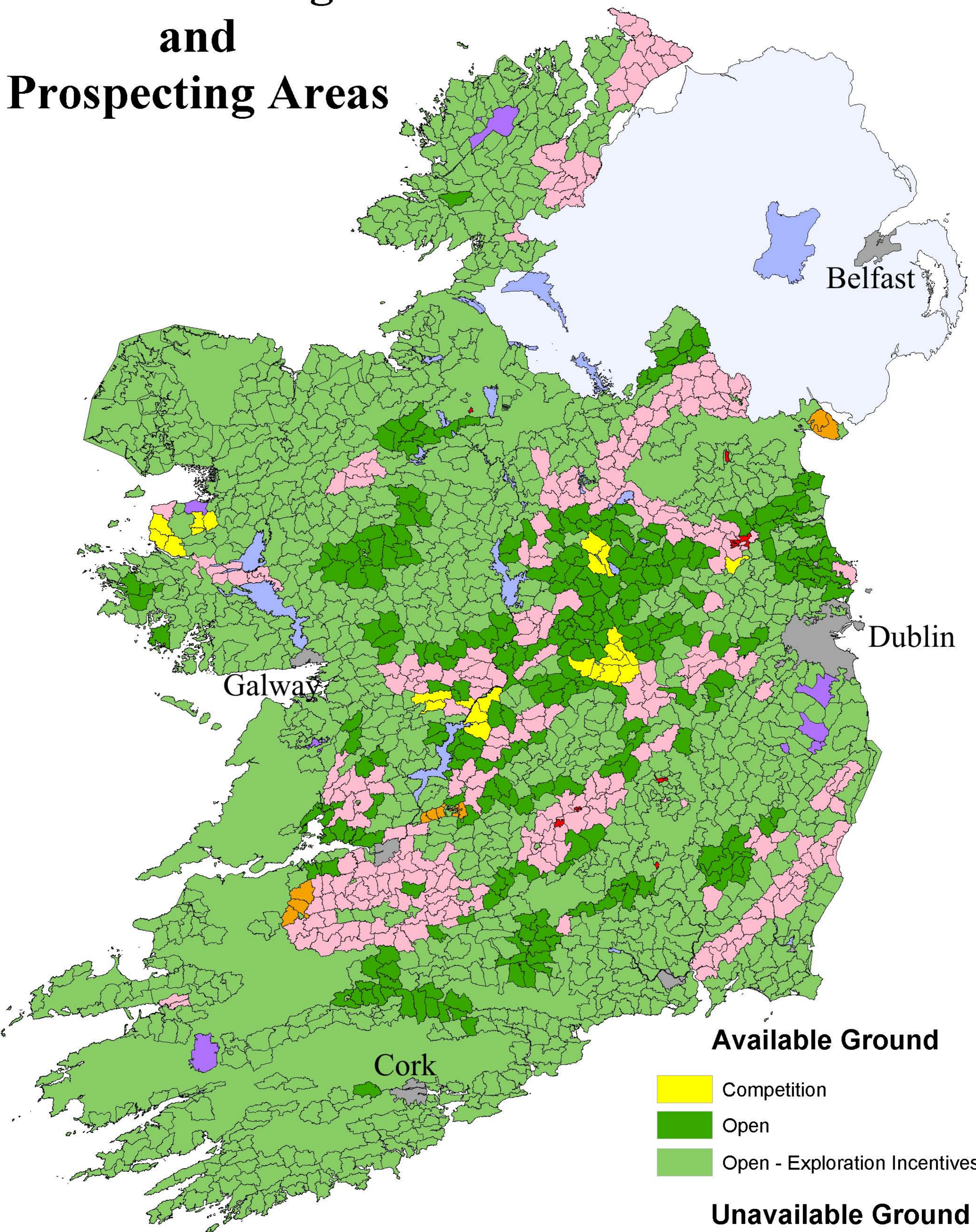
**€23,359,669**

**Exploration Expenditure, PLs and SMFs i.e. (a) + (b) €8,037,825**

\*Includes accommodation, travel, salaries during fieldwork, and report writing, but excludes office overheads.

\*\* Includes consultancies, data acquisition.

# Current Status of State Mining and Prospecting Areas



0 15 30 60 90 120 150 Km

**TOP TEN EXPLORATION COMPANIES RANKED BY  
PROSPECTING LICENCES HELD AT 30 JUNE 2005**

<b>COMPANY</b>	<b>PLS HELD</b>
Tara Mines Limited	46
Conroy Diamonds and Gold Plc.	27
Minco Ireland Limited	27
Connemara Mining Company Limited	21
Aurum Exploration Limited	19
Asarco Exploration Inc.	15
Tournigan Gold Corporation	15
Arcon Exploration Plc. (incl. Arcon International Resources Plc.)	14
Central Mining Finance	11
Amcorp Ireland Limited	8
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>203</b>

**A further 38 licences are held by an additional 16 companies, i.e. a total of 26 companies hold 241 licences.**

**PART 1*****12 State Mining Leases and 8 State Mining Licences granted under the Acts and current during the period 1 January to 30 June 2005***

(Except those marked\* which were granted under the Mines and Minerals Act, 1931 (No. 54))

**SUMMARY**

SML NO.	HELD BY	COUNTY (PART OF)	VALIDITY		PRESENT POSITION
			FROM	TO	
<b>State Mining Licences</b>					
1	Arcon Mines Limited	Kilkenny	03.02.1995	02.02.2016	<b>Lead and Zinc</b> - In production
2	Tara Mines Limited	Meath	03.07.1998	31.08.2010	<b>Lead and Zinc</b> - In production
3	Tara Mines Limited	Meath	03.07.1998	31.08.2010	<b>Lead and Zinc</b> - In production
4	Tara Mines Limited	Meath	11.09.2000	31.08.2010	<b>Lead and Zinc</b> - In production
5	Tara Mines Limited	Meath	15.01.2004	31.08.2010	<b>Lead and Zinc</b> - In production
6	Arcon Mines Limited	Kilkenny	29.08.2002	02.02.2016	<b>Lead and Zinc</b> - In production
8	Arcon Mines Limited	Kilkenny	21.01.2005	02.02.2016	<b>Lead and Zinc</b> - In production
10	Arcon Mines Limited	Kilkenny	28.02.2005	02.02.2016	<b>Lead and Zinc</b> - In production
<b>State Mining Leases</b>					
17*	Joyce's Marble Quarries Limited	Galway	01.10.1933	30.09.2032	<b>Marble and other Minerals</b> In production
23*	Flemings Fireclays Limited	Laois	01.03.1935	29.02.2032	<b>Fireclay, Coal</b> In production
30*	Connemara Marble Products Limited	Galway	01.11.1937	31.10.2034	<b>Marble</b> Currently producing
37	Flemings Fireclays Limited	Laois	14.11.1940	13.11.2039	<b>Fireclay, Coal and other Minerals</b> No production since about 1985/86
79	Joyce's Marble Quarries Limited	Galway	01.12.1957	30.11.2056	<b>Marble and other Minerals</b> In production
100	Roadstone Provinces Limited	Kilkenny	01.01.1969	31.12.2008	<b>Dolomite, Dolomitic Limestone and other Minerals</b> In production
116	Tara Mines Limited	Meath	01.09.1975	31.08.2010	<b>Zinc, lead and other Minerals</b> In production
134	Ormonde Brick Ltd.	Kilkenny	01.06.2004	31.05.2029	<b>Coal and Fireclay</b>
137	Ormonde Brick Limited	Kilkenny	31.01.1997	30.01.2012	<b>Coal and Fireclay</b> In production
139	Irish Gypsum Limited	Monaghan	12.11.2002	11.11.2032	<b>Gypsum, Anhydrite and other Minerals</b> In production
140	(1) Anglo American Lisheen Mining Limited (formerly Minorco Lisheen Mining Limited) (2) Killoran Lisheen Mining Limited (3) Lisheen Milling Co.	Tipperary	07.10.1997	06.10.2027	<b>Zinc, lead and other Minerals</b> In production
143	Eurostone Limited	Cork	01.06.2004	31.12.2008	<b>Dolomite and Dolomitic Limestone</b>



**Name and Address of Lessee:** **Anglo American Lisheen Mining Limited**  
**Killoran Lisheen Mining Limited**  
**Lisheen Milling Co.**  
Killoran, Moyne, Thurles,  
Co. Tipperary

**Minerals:** All minerals except gold

**Lands Concerned:** Derryville (part), Killoran (part), Ballyerk (part), Barnalisheen (part), Co. Tipperary (Lease No. 140)

**Area:** 188 hectares

**Period:** 30 years from 7 October 1997 (expires 6 October 2027)

**Consideration:** Dead Rent of €63,486.90 for the first year; €126,973.80 for the second year; €380,921.42 for each subsequent year until production ceases; and €25,394.76 for each year thereafter; with provision to index the Dead Rent at the end of every third year from the commencement date to take account of changes in money values. Royalties, into which the Dead Rent will merge, at the following rates:

1¾% of revenue for first three years of production; 3% of revenue for fourth and fifth years of production; and 4½% of revenue for sixth and every subsequent year of production.

**Name and Address of Licensee:** **Arcon Mines Limited**  
60 Merrion Road, Ballsbridge,  
Dublin 4

**Minerals:** Lead, zinc and other minerals

**Lands concerned:** Castletown (part), Garrylaun (part), Rathreagh (part), Whiteswall (part), Co. Kilkenny (Licence No. 1)

**Area:** 141 hectares or thereabouts

**Period:** 21 years from 3 February 1995 (expires 2 February 2016)

**Consideration:** Licence Fee of €63,486.90 per annum for each of the first two years of Licence; €126,973.80 per annum for the third year of Licence and each subsequent year until the working of the minerals has permanently ceased; and €25,394.76 per annum for each year thereafter with provision to index the Licence Fee at the end of every third year from the commencement date to take account of changes in money values. Royalties, in which the Licence Fee will merge, at the following rates:

1½% per annum of revenue for first three years of mine production; 2½% of revenue for fourth year of mine production; and 3% per annum of revenue for fifth and every subsequent year of mine production.



**Period:** 11 years from 28 February 2005 (expires 2 February 2016)

**Consideration:** Licence Fee of €5,000.00 per annum for each year until the working of the minerals has permanently ceased. In February 2007 the Licence Fee shall be increased or decreased by the same proportion as the CPI has increased or decreased between February 2001 and February 2007. Thereafter the Licence Fee shall be indexed at the end of every three-year period to account for changes in money values. Royalties, in which the Licence Fee will merge, at the following rate:

1.25% of revenue per annum until 30 June 2006. 1.75% of revenue per annum thereafter until the minerals are worked out.

**Name and Address of Lessee:** **Connemara Marble Products Limited**  
Moycullen,  
Co. Galway

**Minerals:** Marble and all other minerals

**Lands Concerned:** Cregg (part), Ballinahinch, Co. Galway (Lease No. 30)

**Area:** 4 hectares or thereabouts

**Period:** 97 years from 1 November 1937 (expires 31 October 2034)

**Consideration:** Dead Rent of €25.39 per annum and Royalties into which Dead Rent will merge, at the rate of 2½% on all sales of marble raised and gotten.

**Name and Address of Lessee:** **Eurostone Limited**  
Gouldshill, Mallow,  
Co. Cork

**Minerals:** Dolomite and dolomitic limestone.

**Lands Concerned:** Subulter (part), Duhallow, Co. Cork (Lease No. 143)

**Area:** 0.133 square kilometres or thereabouts

**Period:** 4 years and 7 months from 1 June 2004 (expires 31 December 2008)

**Consideration:** Dead Rent of €52 per annum and Royalties into which Dead Rent will merge, at the rate of 38 cent per tonne on all dolomite and dolomitic limestone raised and gotten.

**Name and Address of Lessee:** **Fleming's Fireclays Limited**  
The Swan, Athy,  
Co. Kildare

**Minerals:** Coal, fireclay and other minerals (Lease No. 23)

**Lands Concerned:** Moyadd (part), Aghadreen (part), Knockacrin (part) and Slatt Lower, Co. Laois

**Area:** 384 hectares

**Period:** 97 years from 1 March 1935 (expires 29 February 2032)

**Consideration:** Dead Rent of €31.74 per annum and royalties, in which the Dead Rent will merge, at the following rates:

€0.0159 per metric tonne on coal, culm or carbonaceous matter; €0.0105 per metric tonne on fireclay raised.

**Name and Address of Lessee:** **Fleming's Fireclays Limited**  
The Swan, Athy,  
Co. Kildare

By Assignment

**Minerals:** Coal, fireclay and other minerals (Lease No. 37)

**Lands Concerned:** Slatt Lower (part) and Ballylehane Upper (part), Co. Laois

**Area:** 121.4 hectares

**Period:** 99 years from 14 November 1940 (expires 13 November 2039)

**Consideration:** Dead Rent of €31.74 per annum and royalties, in which the Dead Rent will merge, at the following rates:

€0.0159 per metric tonne on coal, culm or carbonaceous matter; €0.0105 per metric tonne on fireclay and 4% of the value of all other minerals.

**Name and Address of Lessee:** **Irish Gypsum Limited**  
Unit 14, Park West Industrial Park,  
Dublin 12

**Minerals:** Gypsum, anhydrite and all other minerals

**Lands Concerned:** Ballycartlan, Derryleeg, Derrynaglah, Derrynascobe, Drumgoosat, Drummond (E.D. Enagh), Enagh, Knocknacran East and Knocknacran West, Co. Monaghan, and Cormey in Co. Cavan (Lease No. 139)

**Area:** 4.57 square kilometres

**Period:** 30 years from 12 November 2002 (expires 11 November 2032)

**Consideration:** Dead Rent of €29,387.08 per annum and royalties in which the Dead Rent will merge at the following rates:

€0.6343 per tonne on the minerals raised, gotten and taken away.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2005, and every four years thereafter, the Dead Rent and royalties shall be altered to take account of changes in monetary values and price levels.

**Name and Address of Lessee:** **Joyce's Marble Quarries Limited**  
Lissoughter, Recess, Connemara,  
Co. Galway

By Assignment

**Minerals:** Marble and all other minerals  
**Lands Concerned:** Barnanoraun (part), Co. Galway (Lease No. 17)  
**Area:** 24.65 hectares or thereabouts  
**Period:** 99 years from 1 October 1933 (expires 30 September 2032)  
**Consideration:** Dead Rent of €15.24 per annum and royalties, in which the Dead Rent will merge, at the following rate:  
  
€0.3174 per metric tonne on all marble raised, gotten and taken away and 4% of all other minerals.

**Name and Address of Lessee:** **Joyce's Marble Quarries Limited**  
Lissoughter, Recess, Connemara,  
Co. Galway

By Assignment

**Minerals:** Marble and all other minerals  
**Lands Concerned:** Tievebreen (part), Co. Galway (Lease No. 79)  
**Area:** 16.19 hectares  
**Period:** 99 years from 1 December 1957 (expires 30 November 2056)  
**Consideration:** Dead Rent of €25.39 per annum and royalties, in which the Dead Rent will merge, at the following rates:  
  
€0.3123 per metric tonne on all marble raised, gotten and taken away, 4% on all other minerals.

**Name and Address of Lessee:** **Ormonde Brick Limited**  
Castlecomer,  
Co. Kilkenny

**Minerals:** Coal and fireclay  
**Lands Concerned:** Gorteen (part), Co. Kilkenny (Lease No. 134)  
**Area:** 13.25 hectares  
**Period:** 25 years from 01 June 2004 (expires 31 May 2029)  
**Consideration:** Dead Rent of €1000 per annum and royalty, into which Dead Rent will merge at the following rates:  
  
€0.45 per tonne on fireclay raised; 2½% of sales revenue (net of VAT) on coal.

**Name and Address of Lessee:** **Ormonde Brick Limited**  
Castlecomer,  
Co. Kilkenny

**Minerals:** Coal and fireclay

**Lands Concerned:** Coolbawn (part), Co. Kilkenny (Lease No. 137)

**Area:** 18.4 hectares

**Period:** 15 years from 31 January 1997 (expires 30 January 2012)

**Consideration:** Dead Rent of €634.87 per annum and royalty, into which Dead Rent will merge at the following rates:

€0.3174 per tonne on fireclay raised; 2½% of sales revenue (net of VAT) on coal when sales exceed 1,000 tonnes per annum.

**Name and Address of Lessee:** **Roadstone Provinces Limited**  
Saggart,  
Co. Dublin

By Assignment

**Minerals:** Dolomite, dolomitic limestone and all other minerals

**Lands Concerned:** Dunbell Big (part), Co. Kilkenny (Lease No. 100)

**Area:** 256.97 hectares

**Period:** 40 years from 1 January 1969 (expires 31 December 2008)

**Consideration:** Dead Rent of €190.46 per annum and royalty, in which the Dead Rent will merge at the following rates:

€0.0312 per metric tonne on dolomite and dolomitic limestone raised, gotten and taken away and 4% of all other minerals.

**Name and Address of Licensee:** **Tara Mines Limited**  
Knockumber House, Navan,  
Co. Meath

**Minerals:** Lead, zinc and other minerals

**Lands Concerned:** Ardbraccan (part), Knockumber (part), Co. Meath  
(Licence No. 2)

**Area:** 35.61 hectares

**Period:** 3 July 1998 to 31 August 2010

**Consideration:** Once off payment of €190,460.71 in lieu of Royalties.

**Name and Address of Licensee:** **Tara Mines Limited**  
Knockumber House, Navan,  
Co. Meath

**Minerals:** Lead, zinc and other minerals

**Lands Concerned:** Parts of the townlands of Whistlemount in Co. Meath (Licence No. 3)

**Area:** 1.06 hectares or thereabouts

**Period:** 3 July 1998 to 31 August 2010

**Consideration:** Once off payment of €507,895.23 in lieu of royalties.

**Name and Address of Licensee:** **Tara Mines Limited**  
Knockumber House, Navan,  
Co. Meath

**Minerals:** Lead, zinc and other minerals

**Lands Concerned:** Part of the townlands of Ardbraccan and Glebe, Co. Meath (Licence No. 4)

**Area:** 39.36 hectares or thereabouts

**Period:** 11 September 2000 to 31 August 2010

**Consideration:** Once off payment of €126,973.80 in lieu of royalties.

**Name and Address of Licensee:** **Tara Mines Limited**  
Knockumber House, Navan,  
Co. Meath

**Minerals:** Lead, zinc and other minerals

**Lands Concerned:** Part of the townlands of Ardbraccan and Boyerstown, Co. Meath (Licence No. 5)

**Area:** 87.17 hectares or thereabouts

**Period:** 15 January 2004 to 31 August 2010

**Consideration:** Once off payment of €1,050,000.00 in lieu of royalties.

**Name and Address of Lessee:** **Tara Mines Limited**  
Knockumber House, Navan,  
Co. Meath

**Minerals:** Lead, zinc and other minerals

**Lands Concerned:** Parts of the townlands of Whistlemount, Knockumber, Liscartan and other townlands in Co. Meath (Lease No. 116)

**Area:** 1,769 hectares or thereabouts

**Period:** 35 years from 1 September 1975 (expires 31 August 2010)

**Consideration:** Dead Rent of €12,697.38 per annum. Dead rent of €4,440.83 per annum in the event of stoppage of working the minerals.

## PART 2

### *Minerals Prospecting Licences granted under the Acts and current during the period 1 January to 30 June 2005*

**Note:** The townlands referred to in the second column of the following tables are the key townlands in respect of each prospecting licence. However, in each case, neighbouring townlands (not specified in the Tables) are involved.

The full listing of townlands for any licence area can be found in the Exploration and Mining Division's Exploration Website, which is currently under development. This website can be accessed by going to [www.emd.ie](http://www.emd.ie) and then clicking on the link "EMD launch Exploration Website".

## **RATES OF APPLICATION & CONSIDERATION FEES FOR MINERALS PROSPECTING LICENCES (PL)**

### **Application Fee**

There is a standard application fee of €190 per Prospecting Licence Area.

### **Consideration**

<b>Two-Year Period</b>	<b>Consideration Fee</b>
First	€750
Second	€875
Third	€1,500
Fourth and each subsequent two-year period	€2,500

Thus, the fee will be €2,500 per two-year period where a Prospecting Licence is renewed to any person who was the holder of the Prospecting Licence for 6 years or more.

### **Special Consideration as incentive for prospecting in under-explored areas**

A reduced consideration of €1,250 for an initial six-year term was introduced in conjunction with the May 1995 Competition for Minerals Prospecting Licences as a promotional incentive for areas which, in the opinion of the Minister, have been under-explored with regard to their mineral potential, namely,

- (a) open ground, i.e., areas that have never been licensed,
- and
- (b) open areas that have not been licensed for over four years.

**AMCORP IRELAND LIMITED**  
THE LISHEEN MINE  
KILLORAN, MOYNE, THURLES,  
CO. TIPPERARY

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
1652	BALLYCOLLA (BY ASSIGNMENT)	LAOIS	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	28/05/1987	
2069	BRITTAS (BY ASSIGNMENT)	TIPPERARY	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	28/05/1987	25/05/2005
2218	BOLEY (BY ASSIGNMENT)	LAOIS	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	28/05/1987	
2258	CASTLELEINY (BY ASSIGNMENT)	TIPPERARY	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	28/05/1987	
2447	KILCOKE (BY ASSIGNMENT)	TIPPERARY	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	28/05/1987	
2448	MOYNEARD (BY ASSIGNMENT)	TIPPERARY	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	28/05/1987	
3262	DERRYVILLE (BY ASSIGNMENT)	TIPPERARY	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	28/05/1987	
3667	BALLYBODIN (BY ASSIGNMENT)	LAOIS	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	28/07/1991	
3688	GLEBE	LAOIS	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	09/01/1997	

**ARCON EXPLORATION PLC.**

60 MERRION ROAD  
BALLSBRIDGE  
DUBLIN 4

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
586R	KILCORAN (BY ASSIGNMENT)	LAOIS/ KILKENNY	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	26/10/1981	
3245R	AGHADOEN (BY ASSIGNMENT)	KILKENNY	BASE METALS, SILVER, BARYTES & GOLD	19/12/1986	
754	LISDUFF (BY ASSIGNMENT)	LAOIS	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	20/02/1987	
3312	NEWTOWN (BY ASSIGNMENT)	LAOIS	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	04/08/1987	
3313	GLASHARE (BY ASSIGNMENT)	KILKENNY	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	04/08/1987	
1604	BETAGHSTOWN	KILDARE	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER, & GOLD	17/06/1998	
1607	ROBERTSTOWN	KILDARE	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER, & GOLD	17/06/1998	
2671R	COOLE	OFFALY	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	12/08/1998	
2859	KYLE	OFFALY BARYTES,	BASE METALS, & SILVER	17/08/1981	
2840	KNOCKDERK	LIMERICK/ TIPPERARY	BASE METALS, SILVER, BARYTES & GOLD	19/12/1986	
582	TIRLICKEEN	LONGFORD	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	19/06/1991	
480	STRADUFF	OFFALY	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	22/09/1994	
481	FARRANMACSHANE	OFFALY	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	22/09/1994	

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BALLSBRIDGE

DUBLIN 4

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
186	CARRICKBOY	LONGFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	31/05/2005	

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UNIT 6-7 DUNDRUM BUSINESS PARK

WINDY ARBOUR

DUBLIN 14

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
1630	DREHID	KILDARE	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	14/08/1996	
3846	LULLYBEG	KILDARE	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	04/09/1996	
3866	NEWTOWN	KILDARE	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	18/06/1997	
600	RATHANGAN (PART)	KILDARE	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	04/09/2000	
1640	EMO PARK	LAOIS	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	31/10/2000	
3853	PORTNAHINCH	LAOIS	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	31/10/2000	
3854	CUSHINA	OFFALY	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	31/10/2000	
1608	CARRAGH	KILDARE	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	06/04/2001	
3332	SALLINS	KILDARE	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	06/04/2001	
3689	GROVE	TIPPERARY	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	29/04/2002	
468	FARRAN	TIPPERARY/ LIMERICK	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	29/07/2002	
2654	MONANOUR	TIPPERARY	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	29/07/2002	

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UNIT 6-7 DUNDRUM BUSINESS PARK  
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AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
3552	BALLINGLANNA	TIPPERARY	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	29/07/2002	
1624	CLONYHURK	OFFALY	BASE METALS, BARYTES, IRON & SILVER	24/02/2003	
3920	WALSHISLAN	OFFALY	BASE METALS, BARYTES, IRON & SILVER	24/02/2003	

**AURUM EXPLORATION LIMITED**

AURUM HOUSE  
40 / 41 WATERGATE STREET  
NAVAN  
CO. MEATH

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
350	DONOHILL LANDS	TIPPERARY	BASE METALS BARYTES SILVER & GOLD	27/05/2004	
449	GRANGE	LIMERICK	GOLD	27/05/2004	
450	KILDROMIN	LIMERICK	GOLD	27/05/2004	
2295	LEE	GALWAY	SILVER & GOLD	30/06/2004	
2396	OLDHEAD	MAYO	SILVER & GOLD	13/01/2003	
2638	FEDAMORE	LIMERICK	GOLD	27/05/2004	
2645	KILBRIDE	MAYO	SILVER & GOLD	30/06/2004	
2646	SHANAFARAGHAUN	GALWAY	SILVER & GOLD	30/06/2004	
2647	CANGARROW	GALWAY	SILVER & GOLD	30/06/2004	
2839	EMLY	LIMERICK / TIPPERARY	BASE METALS BARYTES SILVER & GOLD	27/05/2004	
2927	KILPEACON	LIMERICK	GOLD	27/05/2004	
3169	MAUM EAST	GALWAY	SILVER & GOLD	30/06/2004	
3170	CAHERGAL	GALWAY	SILVER & GOLD	30/06/2004	
3367	MEANUS	LIMERICK	GOLD	27/05/2004	
3422	CLOONBUR	GALWAY	SILVER & GOLD	30/06/2004	
3467	CONG SOUTH	MAYO	SILVER & GOLD	30/06/2004	
3647	CLONBRICK	LIMERICK / TIPPERARY	GOLD	27/05/2004	
3824	ROCKBARTON	LIMERICK	BASE METALS BARYTES SILVER & GOLD	27/05/2004	
3924	BALLYGODOON	LIMERICK/ TIPPERARY	BASE METALS BARYTES SILVER & GOLD	27/05/2004	

**BHP WORLD EXPLORATION INC.**  
SUITE 2300-1111 WEST GEORGIA STREET  
VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA  
CANADA V6E 4M3

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
1500	RATHCORE	MEATH	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER, GOLD & IRON	14/12/1995	
2696	CARRIGOGUNNEL	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	23/06/1998	
2835	KILDIMO	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	23/06/1998	

**CAMBRIDGE MINERAL RESOURCES PLC.**

SIMMONDS HOUSE  
SIMMONDS BUILDINGS  
BRISTOL ROAD  
HAMBROOK  
BRISTOL BS16 1RY  
ENGLAND

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
2964	BALLYLOSKEY	DONEGAL	GEM MINERALS	30/08/1996	4/05/2005
3496	MUFF	DONEGAL	GEM MINERALS	30/08/1996	4/05/2005
3856	GLENGAD	DONEGAL	GEM MINERALS	30/08/1996	4/05/2005
3007	KINDROGHED	DONEGAL	GEM MINERALS	28/05/1997	4/05/2005
3056	ARDMALIN	DONEGAL	GEM MINERALS	28/05/1997	4/05/2005
3062	OORT	DONEGAL	GEM MINERALS	28/05/1997	4/05/2005
3008	GLENNAGIVENY	DONEGAL	GEM MINERALS	06/08/1999	4/05/2005
3094	CARROWNAFF	DONEGAL	GEM MINERALS	06/08/1999	4/05/2005
3063	BALLYARGUS	DONEGAL	GEM MINERALS	04/10/1999	4/05/2005
3820	LEAMACROSSAN	DONEGAL	GEM MINERALS	04/10/1999	4/05/2005

**CENTRAL MINING FINANCE**

52 GROSVENOR GARDENS  
LONDON SW1W 0AU  
ENGLAND

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
2895	KILGORY	CLARE	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	01/03/1993	
3729	FEAKLE	CLARE	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	01/03/1993	
3787	MAGHERA	CLARE	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	08/06/1994	
3788	BALLYRAGGET	CLARE	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER CALCITE & FLUORITE	08/06/1994 08/06/1995	
3789	DERRYMORE WEST	CLARE	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	08/06/1994	
1577	MOYCARKY	TIPPERARY	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & CALCITE	28/02/1996	
1578	GARRAUN	TIPPERARY	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & CALCITE	28/02/1996	
3321	BORRIS	TIPPERARY	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & CALCITE	28/02/1996	
3863	CAPPANAPEASTA	CLARE	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER, CALCITE & FLUORITE	28/05/1997	
3508	SIXMILEBRIDGE	CLARE	BASE METALS, SILVER, BARYTES, CALCITE & FLUORITE	16/11/1998	
3643	CANT	CLARE	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	25/05/1999	

**CLARE CALCITE LIMITED**

BLOCK 4B, UNIT 5

BLANCHARDSTOWN CORPORATE BUSINESS PARK

DUBLIN 15

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
3679	BALLYHANNAN	CLARE	CALCITE	27/10/1991	

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DUBLIN 3

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
449	GRANGE	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER	31/01/2005	
450	KILDROMIN	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER	31/01/2005	
1051	MOUNTNUGENT	CAVAN	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER, GOLD & PLATINUM GROUP ELEMENTS	28/01/2005	
1053	OLDCASTLE	MEATH	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER, GOLD & PLATINUM GROUP ELEMENTS	28/01/2005	
1303	ARDDRINE	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER, GOLD & PLATINUM GROUP ELEMENTS	13/04/2005	
1940	LYRAGH	CORK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER, GOLD & PLATINUM GROUP ELEMENTS	13/04/2005	
1942	CLONCAGH	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER, GOLD & PLATINUM GROUP ELEMENTS	13/04/2005	
1943	AHAVEHEEN	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER, GOLD & PLATINUM GROUP ELEMENTS	13/04/2005	
1946	CAPPANIHANE	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER, GOLD & PLATINUM GROUP ELEMENTS	13/04/2005	

**CONNEMARA MINING CO. LIMITED**

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DUBLIN 3

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
1947	GARRYFINE	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER, GOLD & PLATINUM GROUP ELEMENTS	13/04/2005	
1991	ROSS	MEATH	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER, GOLD & PLATINUM GROUP ELEMENTS	28/01/2005	
2029	CASTLEMAINE	KERRY	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER, GOLD & PLATINUM GROUP ELEMENTS	31/01/2005	
2594	AHAWILK	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER, GOLD & PLATINUM GROUP ELEMENTS	13/04/2005	
2638	FEDAMORE	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & PLATINUM GROUP ELEMENTS	31/01/2005	
2845	REENS EAST	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER, GOLD & PLATINUM GROUP ELEMENTS	13/04/2005	
2927	KILPEACON	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & PLATINUM GROUP ELEMENTS	31/01/2005	
3367	MEANUS	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & PLATINUM GROUP ELEMENTS	31/01/2005	
3650	ARRANAGH	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER, GOLD & PLATINUM GROUP ELEMENTS	13/04/2005	

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162 CLONTARF ROAD  
DUBLIN 3

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
3651	BALLYDONNELL	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER, GOLD & PLATINUM GROUP ELEMENTS	13/04/2005	
3925	BOOLIES	MEATH	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER, GOLD & PLATINUM GROUP ELEMENTS	28/01/2005	
3926	LOUGHCREW	MEATH	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER, GOLD & PLATINUM GROUP ELEMENTS	28/01/2005	

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10 UPPER PEMBROKE STREET  
DUBLIN 2

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
2194	TULLYBUCK	MONAGHAN	BASE METALS, SILVER, GOLD & BARYTES	15/07/1996	
2683	LECK	MONAGHAN	BASE METALS, SILVER, GOLD & BARYTES	15/07/1996	
3028	KNOCKNAMADDY	MONAGHAN	BASE METALS, SILVER, GOLD & BARYTES	15/07/1996	
3130	CRUMLIN	CAVAN	BASE METALS, SILVER, GOLD & BARYTES	27/11/1996	
3400	DRUMHEEL	CAVAN	BASE METALS, SILVER, GOLD & BARYTES	27/11/1996	
1870	TASSAN	MONAGHAN	BASE METALS, SILVER, GOLD & BARYTES	10/04/1997	
1356	MULLYASH	MONAGHAN	BASE METALS, ANTIMONY, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	23/01/1998	
1357	TOMOGROW	MONAGHAN	BASE METALS, ANTIMONY, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	23/01/1998	
2193	GRIG	MONAGHAN	BASE METALS, ANTIMONY, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	23/01/1998	
2254	FADOO	MONAGHAN	BASE METALS, ANTIMONY, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	23/01/1998	
3027	LISDUFF	MONAGHAN	BASE METALS, ANTIMONY, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	20/08/1998	
3065	AGHABOG	MONAGHAN	BASE METALS, ANTIMONY, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	20/08/1998	

**CONROY DIAMONDS AND GOLD PLC.**

10 UPPER PEMBROKE STREET  
DUBLIN 2

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
3066	CORRASKEA	MONAGHAN	BASE METALS, ANTIMONY, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	20/08/1998	
3869	AGHNAMULLEN	MONAGHAN	BASE METALS, ANTIMONY, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	20/08/1998	
3870	LACKAFIN	MONAGHAN	BASE METALS, ANTIMONY, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	20/08/1998	
3871	TOSSY	MONAGHAN	BASE METALS, ANTIMONY, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	20/08/1998	
2140	TONAGHBANE	CAVAN	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	27/09/2000	
2827	BALLANANAGH	CAVAN	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	27/09/2000	
3068	AGHADRUMKEEN (E.D. DAWSONGROVE)	MONAGHAN	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	27/09/2000	
3131	LARAH	CAVAN	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	27/09/2000	
3270	CROSSDOWNEY	CAVAN	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	27/09/2000	
3414	AGHALOORY	CAVAN	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	27/09/2000	
3469	DRUM	MONAGHAN	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	27/09/2000	
3526	GROUSEHALL	CAVAN	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	27/09/2000	

**CONROY DIAMONDS AND GOLD PLC.**  
10 UPPER PEMBROKE STREET  
DUBLIN 2

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
3562	OLDTOWN	CAVAN	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	27/09/2000	
3563	ARDAMAGH	CAVAN	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	27/09/2000	
3564	TULLYALT	CAVAN	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	27/09/2000	

**FRACTORE PTY. LIMITED**  
11 FRENCH STREET  
CAMBERWELL  
VICTORIA 3124  
AUSTRALIA

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
3782	CLONPET	TIPPERARY	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	11/07/2002	

**GANNON JOHN**  
FORTH BROWN,  
LAVALLY,  
TUAM,  
CO.GALWAY

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
1362	PATCH	GALWAY	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	07/08/2004	

**GLENCAR MINING PLC.**  
71 LOWER BAGGOT STREET  
DUBLIN 2

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
2512	STRADBALLY	LAOIS	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	15/01/1992	
3662	CASHEL	LAOIS	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	21/08/1998	

**JADEBAY LIMITED**

9 MARINE VIEW  
PHOENIX TERRACE  
BLACKROCK  
CO. DUBLIN

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
3849	REDCROSS (BY ASSIGNMENT)	WICKLOW	BASE METALS, SILVER, GOLD & BARYTES	11/06/1998	
3850	TIGRONEY (BY ASSIGNMENT)	WICKLOW	BASE METALS, SILVER, GOLD & BARYTES	11/06/1998	

**KENMARE RESOURCES PLC.**

CHATHAM HOUSE  
CHATHAM STREET  
DUBLIN 2

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
1476	KILDAVIN	CARLOW	CAESIUM, TIN, LITHIUM, NIOBIUM, TANTALUM & TUNGSTEN	30/09/2002	
1597	SLIEVEDURDA	CARLOW	CAESIUM, TIN, LITHIUM, NIOBIUM, TANTALUM & TUNGSTEN	27/09/2002	

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 162 CLONTARF ROAD  
 DUBLIN 3

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
2016	CRINKILL (BY ASSIGNMENT)	OFFALY	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	26/07/1976	
649A	SEEFIN (BY ASSIGNMENT)	OFFALY	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	26/07/1982	
2670	FORTEL (BY ASSIGNMENT)	OFFALY	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	25/11/1985	
3115	TOWNPARKS (BY ASSIGNMENT)	OFFALY	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	25/11/1985	
3156	TYONE	TIPPERARY	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	16/04/1987	
3318	HOLYCROSS	TIPPERARY	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	19/05/1987	25/05/2005
3569	MONANEARLA	TIPPERARY	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	13/10/1988	
3268	RACE	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	08/11/1991	
3647	CAPPAGH	TIPPERARY/ LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	08/11/1991	
3668	MIDDLEWALK	TIPPERARY/ OFFALY	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	20/01/1992	
3678	KNIGH	TIPPERARY	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	11/03/1992	
3425	MONSEA	TIPPERARY	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	05/03/1993	
3727	SOPWELL	TIPPERARY	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	05/03/1993	

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 DUBLIN 3

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
626	LACKA	TIPPERARY	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	06/06/1994	
627	KNOCKSHIGOWNA	TIPPERARY	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	06/06/1994	
2530	DROMBANE	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	13/11/1995	
635	ROXBOROUGH	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	06/12/1996	
636	WHITEHALL	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	06/12/1996	
2529	CAHERCONLISH	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	06/12/1996	
3777	NUNSLAND	KILDARE	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	30/06/2003	12/05/2005
2239	JOHNSTOWN UPPER	WICKLOW	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	28/07/2003	
3857	SLIEVEFOORE	WICKLOW/ WEXFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	28/07/2003	
2551	BALLYDARRAGH	WEXFORD	GOLD	01/03/1994	
2554	CLOGHAMON	WEXFORD	GOLD	05/12/1994	
2558	CARNEW	WICKLOW	GOLD	05/12/1994	
3431	LISNAGRY	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & PLATINUM GROUP ELEMENTS	30/05/2005	
1226	BALLYMORE (BY ASSIGNMENT)	WESTMEATH	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	16/05/1968	

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DUBLIN 3

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
1228	CREEVE (BY ASSIGNMENT)	WESTMEATH	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	16/05/1968	
1229	GLEN (BY ASSIGNMENT)	WESTMEATH	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	16/05/1968	

**MINCO PLC-WESTLAND EXPLORATION LIMITED**  
162 CLONTARF ROAD  
DUBLIN 3

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
3722	ATHLONE	WESTMEATH	BASE METALS, BARYTES SILVER, GEM MINERALS & GOLD	05/10/1992	

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RIVERTON  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA 6148  
AUSTRALIA

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
3220	LOUGHSHINNY (BY ASSIGNMENT)	DUBLIN	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	18/09/1996	

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BENNEKERRY HOUSE  
CARLOW

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
3891	ROSSMORE (PART)	LAOIS	COAL & FIRECLAY	27/09/1999	
3931	ROSSMORE	CARLOW/ LAOIS	COAL & FIRECLAY	27/04/2005	

**NAVAN RESOURCES PLC.**  
ORMONDE HOUSE  
METGES LANE  
NAVAN  
CO. MEATH

AREA	TOWNLAND	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
541	POLLNAHINCA	GALWAY	BASE METALS, SILVER, GOLD & BARYTES	03/04/1995	TERMINATED
3660	DIAMOR	MEATH	BASE METALS, SILVER, & BARYTES	10/05/1995	TERMINATED
3839	CROSSAKEEL	MEATH	BASE METALS, SILVER, & BARYTES	10/05/1995	TERMINATED
1587	GRANARD	LONGFORD	BASE METALS, SILVER, GOLD & BARYTES	14/12/1995	TERMINATED
4	LISHEENNAGAT	GALWAY	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	30/06/1997	TERMINATED
3615	LISNAGRY	GALWAY	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	30/06/1997	TERMINATED
3475	NEWTOWN	OFFALY	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	01/09/1997	TERMINATED
3477	PORTLAND	TIPPERARY	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	01/09/1997	TERMINATED
3861	OLDSTREET	GALWAY	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	01/09/1997	TERMINATED
134	CARNAUN	GALWAY	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	29/02/2000	TERMINATED
2100	BRACKLOON	GALWAY	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	29/02/2000	TERMINATED
2092	TRISTAUN	GALWAY	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	27/09/2000	TERMINATED

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NAVAN  
CO. MEATH

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
767	LAURENCETOWN	GALWAY	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	30/04/2001	TERMINATED
2093	SOMERSET	GALWAY	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	30/04/2001	TERMINATED
2105	FALTIA	ROSCOMMON	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	30/04/2001	TERMINATED
2686	FEAGH	GALWAY	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	30/04/2001	TERMINATED
3507	CAMUS	GALWAY	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	29/04/2002	TERMINATED
3913	LISSANACODY	GALWAY	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	29/04/2002	TERMINATED
3914	KILNABORRIS	GALWAY	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	29/04/2002	TERMINATED

**NORANDA EXPLORATION IRELAND LIMITED**

35 CLEEVAUN  
CRADDOCKSTOWN ROAD  
NAAS  
CO. KILDARE

AREA	TOWNLAND	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
3342	COOGA LOWER	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	25/05/1999	
3344	BRITTAS	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	25/05/1999	
3550	CLOONLARA	CLARE	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	30/04/2001	29/04/2005
3807	ANNAHOLTY	TIPPERARY & LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	30/04/2001	29/04/2005
2850	PORTNARD	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	17/07/2001	15/06/2005
3908	INCHMORE	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	17/07/2001	

**ORIEL SELECTION TRUST LIMITED**

CASTLECOMER  
CO. KILKENNY

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
1022	FALLEIGHTER	MAYO	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	27/04/2005	
3774	RINN	MAYO	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	27/04/2005	
3887	CASHEL	MAYO	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	27/04/2005	
3929	GLENTAVRAUN	MAYO	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	27/04/2005	
3930	KILMOVEE	MAYO	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	27/04/2005	

**ORMONDE BRICK LIMITED**  
CASTLECOMER  
CO. KILKENNY

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
3345	GORTEEN (PART)	KILKENNY	COAL & FIRECLAY	14/09/1998	

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YORKE HOUSE  
REAR 176 RATHGAR ROAD  
DUBLIN 6

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
3858	ASHGROVE	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	17/01/1997	
3859	BALLYNACALLY	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	17/01/1997	
3545	KILCOLMAN	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	11/02/1999	

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KNOCKUMBER  
NAVAN  
CO. MEATH

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
1496	SCALLANSTOWN	MEATH	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	16/08/1971	

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55 WESTCHESTER DRIVE  
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AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
2096	RAHALLY	GALWAY	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	27/05/1999	27/05/2005
2097	BOOKEEN SOUTH	GALWAY	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	27/05/1999	27/05/2005
2760	COSMONA	GALWAY	BASE METALS, SILVER & BARYTES	27/05/1999	27/05/2005

**TARA MINES LIMITED**

KNOCKUMBER HOUSE  
KNOCKUMBER ROAD  
NAVAN, CO. MEATH

AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
1489R	DUNMOE (BY ASSIGNMENT)	MEATH	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	26/10/1970	
1380R	ARDBRACCAN (PART) (BY ASSIGNMENT)	MEATH	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	31/12/1970	
1661R	LISCARTON (PART) (BY ASSIGNMENT)	MEATH	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	31/12/1971	
1949	KILMALLOCK	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	27/05/1987	
3249	MOUNTCOOTE	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	27/05/1987	
3366	KILFINNY	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	27/04/1988	
3368	TORYHILL	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	27/04/1988	
3369	CROOM	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	27/04/1988	
3488	WOLFESBURGESS WEST (BY ASSIGNMENT)	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	02/05/1988	
3489	RATHKEALE (BY ASSIGNMENT)	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	02/05/1988	
3364	BALLINALEE OR SAINT JOHNSTOWN	LONGFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	19/05/1988	
3622	BECTIVE	MEATH	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	30/03/1990	23/02/2005
786	ADARE (BY ASSIGNMENT)	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	01/05/1991	

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AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
1583	NEWPARK (BY ASSIGNMENT)	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	01/05/1991	
3373	BARFORDSTOWN	MEATH	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	01/03/1993	
3633	LISDUFF (E.D. LONGFORD RURAL)	LONGFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	03/06/1993	31/05/2005
581	DERRYGLOGHER	LONGFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	28/12/1993	
1302	ENNISCOUSH	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	28/06/1994	
1584	ARDNAPREAGHAUN	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	28/06/1994	
643	CORROWROE (E.D. KILLEEN)	GALWAY	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD, & SILVER	20/04/1995	18/04/2005
3840	LECARROW	GALWAY	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD, & SILVER	20/04/1995	18/04/2005
1324	KILBRIDE	MEATH	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	16/11/1995	
185	KEENAGH	LONGFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	14/10/1999	
1183	GREATISLAND	WEXFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	10/03/2000	
1185	NEWBAWN	WEXFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	10/03/2000	
1188	SCULLABOGE	WEXFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	10/03/2000	

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AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
1190	CLONROCHE	WEXFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	10/03/2000	
1191	TEMPLESCOBY	WEXFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	10/03/2000	
1192	KILPIERCE	WEXFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	10/03/2000	
1193	ENNISCORTHY (PART)	WEXFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	10/03/2000	
1194	BALLYSIMON	WEXFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	10/03/2000	
1196	FERNS	WEXFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	10/03/2000	
1197	BALLYTRACEY	WEXFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	10/03/2000	
1198	CAMOLIN	WEXFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	10/03/2000	
1199	BALLOUGHTER	WEXFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD, & SILVER	10/03/2000	
1200	GOREYHILL	WEXFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	10/03/2000	
1201	RAHEENAGURREN EAST	WEXFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	10/03/2000	
1813	INCH	WEXFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	10/03/2000	
3264	DRANAGH	WEXFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	10/03/2000	

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AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
3463	SALTMILLS (E.D. BALLYHACK)	WEXFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	10/03/2000	
3464	NASH	WEXFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	10/03/2000	
3465	ROCHESTOWN	WEXFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	10/03/2000	
3466	TEMPLESHELIN	WEXFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	10/03/2000	
3822	ADAMSTOWN	WEXFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	10/03/2000	
3851	NUGENTSTOWN	MEATH	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	30/04/2001	
3590	BALLYGARRETT	WEXFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	11/06/2001	15/04/2005
3912	RATHALDRON	MEATH	BASE METALS, BARYTES, & SILVER	19/04/2002	
1948	KNOCKFENORA	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	11/07/2002	
3581	DOONMOON	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	29/07/2002	
3582	BOTTOMSTOWN	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, GOLD & SILVER	29/07/2002	
3476	ROEGARRAUN	TIPPERARY	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	24/02/2003	25/01/2005
3923	ATTYFLIN	LIMERICK	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	27/05/2004	

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CO. MEATH

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AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
1586	DALYSTOWN	LONGFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	30/06/2004	
1675	CLOONE	LEITRIM	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	30/06/2004	
3363	DRUMLISH	LONGFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	30/06/2004	
3628	KILTYCREEVAGH	LONGFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	30/06/2004	
3629	ANNAGH	LONGFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	30/06/2004	
3630	CORNADRUNG	LONGFORD	BASE METALS, BARYTES, SILVER & GOLD	30/06/2004	

**TOURNIGAN GOLD CORPORATION**

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AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
3820	WHITECASTLE	DONEGAL	BASE METALS, GOLD & SILVER	11/09/2003	
3063	CULINEEN	DONEGAL	BASE METALS, GOLD & SILVER	11/09/2003	
3095	AUGHT	DONEGAL	BASE METALS, GOLD & SILVER	11/09/2003	
3922	GARVARY	DONEGAL	BASE METALS, GOLD & SILVER	11/09/2003	
3921	MEENKEERAGH	DONEGAL	BASE METALS, GOLD & SILVER	11/09/2003	
2351	WOODPARK	DONEGAL	BASE METALS, GOLD & SILVER	11/09/2003	
2354	KIRKNEEDY	DONEGAL	BASE METALS, GOLD & SILVER	11/09/2003	
2357	CASTLEBANE	DONEGAL	BASE METALS, GOLD & SILVER	11/09/2003	
3123	SHANNAGH	DONEGAL	BASE METALS, GOLD & SILVER	11/09/2003	
3093	SIXTY ACRES	DONEGAL	BASE METALS, GOLD & SILVER	11/09/2003	
3217	GORTKILLY	DONEGAL	BASE METALS, GOLD & SILVER	11/09/2003	
3224	DRUMDOIT	DONEGAL	BASE METALS, GOLD & SILVER	11/09/2003	
2359	MOUNTHALL	DONEGAL	BASE METALS, GOLD & SILVER	11/09/2003	
2358	BLAIRSTOWN	DONEGAL	BASE METALS, GOLD & SILVER	11/09/2003	
3040	TULLYGALLAN	DONEGAL	BASE METALS, GOLD & SILVER	11/09/2003	

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AREA	TOWNLANDS	COUNTY	MINERALS	START	SURRENDERED
1440R	GIBSTOWN (BY ASSIGNMENT)	MEATH	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	23/10/1972	
1653	COOLBALLY (BY ASSIGNMENT)	LAOIS	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	22/02/1983	
505	CLONYEGAN	WESTMEATH	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	22/06/1985	
506	BOYANAGH (EARL)	WESTMEATH/ OFFALY	BASE METALS, BARYTES & SILVER	22/06/1985	12/05/2005

## **PART 3**

### ***Receipts***

#### **Moneys collected by the Minister in the period from 1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005 under Minerals Development Acts, 1940-1999**

The total amount of moneys collected by the Minister under or by virtue of any lease, permission, or licence under those Acts set out in the list in Part 5 was €1,764,964.32.

#### **Other receipts in the said period**

The total amount of moneys collected by the Minister during the period from other sources [leases granted under the Mines and Minerals Act, 1931 (No. 54)] amounted to €702.69.

## PART 4

### *Minerals Acquisition Orders made under the Minerals Development Act, 1940*

#### **Minerals Acquisition Orders made under that Act were:**

- (i) Minerals Acquisition (Slieveardagh Coalfield) Order, 1941 (lands near Thurles, Co. Tipperary) (Coal)
- (ii) Minerals Acquisition (County Roscommon) Order, 1942 (lands near Gubbarudda, Co. Roscommon) (All minerals)
- (iii) Minerals Acquisition Order 1946 (lands near Kingscourt, Co. Cavan) (All minerals)
- (iv) Minerals Acquisition Order 1954 (lands near Avoca, Co. Wicklow) (All minerals)
- (v) Minerals Acquisition Order 1955 (lands near Avoca, Co. Wicklow) (All minerals)
- (vi) Minerals Acquisition (East Clare) Order, 1956 (lands near Ennis) (All minerals)
- (vii) Minerals Acquisition (Roaring Water) Order, 1956 (lands near Skibbereen, Co. Cork) (All minerals)
- (viii) Minerals Acquisition (Kenmare) Order, 1956 (lands near Kenmare, Co. Kerry) (All minerals)
- (ix) Minerals Acquisition (Bonmahon) Order, 1956 (lands near Bonmahon, Co. Waterford) (All minerals)
- (x) Minerals Acquisition (Allihies) Order, 1957 (lands near Allihies, Co. Cork) (All minerals)
- (xi) Minerals Acquisition (Allihies) Order, 1960 (lands near Allihies, Co. Cork) (All minerals)
- (xii) Minerals Acquisition (Carhoon and other townlands) Order, 1962 (lands near Tynagh, Co. Galway) (All minerals)
- (xiii) Minerals Acquisition (Druming and other townlands) Order, 1963 (lands near Druming, Co. Longford) (All minerals)
- (xiv) Minerals Acquisition (Ardateggle and other townlands) Order, 1964 (lands near Rossmore, Co. Laois) (All minerals)
- (xv) Minerals Acquisition (Gortdrum and other townlands) Order, 1965 (lands near Gortdrum, Co. Tipperary) (All minerals)
- (xvi) Minerals Acquisition (Gortnacleha and other townlands) Order, 1965 (lands near Silvermines, Co. Tipperary) (All minerals)
- (xvii) Minerals Acquisition (Ballybeg, Co. Clare) Order, 1970 (All minerals)

## **PART 5**

### ***Main Legislation Governing Minerals Prospecting and Development in Ireland***

The main legislative provisions governing minerals prospecting and development in Ireland in the period of this report are contained in the **Minerals Development Acts, 1940-1999**, and **Regulations** made thereunder:

#### **Minerals Development Acts**

- Minerals Development Act, 1940 (No. 31)
- Petroleum and Other Minerals Development Act, 1960 (No. 7)
- Minerals Development Act, 1979 (No. 12)
- Minerals Development Act, 1995 (No. 15)
- Minerals Development Act, 1999 (No. 21)
- Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Casualties) Act, 2000 (No. 14)

#### **Regulations**

- Minerals Development Regulations, 1979 (No. 340)
- Minerals Development (Amendment) Regulations, 1994 (No. 319)
- Minerals Development (Application fees for certain State mining facilities) Regulations, 1996 (No. 259)

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS & PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FROM THE EXPLORATION AND MINING DIVISION

### General

- Report by the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, for the six months ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2004. MP 1/05. 70pp.
- Exploration and Mining Facilities. MP 08/04. 6pp.
- Land of Mineral Opportunities. MP 08/05. 6pp.
- Environmental Safeguards - the Irish Way. MP 06/04. 4pp.
- Mine Waste Management Workshop, Dublin, 2002. Available on CD. MP 25/03
- Industry News (March 2005). MP 09/05. 6pp.
- Zinc and Lead in Ireland. MP 07/04. 6pp.
- Gold in Ireland. MP 05/04. 4pp.
- The "Top 55" Deposits. MP 07/05. 14pp.
- Airborne Data Release Initiative. MP 06/05. 4pp.
- Joint Venture Opportunities in Ireland. MP 10/05. 8pp.
- Exploration Permit Areas and Status (Feb. 2005) on CD MP 03/05.
- Gold in Ireland (localities etc.) on CD. MP 10/04
- Industry News (November 2004). MP 22/04. 43pp.

### Minfo Leaflets

- Exploration Focus - Clontibret Gold Prospect (1993). Minfo 10/93. 4pp.
- Glangevlin Gypsum Deposit (1995). Minfo 12/95. 4pp.
- Guidelines for Good Environmental Practice in Mineral Exploration. Minfo 2/04. 4pp.
- Consultants and Contractors in Ireland. Minfo 4/05. 6pp.
- Fiscal Framework. Minfo 3/04. 4pp.
- Guidelines for Regional Airborne Geophysical Surveying for Minerals. Minfo 5/02. 2pp.
- Support Agencies. Minfo 1/04. 2pp.

### Exploration Data Release (available on CD)

- Airborne magnetic survey (1995) Midlands, Oldtown and Harberton Bridge areas. MP 09/01. 43pp.
- Airborne magnetic and TEM survey (1995) Lisheen/Galmoy, Clonmel and Tullamore areas. MP 10/01. 14pp.
- Airborne magnetic and TEM survey (1996) Galmoy area. MP 11/01. 11pp.
- Airborne magnetic and radiometric survey (1996) Inishannon and Lismore areas. MP 13/01. 12pp.
- Airborne magnetic and TEM survey (1996) Lisheen, Silvermines and Lough Derg areas. MP 14/01. 12pp.
- Airborne magnetic and TEM survey (1997) over Carrickmacross, Newbridge, Summerhill, Tullamore and Lisheen and Navan test areas. MP 16/01. 16pp.
- Exploration data release (to 1996) over parts of Co. Tipperary and Co. Offaly. MP 03/02.
- Airborne TEM and magnetic survey (1997) over the Portumna and Clare areas. MP 09/02. 12pp.
- Airborne TEM and magnetic survey (1997) over the Tullamore area. MP 11/02. 12pp.
- Airborne TEM and magnetic survey (1998) over the Limerick, Gort and Newbridge South area. MP 13/02. 11pp.
- Airborne TEM and magnetic survey (1998) over the Limerick area. MP 15/02. 9pp.
- Airborne TEM and magnetic survey (1998) over the Silvermines area. MP 16/02. 11pp.
- Airborne magnetic survey (1997) over the Rathdowney area. MP 17/02. 8pp.
- Airborne magnetic survey (1998) over the Ferbane and Lough Derg (2) areas. MP 20/02. 13pp.
- Airborne magnetic survey (1998) over the Tulla, East Clare, area. MP 21/02. 9pp.
- Airborne magnetic survey (1998) over the Tipperary area. MP 22/02. 9pp.
- Arcon Airborne Magnetic Survey (1996) over the Galmoy area. MP 23/02. 8pp.
- Exploration data release (to 2002) over parts of Cos Galway, Roscommon, Westmeath. Offaly. MP 02/03.
- BHP Airborne TEM and Magnetic survey (1998) over Fermoy East and West, Ballinalack, Carrickmines East, Clare, Lough Sheelin and Mohill areas. MP 14/03. 10pp.
- Exploration data release (1972-2001) over parts of Cos Meath, Westmeath and Offaly. MP 19/03.
- Exploration data release (1970-2002) over parts of west-central Co. Meath. MP 24/03
- Billiton/Noranda airborne TEM & magnetic survey (1998) over the Moate area. MP 15/03. 10pp.
- Navan Resources airborne magnetic survey (1998) over the Tynagh area. MP 16/03. 9pp
- Tara Mines Ltd. airborne magnetic, VLF and radiometric survey (1999) over the Limerick area. MP 23/03. 10pp.
- Exploration data release update (to 2002) over parts of Co. Tipperary & Co. Offaly. MP 03/04.
- The Amcorp Ireland Ltd. Airborne Magnetic Survey (1999) over the North Cork Area. MP 18/04. 9pp.
- Exploration data release (1981 to 2003) over parts of Cos. Longford and Westmeath. MP 19/04
- Exploration data release (1987 to 2002) over parts of Cos. Clare, Limerick and Tipperary. MP 20/04
- Exploration data release - The 'Rathdowney Trend' Pt. 1 - North (1981 to 2002) Cos. Kildare, Kilkenny and Laois. MP 21/04
- The Ballinalack Zinc-Lead Deposit, Co. Westmeath (March 2005) MP 04/05.
- Exploration data release - The 'Rathdowney Trend' Pt. 2 - South (1986 to 1998) Cos. Tipperary, and Kilkenny. MP 05/05.
- The Cregganbaun Gold Prospect, Co. Mayo (May 2005) MP 12/05.

**PART 7**

***Dáil Questions Answered by the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources in the Six Months ended 30 June 2005 in Relation to Minerals Matters***

<b>Questions (W = Written, O = Oral)</b>	<b>Date answered</b>
<b>To ask the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources:</b>	
<p>... To ask the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources the timetable his Department has for a solution to be put in place to the pollution that is coming from a tailing pond (details supplied); the analysis he has carried out to come to the view that the proposed solution from the mining company involved is conceptually acceptable to him; the projected cost of this solution; and the entity which will pay that cost.</p> <p>(O) – Trevor Sargent (Nominated by Eamon Ryan)</p>	8 February 2005
<p>... To ask the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources his plans as outlined in the programme for Government in respect of the Minerals Development Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter.</p> <p>(O) – Olwyn Enright (Nominated by Bernard J.Durkan)</p>	8 February 2005
<p>... To ask the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources his plans as outlined in the programme for Government in respect of the Minerals Development Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter.</p> <p>(W) – Bernard J.Durkan</p>	8 February 2005
<p>... To ask the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources if he will consider meeting the residents of Silvermines, County Tipperary prior to making any decision on the remediation alternatives for the Gortmore Tailings Pond; and if he will make a statement on the matter.</p> <p>(W) – Michael Lowry</p>	15 February 2005

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Questions</b> (W = Written, O = Oral)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Date answered</b></p>
<p><b>To ask the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources:</b></p>	
<p>... To ask the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources his views on the difference in levels of compensation paid by his Department in the form of royalties to his Department in respect of mining activity; the way in which it compares to the quarrying of rock; and if he will make a statement on the matter.</p> <p>(W) – Phil Hogan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12 April 2005</p>
<p>... To ask the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources the different levels of compensation paid by his Department in the form of royalties to his Department in respect of mining activity; the way in which this compares to the quarrying of rock; and if he will make a statement on the matter.</p> <p>(W) – Phil Hogan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12 April 2005</p>
<p>... To ask the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources his views on the context and content of a meeting held between representatives of a group (details supplied) and an official of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter.</p> <p>(W) – Phil Hogan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12 April 2005</p>
<p>... To ask the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources the context and content of a meeting held between representatives of a group (details supplied) and an official of his Department which took place at a midlands location in 2004; and if he will make a statement on the matter.</p> <p>(W) – Phil Hogan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12 April 2005</p>
<p>... To ask the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources if he will provide copies of the six-monthly reports required to be compiled and laid before the Oireachtas under the Mineral Development Acts 1940-1999 by the relevant Minister covering the period 1995-2005, to include copies of preceding reports if relevant to those requested.</p> <p>(W) – Martin Ferris</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26 April 2005</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Questions</b> (W = Written, O = Oral)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Date answered</b></p>
<p><b>To ask the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources:</b></p>	
<p>... To ask the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources if he will meet with a group (details supplied) as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>(W) – Michael Lowry</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5 May 2005</p>
<p>... To ask the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources if the Government intends to write off €3 million in debt run up over 20 years arising from the failed bail-out of a company (details supplied); the steps which had been taken to recover this debt; and if he will make a statement on the matter.</p> <p>(O) – Pat Rabbite (Nominated by Thomas P.Broughan)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5 May 2005</p>
<p>... To ask the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources when he will have completed his view of a report (details supplied); when he will make a decision on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter.</p> <p>(W) – Michael Lowry</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18 May 2005</p>
<p>... To ask the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources when a decision will be made on the options available regarding the rehabilitation of mine sites at Silvermines, County Tipperary [details supplied]; if his attention has been drawn to concerns expressed by local residents that no decision will be taken before the summer recess and to the potential to use significant volumes of topsoil from a development in the remediation plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter.</p> <p>(W) – Michael Lowry</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21 June 2005</p>
<p>... To ask the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources if his Department has issued ethical guidelines to public representatives in keeping with the Kimberly Process and to assist them in ensuring that they do not inadvertently invest in conflict diamonds.</p> <p>(W) – Aengus Ó Snodaigh</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30 June 2005</p>