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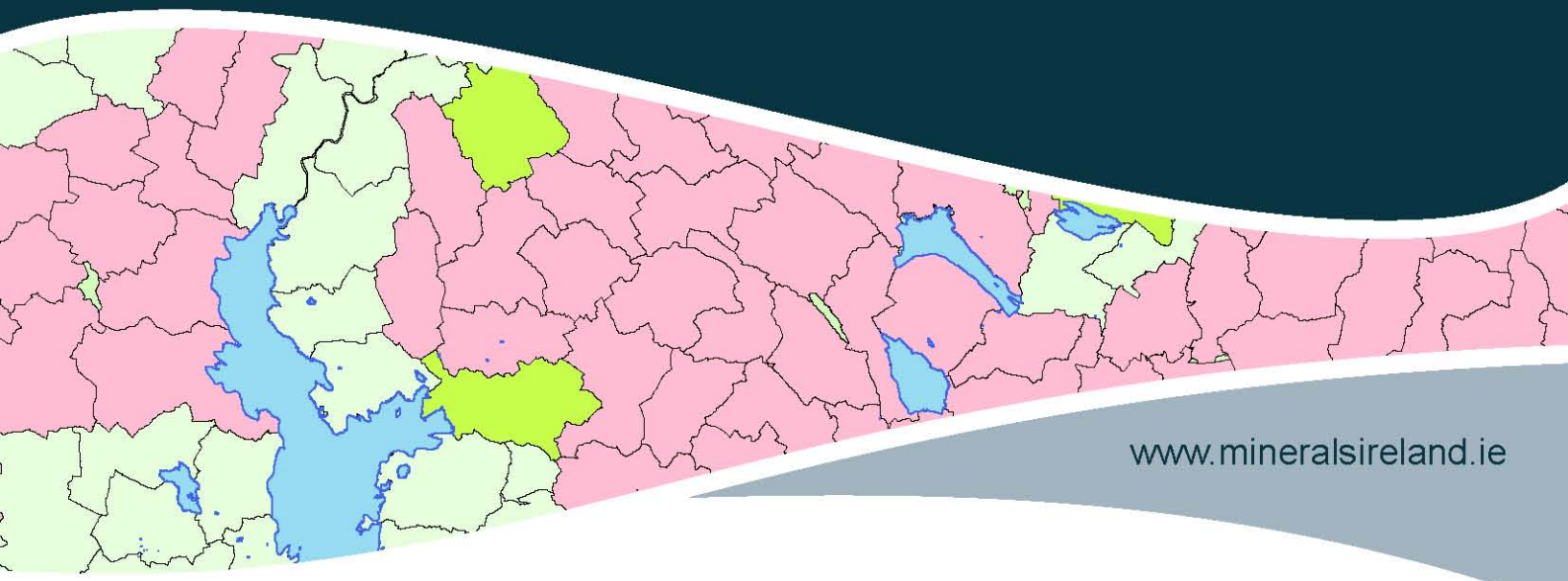

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PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS
OPEN FOR APPLICATION UNDER EQUAL COMPETITION
UNTIL 30th September, 2009

These include areas for which licences were current on 17th April 2009 but have become available in the period to 17th July 2009 and areas that were offered but were subsequently declined in the same period.

1652	Laois	2762	Limerick	3523	Kilkenny
2218	Laois	2799	Donegal	3524	Kilkenny
2290	Donegal	2859	Offaly	3525	Kilkenny
2447	Tipperary	2872	Limerick	3667	Laois
2448	Tipperary	3147	Laois	3828	Kilkenny
2671R	Offaly	3313	Kilkenny	3829	Kilkenny
2747	Laois	3522	Kilkenny	3957	Kilkenny

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 May, 2009 (Minerals Publication MP 03/09)**. If required, copies of the latter publication can be obtained free of charge from the Exploration and Mining Division of the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All applications for prospecting licences must be made **directly by the applicant** to:-

The Secretary General, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources,
Exploration and Mining Division, Beggars Bush, Haddington Road, Dublin 4

on **Form No. 1**, accompanied by a **fee of €190 per prospecting licence area.** Copies of Form No.1 are available from the above address, or may be printed/downloaded from our website http://www.mineralsireland.ie. All payments must be in Euro, and cheques and bank drafts drawn on a bank branch located in the Republic of Ireland. All cheques and bank drafts should be made payable to "The Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources" and endorsed "Account payee only".

Prospecting Licences should be issued within four months of the application date (or the closing date of the competition, if the area sought is in competition), provided that the applicant complies fully with application requirements, responds rapidly to any queries, and causes no delay in supplying a satisfactory insurance policy.

STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

A company that has not reached the stage of making a formal application for a Prospecting Licence may establish its interest in an area with the Exploration and Mining Division by written submission of a "Statement of Interest" on the relevant form. A Statement of Interest will normally relate to open ground or areas open for application at any time and for which the company may make a formal application following a review of data.

The procedure for lodging Statements of Interest over areas is outlined in the 1st May and 1st November publications. Their period of validity extends up to a maximum of six months (unless there are exceptional circumstances), that is until the next edition of the map showing areas held under State Mining and Prospecting Facilities. A copy of the application form is available from our website http://www.mineralsireland.ie.

PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS GRANTED SINCE 17th APRIL, 2009

The following prospecting licences, which were granted since 17th April 2009, 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
1142	Metallum Exploration Limited	08/06/2009	Cavan	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
1696	Metallum Exploration Limited	08/06/2009	Cavan	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
2098	Teck Cominco Ireland Ltd	15/06/2009	Galway	Bm, b, s
2099	Teck Cominco Ireland Ltd	15/06/2009	Galway	Bm, b, s
2416	Metallum Exploration Limited	08/06/2009	Monaghan	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
3063	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd	19/05/2009	Donegal	Bm, b, s, g
3741	Exploration & Discovery Ltd	18/06/2009	Cork	Bm, b, s, g
3820	Midas Mineral Resources Ltd	19/05/2009	Donegal	Bm, b, s, g
4001	Metallum Exploration Limited	08/06/2009	Cavan	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
4002	Metallum Exploration Limited	08/06/2009	Monaghan	Bm, b, s, g, PGE

PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS OFFERED AND ADVERTISED

PL Area	Licensee	County
1113	Emerald Zinc Ltd	Offaly
1302	Lundin Mining Exploration Limited	Limerick
1476	TNR Gold Corp	Carlow
1555	Hibernian Resources Ltd	Waterford
1556	Hibernian Resources Ltd	Waterford
1584	Lundin Mining Exploration Limited	Limerick
1675	Lundin Mining Exploration Limited	Leitrim
1966	Hibernian Resources Ltd	Waterford
1967	Hibernian Resources Ltd	Waterford
2115	Oriel Selection Trust Ltd	Donegal
2280	Hibernian Resources Ltd	Cork
2545	Oriel Selection Trust Ltd	Donegal
2546	Oriel Selection Trust Ltd	Donegal
2786	Emerald Zinc Ltd	Offaly
2795	Oriel Selection Trust Ltd	Donegal
2803	Oriel Selection Trust Ltd	Donegal
3105	Terra Energy Ltd	Kilkenny
3128	Lenagold Ltd	Donegal
3132	Lenagold Ltd	Donegal
3133	Lenagold Ltd	Donegal
3134	Lenagold Ltd	Donegal
3135	Lenagold Ltd	Donegal
3136	Lenagold Ltd	Donegal
3162	Lenagold Ltd	Leitrim
3353	Terra Energy Ltd	Kilkenny
3366	Lundin Mining Exploration Limited	Limerick
3407	TNR Gold Corp	Carlow
3411	TNR Gold Corp	Carlow
3545	Boliden Tara Mines Ltd	Limerick
3588	Emerald Zinc Ltd	Westmeath
3589	Emerald Zinc Ltd	Westmeath
3652	Emerald Zinc Ltd	Offaly/Westmeath
3686	Boliden Tara Mines Ltd	Roscommon
3713	Hibernian Resources Ltd	Waterford
3714	Hibernian Resources Ltd	Waterford
3715	Hibernian Resources Ltd	Waterford
3716	Hibernian Resources Ltd	Cork
3717	Hibernian Resources Ltd	Cork
3718	Hibernian Resources Ltd	Cork
3719	Hibernian Resources Ltd	Waterford
3813	Emerald Zinc Ltd	Offaly/Westmeath
3858	Boliden Tara Mines Ltd	Limerick
3864	TNR Gold Corp	Wicklow
3893	TNR Gold Corp	Carlow
3894	TNR Gold Corp	Carlow
3971	Oriel Selection Trust Ltd	Donegal
3978	Oriel Selection Trust Ltd	Donegal
3979	Oriel Selection Trust Ltd	Donegal
3986	Oriel Selection Trust Ltd	Donegal
3987	Oriel Selection Trust Ltd	Donegal
3994	Boliden Tara Mines Ltd	Limerick
3995	Boliden Tara Mines Ltd	Offaly
4003	Oriel Selection Trust Ltd	Donegal
4004	Oriel Selection Trust Ltd	Donegal
4005	Terra Energy Ltd	Leitrim
4006	Terra Energy Ltd	Cavan/Leitrim
4007	Terra Energy Ltd	Leitrim
4008	Terra Energy Ltd	Leitrim
4009	Terra Energy Ltd	Leitrim
4010	Terra Energy Ltd	Sligo
4011	Terra Energy Ltd	Leitrim/Roscommon
4012	Terra Energy Ltd	Sligo/Roscommon
4013	Terra Energy Ltd	Cavan/Leitrim
4014	Terra Energy Ltd	Cavan/Leitrim
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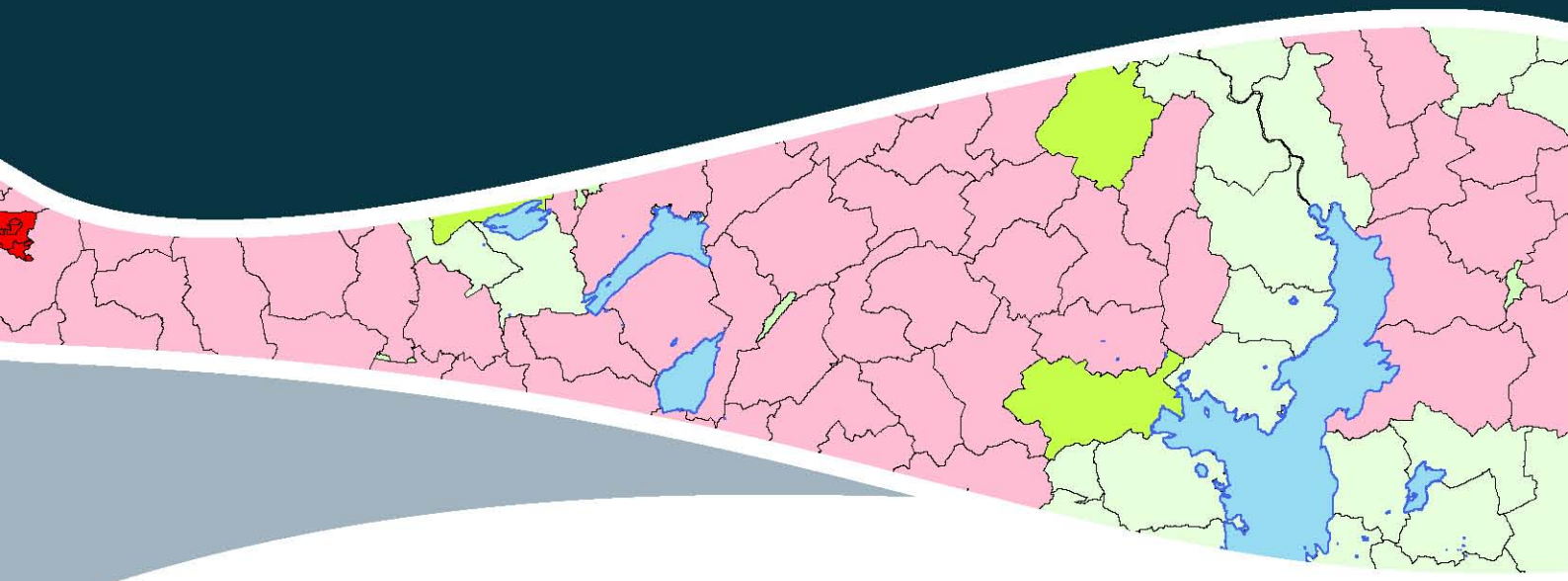
4018	Terra Energy Ltd	Laois
4019	Terra Energy Ltd	Kilkenny
4020	Terra Energy Ltd	Kilkenny
4021	Terra Energy Ltd	Laois
4022	Terra Energy Ltd	Laois
4023	Emerald Zinc Ltd	Offaly/Westmeath
4024	Terra Energy Ltd	Kilkenny/Tipperary
4025	Terra Energy Ltd	Tipperary
4026	Terra Energy Ltd	Tipperary
4027	Terra Energy Ltd	Tipperary
4031	TNR Gold Corp	Carlow
4032	TNR Gold Corp	Wicklow



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