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PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS OPEN FOR APPLICATION UNDER COMPETITION

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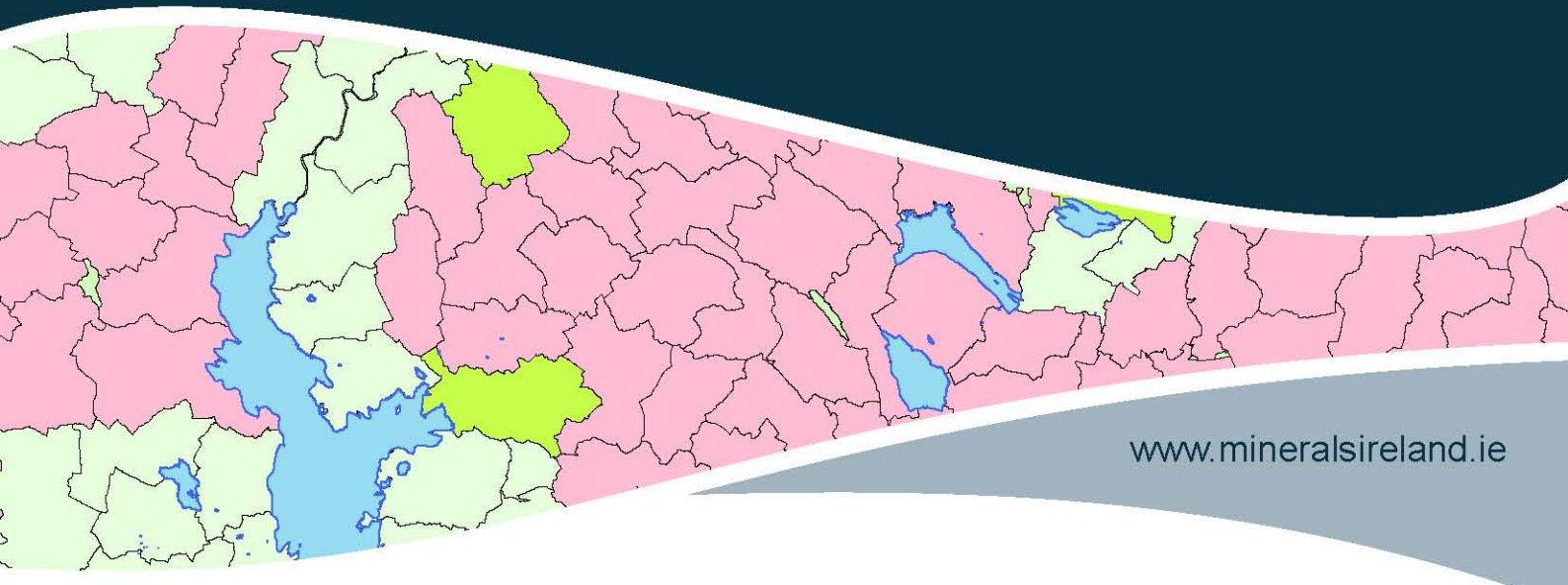

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PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS
OPEN FOR APPLICATION UNDER EQUAL COMPETITION
UNTIL 30th September, 2012

These include areas for which licences were current on the 1st May 2012 but have become available in the period to 27th July 2012 and areas that were offered but were subsequently declined in the same period.

3849	Wicklow
3850	Wicklow
3985	Westmeath

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, 2012 (Minerals Publication MP 03/12)**. 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.

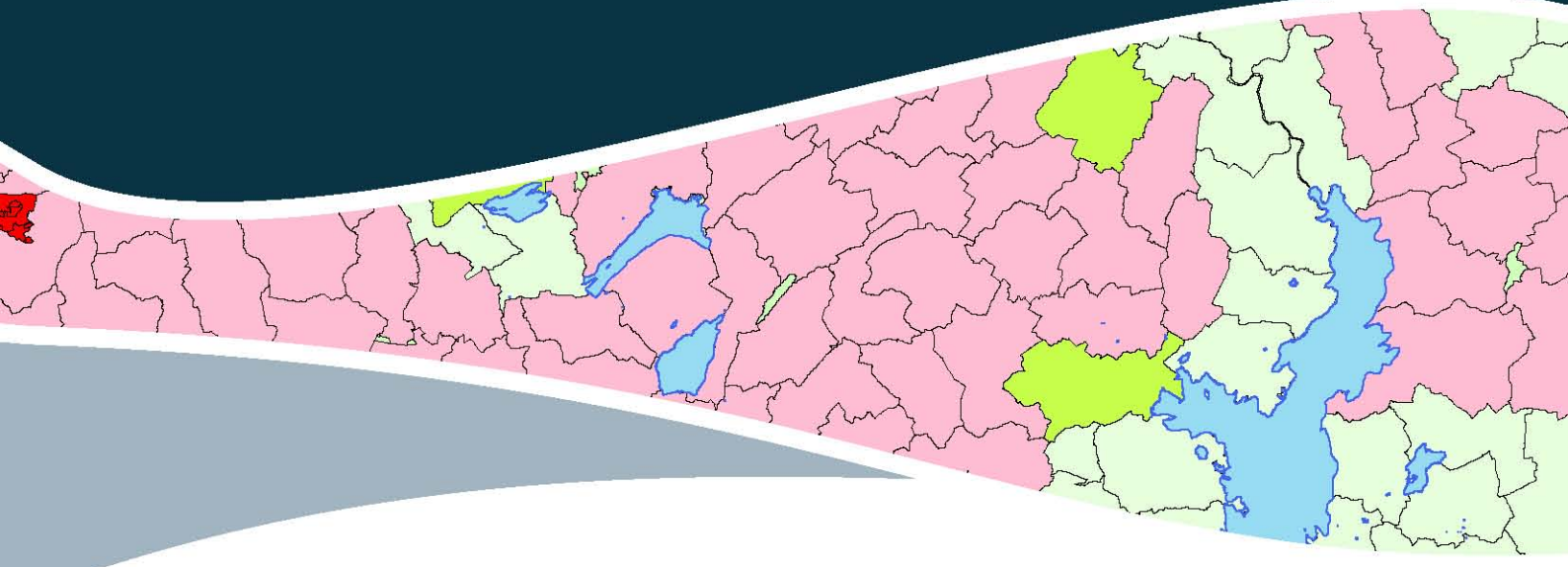
PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS GRANTED SINCE 1st May, 2012

The following prospecting licences, which were granted since 1st May 2012, 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
1677	Boliden Tara Mines Ltd.	07/07/2012	Galway	Bm, B, S, G
2521	Boliden Tara Mines Ltd.	07/07/2012	Galway	Bm, B, S, G
2645	Irish Resource Exploration Ltd.	29/06/2012	Mayo	S, G
2892	Conroy Gold and Natural Resources Plc	14/05/2012	Clare	Bm, B, S, G
2896	Conroy Gold and Natural Resources Plc	14/05/2012	Clare	Bm, B, S, G
3066	Conroy Gold and Natural Resources Plc	16/07/2012	Monaghan	Bm, B, S, G
3068	Conroy Gold and Natural Resources Plc	16/07/2012	Monaghan	Bm, B, S, G
3131	Conroy Gold and Natural Resources Plc	16/07/2012	Cavan	Bm, B, S, G
3170	Irish Resource Exploration Ltd	29/06/2012	Galway	S, G
3307	Zetland Resources Ltd.	28/06/2012	Galway	Bm, B, S, G
3500	Conroy Gold and Natural Resources Plc	14/05/2012	Clare	Bm, B, S, G
3615	Tynagh Iron Mines Ltd.	28/05/2012	Galway	Bm, B, S, G, Dolomite and Dolomitic Limestone, Manganese, Silica Sand
3681	Boliden Tara Mines Ltd.	07/07/2012	Galway	Bm, B, S, G
3743	Boliden Tara Mines Ltd.	07/07/2012	Galway	Bm, B, S, G
3755	Boliden Tara Mines Ltd.	07/07/2012	Galway	Bm, B, S, G
3808	Conroy Gold and Natural Resources Plc	14/05/2012	Clare	Bm, B, S, G
3841	Adventus Exploration Ltd.	05/07/2012	Louth	Bm, B, S, G, PGE
3862	Tynagh Iron Mines Ltd.	28/05/2012	Galway	Bm, B, S, G, Dolomite and Dolomitic Limestone, Manganese, Silica Sand
3886	Zetland Resources Ltd.	28/06/2012	Galway	Bm, B, S, G
4088	Adventus Exploration Ltd.	05/07/2012	Louth	Bm, B, S, G, PGE
4089	Adventus Exploration Ltd.	05/07/2012	Louth	Bm, B, S, G, PGE
4093	Conroy Gold and Natural Resources Plc	14/05/2012	Clare	Bm, B, S, G
4094	Conroy Gold and Natural Resources Plc	14/05/2012	Clare	Bm, B, S, G
4095	Unicorn Mineral Resources Ltd.	24/05/2012	Clare	Bm, B, S, G, PGE, Fluorite
4098	Conroy Gold and Natural Resources Plc	16/07/2012	Cavan	Bm, B, S, G

PROSPECTING LICENCE AREAS OFFERED AND ADVERTISED

PL Area	Licensee	County
2932	Boliden Tara Mines Ltd.	Galway
3167	Medgold Resource Ltd.	Galway
3480	Medgold Resource Ltd.	Galway
3509	Lundin Mining Exploration Ltd.	Clare
3879	Medgold Resource Ltd.	Galway
3884	Medgold Resource Ltd.	Galway
3928	Medgold Resource Ltd.	Galway
3963	Unicorn Mining Resources Ltd.	Galway
4097	Medgold Resource Ltd.	Galway



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