



Roinn Cumaráide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil
Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment

Terms and Conditions for Prospecting Licence Holders

The Licence Holder shall:

1	Meet promptly any legitimate claim for compensation arising from activities carried out under the licence(s) whether made during the currency of the licence(s) or at a later date.
2	Surrender the licence(s) without delay if at any stage results indicate that further expenditure on prospecting would not be justified.
3	Furnish to the Minister the name and address of the Manager resident for the time being in Ireland under whose supervision such operations are to be carried out and to notify immediately to the Minister any changes.
4	Agree exploration programmes for the licence(s) in advance with the Exploration and Mining Division of the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.
5	Lodge full reports of all results obtained from exploration under the licence(s), including details of all occurrences of minerals of potential economic significance, with the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Exploration and Mining Division, 29-31 Adelaide Road, Dublin, D02 X285.
6	Not to undertake any trenching under the licence(s) without prior Departmental approval. A written request for such approval shall be submitted to the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (Exploration and Mining Division) at least 20 working days prior to the date on which trenching operations are planned to commence and shall be accompanied by detailed trenching proposals including full details of the measures to be employed for the full rehabilitation of the trench site. The licence holder may be required to meet with Departmental staff prior to a decision being conveyed.
7	Comply with the provisions of section 75 of the Minerals Development Act, 1940, as amended by Section 8 of the Petroleum and Other Minerals Development Act, 1960, which requires that two weeks advance notice be given to the Minister of proposed borehole and shaft sinking intended to reach a depth of more than 20 feet below the surface and that a journal of such shaft or borehole and specimens be kept for inspection by the Minister. (In certain restricted areas no borehole or shaft sinking of any kind is to be undertaken without prior Departmental approval (see (8) below).
8	Ensure familiarity with the location of any Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), Special Protection Areas (SPAs) and National Heritage Areas (NHAs) within the PL area(s) and to ensure that any and all restrictions imposed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service of the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs are complied with in relation to such areas. Approval to carry out activities within such area(s) must be sought in writing (giving full details of work to be undertaken and one month's notice) from the Exploration and Mining Division of the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.
9	Ascertain the occurrence of National Monuments within the licence area(s). (In this regard the licence holder should examine the Sites and Monuments Record Constraint Maps which are available for inspection at www.archaeology.ie , in County Libraries or from the local Planning Authority).
10	Not to work on or adjacent to any such National Monument site or feature without prior approval of the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. (Such approval should be sought via the Exploration and Mining Division of the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment).
11	Ascertain the occurrence of gas pipelines within the licence area(s) to ensure that there is no interference with them. (In this regard the licence holder should consult with Gas Networks Ireland.)
12	Ascertain from landowners whether their lands are subject to any farm schemes such as the Basic Payment Scheme (BPS), Green, Low-Carbon, Agri-Environment Scheme (GLAS) etc. In case of doubt, the Licensee should contact either the Farm Development Services Officer in the relevant County Office of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, or the Exploration and Mining Division of the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.
13	Obtain planning permission under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts, 1963 to 1993, for any work contemplated under the licence(s) which would require such permission.
14	Carry out all work with due regard for the environment and the sensitivity of the surrounding areas.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____ **PLA(s):** _____