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# Prospecting Licence Areas Open for Application Under Competition

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## The Arrangement of Prospecting Licence Competitions

Ground available for application under equal competition is offered every three months through publications on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> November.

The following are included in this 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 booklet:

Table 1: Prospecting Licence Areas (PLAs) 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.

Table 2: A list of current prospecting licences granted since the previous competition.

Table 3: A list of all prospecting licences currently accepted and advertised.

Competition Publications should be used in conjunction with our Online Mapviewer Service to check ground status and availability. The Online Mapviewer Service is accessible through <https://www.gov.ie/en/service/2f592-map-viewer/>

### Table 1:

#### Prospecting Licence Areas available under Competition for the period 1<sup>st</sup> February to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

PL Area	County	PL Area	County	PL Area	County
1303	Limerick	2678	Monaghan	3382	Sligo
1942	Limerick	2679	Monaghan	3475	Tipperary/Offaly
1943	Limerick	2680	Monaghan	3650	Limerick
2416	Monaghan	2681	Monaghan	3651	Limerick
2560	Offaly	2682	Monaghan	3706	Tipperary
2567	Tipperary	3185	Tipperary	3858	Limerick
2568	Tipperary	3273	Offaly	3907	Offaly
2594	Limerick	3380	Sligo	3945	Westmeath
2674	Westmeath	3381	Sligo	3980	Offaly

## Application Procedure

All applications for prospecting licences must be made using Form 1 (Application Form), accompanied by a fee of **€190.00 per Prospecting Licence Area**. The form is available to download at <http://www.mineralsireland.ie/OnlineServices/Forms>.

Completed applications should be sent to [GSRO@DECC.gov.ie](mailto:GSRO@DECC.gov.ie) or by post to:

Geoscience Regulation Office (GSRO)  
Department of Environment, Climate and Communications  
29/31 Adelaide Road  
Dublin  
D02 X285

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.

## Payments to the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications

The Department can accept payment by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) only. Each payment **must** quote your 5-digit customer number. For assistance or for first time applicants please contact GSRO directly at [GSRO@DECC.gov.ie](mailto:GSRO@DECC.gov.ie).

Each payment must be followed by remittance notice detailing:

- a. Name and address.
- b. Your five digit customer number (eg. 12345).
- c. The date and amount paid into the Department's EFT Account.
- d. A listing of the specific Department invoice number(s) to which the payment refers.
- e. Where no invoice has issued a detailed description of purpose of the payment.

The remittance notice can be sent to [AccountsReceivable@DECC.gov.ie](mailto:AccountsReceivable@DECC.gov.ie) or by mail to Accounts Receivable, Department of Environment, Climate and Communications, Elm House, Earlsvale Road, Cavan, H12 A8H7.

**All payments are to be made in Euro.** Applicants should be aware that bank charges can apply, particularly when applying from overseas. Provision should be made for these charges by the applicant to ensure the full amount is received in the Department's account. Failure to do so will lead to delays in applications being accepted.

<b>Bank Details</b>	Bank of Ireland, Main Street, Cavan, H12 E394
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The Department cannot accept any responsibility for payments that cannot be identified due to lack of information. Should you have any queries please contact [AccountsReceivable@DECC.gov.ie](mailto:AccountsReceivable@DECC.gov.ie).

## Prospecting Licence Areas Open for Application under Competition

### 1 February 2021 – Evaluation of Applications

1. In order that interested parties have an equal chance of applying for newly available ground, four times yearly (on 1 February, 1 May, 1 August and 1 November) a Competition list is published of licence areas that have been;
  - i. recently surrendered,
  - ii. offered to competitors but not accepted or
  - iii. made open for application following a period of non-availability.
  
2. Applications made in the following two months will then be considered on their respective merits, without any regard to time priority. A technical evaluation team will evaluate the candidate companies' applications against the following (weighted) criteria.

Criteria		Marks
Quality of exploration programme:		45
<i>Proposed exploration expenditure</i>	20	
<i>Coherence/Applicability/Comprehensiveness</i>	15	
<i>Dynamic nature of the programme (i.e. tempo of work programme)</i>	10	
Availability of funds		15
<i>Funds at hand</i>	10	
<i>Funds that can be made available</i>	5	
Applicant track record, experience of applicants and the quality of their previous work.		20
Proximity of ground to PLAs held by the applicant (where relevant)		5
Quality of PL application		15
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>

3. The licence(s) will be offered to the successful applicant. Should the successful applicant choose to decline the licence offer, the licence(s) will then be offered to the next best qualified application.
  
4. The licensee will be required to fully meet the expenditure commitments and work programme stipulated in their successful application.

**Table 2:****Prospecting Licences Granted Since 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020**

<b>PL Area</b>	<b>Licensee</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Minerals</b>
1575	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Tipperary	Bm, b, s, g
1650	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Laois	Bm, b, g, PGE
1652	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Laois	Bm, b, g, PGE
1653	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Laois	Bm, b, g, PGE
2026	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Tipperary	Bm, b, s, g
2027	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Tipperary	Bm, b, s, g
2604	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Tipperary	Bm, b, s, g
2625	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Laois	Bm, b, g, PGE
2717	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Tipperary	Bm, b, s, g
2718	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Tipperary	Bm, b, s, g
3158	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Laois	Bm, b, g, PGE
3160	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Laois	Bm, b, g, PGE
3263	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Laois	Bm, b, g, PGE
3312	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Laois	Bm, b, g, PGE
3313	Shanoon Resources Ltd.	30-12-2020	Kilkenny	Bm, s
3316	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Tipperary	Bm, b, g, s
3317	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Tipperary	Bm, b, g, s
3319	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Tipperary	Bm, b, g, s
3320	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Tipperary	Bm, b, g, s
3358	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Tipperary	Bm, b, g, s
3421	Raptor Resources Ltd.	30-12-2020	Tipperary	Bm, b, g, s
3689	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Tipperary	Bm, b, g, s
3827	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Tipperary	Bm, b, g, s
4041	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Laois	Bm, b, g, PGE
4042	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Laois	Bm, g
4043	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Laois	Bm, b, g, PGE
4112	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Tipperary	Bm, b, s, g
4113	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Tipperary	Bm, b, s, g
4114	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Tipperary	Bm, b, s, g
4116	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Tipperary	Bm, b, s, g
4117	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Tipperary	Bm, b, s, g
4118	Raptor Resources Ltd.	31-12-2020	Tipperary	Bm, b, s, g
4480	Raptor Resources Ltd.	30-12-2020	Tipperary	Bm, b, s, g
4481	Raptor Resources Ltd.	30-12-2020	Tipperary	Bm, b, s, g
4482	Raptor Resources Ltd.	30-12-2020	Tipperary	Bm, b, s, g
4483	Raptor Resources Ltd.	30-12-2020	Tipperary	Bm, b, s, g

*The licensed minerals are abbreviated as follows:*

*Base Metals (Bm), Barytes (b), Gold (g), Silver (s), Platinum Group Elements (PGE)*

**Table 3:**

**Prospecting Licence Areas Accepted and Advertised**

PL Area	Applicant	County	Minerals
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No applications have been accepted and advertised since 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020.

Ground status information, historic exploration reports and drill logs are available from the Geoscience Regulation Office, Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications at <https://www.gov.ie/en/service/2f592-map-viewer/>.

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