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Department of the Environment,
Climate and Communications

Prospecting Licence Areas Open for Application Under Competition

1 August 2021

The Arrangement of Prospecting Licence Competitions

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

The following are included in this 1st August 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 [online GIS viewer](#).

Table 1:

Prospecting Licence Areas available under Competition for the period 1st August to 30th September 2021

PL Area	County	PL Area	County	PL Area	County
743	Mayo	1624	Offaly	4469	Sligo
757	Sligo	1660	Sligo		
1347	Westmeath	4038	Sligo		

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 <https://www.gov.ie/en/service/apply-for-a-prospecting-licence/> and also at <http://www.mineralsireland.ie/OnlineServices/Forms>.

Completed applications should be sent to 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, 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.

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 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.

Bank Details	Danske Bank
Account Name	Department of Environment, Climate and Communications Accounts Receivable
Account No. Number	0000 1058
Bank Sort Code	95 15 99
IBAN	IE31 DABA 9515 9900 0010 58
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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.

Prospecting Licence Areas Open for Application under Competition

1 August 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
Total		100

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 1st May 2021**

PL Area	Licensee	Start Date	County	Minerals
3429	Boliden Tara Mines Ltd	14-05-2021	Galway	Bm, b, s, g
3756	Boliden Tara Mines Ltd	14-05-2021	Galway	Bm, b, s, g
3757	Boliden Tara Mines Ltd	14-05-2021	Galway	Bm, b, s, g
3867	Boliden Tara Mines Ltd	14-05-2021	Galway	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 Since 1st May 2021**

PL Area	Applicant	County	Minerals
2139	Conroy Gold and Natural Resources Plc	Cavan	Bm, b, s, g
3131	Conroy Gold and Natural Resources Plc	Cavan	Bm, b, s, g
3295	Adventus Zinc Ireland Ltd	Cork	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
3338	Adventus Zinc Ireland Ltd	Cork	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
3537	Adventus Zinc Ireland Ltd	Cork	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
3538	Adventus Zinc Ireland Ltd	Cork	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
3902	Adventus Zinc Ireland Ltd	Cork	Bm, b, s, g, PGE
4412	1155327 B.C. Ltd	Kerry	Bm
4554	Conroy Gold and Natural Resources Plc	Monaghan	Bm, b, s, g

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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