



## **Application for a Prospecting Licence under The Minerals Development Acts, 1940 to 1999**

A separate form should be used for each application. An application can include up to 10 prospecting licences if the prospecting licence areas are adjacent and for the same minerals. If more than one form is used, the relative priorities of all areas must be given. Licences are granted for 6 years unless a shorter period is warranted.

**Note:** *Acceptance of applications for prospecting licences for consideration will not create any obligation on the part of the Minister to grant any facilities.*

### **1. Applicant Details**

Name of Applicant(s)			
Address of Applicant(s)			
	Eircode/ Postcode		
Address of Registered Office			
	Eircode/Postcode		
Telephone Number(s)		Email(s)	
Occupation/ main of business of Applicant(s)			
Nationality of Applicants			

*If the applicant is not a current prospecting licence holder, the application must, where relevant, include copies of their most recent:*

- Annual Report,*
- Audited accounts (past year only),*
- Information concerning its share capital,*
- Details of significant shareholdings*
- Articles of Association*
- Details of Directors of the company (name, address and contact details)*
- Information concerning parent companies, if applicable (name, address and registration number)*



## 2. Prospecting Licence Area(s) Details

Please list the number(s) of the prospecting licence areas being sought in order of priority.

1		2		3		4		5	
6		7		8		9		10	

*In the case of open ground, please provide a map at an appropriate scale showing the full townlands to be considered.*

### Minerals of Interest

*For Example, Base Metals, Barytes, Silver. See Appendix 2 for Definition of Base metals, PGMs and other scheduled minerals.*

### Basis of Interest

The applicant is invited to submit any maps, diagrams or reports which support the belief of the applicant that minerals of interest are present. Such information will assist in determining if the Applicant's proposal is suitable for the geological area. This information will be treated as confidential. Therefore, the information supplied in the basis of interest is considered confidential under Section 35(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and treated as commercially confidential and as containing intellectual property under European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2018.

*Please attach any additional files as required*



#### Work Programme

A full and detailed description of the programme of prospecting which the applicant proposes to carry out for each of the areas applied for, including particulars of any special techniques or equipment to be used. The applicant should submit any maps, diagrams or reports which support the belief of the applicant that minerals are present. If there is insufficient space in the box provided, please attach as a separate file.

This information will be used in the case of competition, and it will be a factor in determining which applicant (if any) will be offered Licence(s).

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Estimates, based on an individual PL area, of the proposed expenditure for each two year phase of the 6-year Licence term, These should not be less than the [minimum expenditure](#)

Year 1 and 2	
Year 3 and 4	
Year 5 and 6	

Information concerning the applicant's previous experience in prospecting for minerals

**Previous Experience**

### 3. Funding and References

Amount of capital available for operations under the Licence(s) now applied for:

Funds Presently Available <i>(This refers to funds that can immediately be made available for exploration on the licences under application. Funds should be adequate to cover the full two-year programme in the application)</i>	€	Funds Available for Release <i>(Additional funds that could, as necessary, be made available for exploration on the licences under application. Note: Licensees should have sufficient funds to cover the full, current expenditure commitments of this application and other concurrently held PLAs)</i>	€
Source (Description)		Source (Description)	

*Applicants may be asked to provide evidence that these amounts are available.*

Names, addresses, qualifications and experience of technical experts or advisors who will organise and carry out the prospecting programme. If the applicant will be the operator, then this should be stated.

Will the applicant be the operator?	Yes		No	
If no please state the name of the proposed operator				



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**Details of persons to whom the Minister can refer for evidence as to**

(a) character,

(b) financial standing (*for example a letter of reference from your bank or accountant that states the applicant has sufficient funds to cover the first two years of expenditure*)

(c) technical qualifications of the applicant(s) (*This person must be independent of the company*)

*Independent references must be provided to cover each aspect.*

	Name	Email	Telephone
Character Reference			
Financial Reference			
Technical Reference			

**Fit and Proper Person Declaration**

I / We the applicant:

- a. Confirm (by way of our signature on this application) that to the best of my / our knowledge neither the applicant or any of its associated companies or any of the directors, officers, or key employees of that body corporate or of those companies, has been convicted of an offence under the laws of the State or elsewhere that would raise doubt about the applicant company complying with this Act and any regulations made under it;
- b. Confirm (by way of our signature on this application) in the case of a body corporate, that neither the applicant or any of the directors has a declaration under section 819 of the Companies Act 2014 made against him or her or is not deemed to be subject to such a declaration by virtue of Chapter 5 of Part 14 of that Act, or is subject or is deemed to be subject to –
  - i. a disqualification order, within the meaning of Chapter 4 of Part 14 of the Companies Act 2014, whether by virtue of that Chapter or any other provision of that Act, or
  - ii. a disqualification outside the State to like effect which corresponds to a disqualification order within the meaning of Chapter 4 of Part 14 of that Act.
- c. Confirm (by way of our signature on this application) that neither the applicant or any of its associated companies, in the case of an individual, is adjudicated bankrupt or is subject to proceedings for a declaration of bankruptcy or becomes an arranging debtor or, in the case of a body corporate –
  - i. has commenced a voluntary winding-up or is subject to a winding-up order or is subject to proceedings for such an order,
  - ii. is subject to the appointment of a receiver or examiner, or
  - iii. has proposed a compromise or arrangement that is sanctioned under section 453(2) of the Companies Act 2014 or 201(3) of the Companies Act 1963

I/We hereby declare, to the best of my/ our knowledge, that all the foregoing particulars are correct.

I/We enclose a remittance of €190.00 per Prospecting Licence being the prescribed fee on application.

Name	Signature	Date



## Appendix 1 - Checklist

Item	Checked
1. Applicant Details	
Name of Applicant(s)	
Address of Applicant(s)	
Address of Registered Office	
Telephone Number(s)	
Emails	
Mobile Number	
Occupation of Applicant(s)	
Nationality of Applicant(s)	
If the applicant is not a current prospecting licence holder a. <i>Annual Report</i> b. <i>Audited accounts</i> c. <i>Information concerning its share capital</i> d. <i>Details of significant shareholdings</i> e. <i>Articles of Association</i> f. <i>Details of Directors of the company</i> g. <i>Information concerning parent companies, if applicable</i>	
2. PL Details	
List the prospecting licence areas	
Minerals of Interest	
Basis of Interest	
Work Programme	
Estimates per licence	
Previous Experience	
3. Funding and References	
Will the Applicant be the operator?	
Funds Presently Available	
Funds which the applicant can make available	
Source of each (Description)	
Character Reference	
Financial Reference	
Technical Reference	
Fit and Proper Person Declaration	
Proof of payment – cc'ed accounts email	
Signed and dated	



## Appendix 2 – List of Scheduled Minerals

### SCHEDULED MINERALS - As under the 1940 Minerals Development Act

Alum Shales	China Clay	Ganister	Marble	Rock Salt
Anhydrite	Chromite	Gem minerals	Mercury, Ores of.	Roofing Slate
Antimony, Ores of	Coal	Gold, Ores of.	Mica	Serpentinous Marble
Apatite	Cobalt, Ores of.	Graphite	Mineral Pigments	Silica Sand
Arsenic, Ores of.	Copper, Ores of	Gypsum	Molybdenite	Silver, Ores of.
Asbestos minerals	Corundum	Iron, Ores of.	Monazite	Strontium, Ores of.
Ball Clay	Cryolite	Kaolin	Nickel, Ores of	Sulphur, Ores of.
Barytes	Diatomaceous Earth	Laterite	Oil Shale	Talc and Steatite or Soapstone
Bauxite	Dolomite	Lead, Ores of.	Platinum, Ores of	Tin, Ores of.
Beryl	Dolomitic Limestone	Lignite	Potash Mineral Salts	Titanium, Ores of.
Bismuth, Ores of.	Felspar	Lithomarge	Quartz Rock	Tripoli
Bitumens	Fireclay	Magnesium, Ores of.	Radioactive Minerals	Tungsten, Ores of.
Calcite	Flint and Chert	Magnesite	Refractory Clays	Witherite
Chalk	Fluorspar	Manganese, Ores of.	Rock Phosphates	Zinc, Ores of.

#### Mineral/Commodity Grouping:

Applicants for Prospecting Licences may apply for specific commodities such as gold, zinc, gypsum, barytes, and other 'minerals' listed in the Schedule to the Minerals Development Act, 1940. In addition, exploration companies may also apply for particular commodity groupings that frequently occur together in mineral deposits. Examples of such groupings include base metals, Platinum Group Metals (PGMs), Rare Earth Elements (REEs) and gem minerals.

In the context of Irish minerals regulation, the Geoscience Regulation Office (GSRO) considers that:

Base Metals includes the following commodities and their ores: zinc, lead, copper, nickel, cobalt, manganese, cadmium, molybdenum, vanadium, chromium, tantalum, tin, tungsten, gallium, indium, thallium, bismuth, arsenic, antimony, tellurium and germanium.

Platinum Group Metals: platinum, palladium, rhodium, iridium, osmium and ruthenium.

Rare Earth Elements: scandium, yttrium, lanthanum, cerium, praseodymium, neodymium, promethium, samarium, europium, gadolinium, terbium, dysprosium, holmium, erbium, thulium, ytterbium and lutetium.

Gem Minerals are those minerals which when cut, polished or otherwise modified, may be used to make jewellery or other decorative adornments. Examples include diamond, ruby, sapphire, emerald, aquamarine, topaz, peridot, tanzanite and opal.