

Notice of Intention to Renew Prospecting Licence

Pursuant to section 8(6) of the Minerals Development Act 1940, as inserted by section 2 of the Minerals Development Act 1995, the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment intends to renew the prospecting licence for **Base Metals, Barytes, Silver (Ores of), Gold (Ores of) and Gypsum** held by, **Adventus Zinc Ireland Limited, 69-70 Main Street, Oughterard, Galway, H91 K295** over the following Townlands of County Monaghan.

Townlands in Farney Barony: Aghlattacru, Annacroff, Ballyloughan, Coolaha, Coolderry (E.D. Ballymackney), Coolreagh, Coolremony, Corcrin, Corcuilloge, Corduff (Kelly), Corkeeran, Cornacarrow, Cortober, Derrylavan, Doohatty, Drumcargy, Drumever, Drumgoan, Drumhillagh, Drummond Otra, Kilmactrasna, Kinallybane, Kinallyduff, Leons Beg, Leonsgarve or Leons (McKenna), Lisanisk, Liscorran, Losset, Magheraboy, Magheross, Monaltybane, Monaltyduff, Mullaghmacateer, Mullaghmeen, Nure Beg, Nure More (E.D. Ballymackney), Nure More (E.D. Lough Fea), Part of Nure Beg, Radrumskean, Rahans (E.D. Donaghmoynes), Rossdreenagh, Shanmullagh, Stradeen, Trostan, Tullyallen, Tullynaskeagh East, Tullynaskeagh West.

Maps showing the areas are available at Carrickmacross Garda Station, Monaghan County Council Offices; the Geological Survey of Ireland, Beggar's Bush, Dublin, D04 K7X4 and the address below.

Objections to the renewal of the licence should be made to the address below within **30 days** of the date of this Notice. The Minister reserves the right to make details of the objections available to the applicant in order to fully consider their validity.

NB: A prospecting licence entitles the holder to explore for mineral deposits and does not authorise mining of any minerals. The activities permissible under a licence are, in general, non-invasive and of minimal environmental impact. The Minister has assessed the exploration programme proposed by the company and has determined that the activities are not likely to have a significant effect on the environment.

Further information, statutory notice and Minister's determination at:

<http://www.DCCAE.gov.ie/EMD>

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Date: 19th December 2019

Decision on Specific Prospecting Activities

The Minister has assessed the exploration project proposed by the company and has determined that the activities are not likely to have a significant effect on the environment and proposes to grant the following Prospecting Licences (PLs).

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| PL Areas | 4485 (Co. Monaghan) |
| Company | Adventus Zinc Ireland Ltd |
| Activity | Mineral exploration including prospecting, geological mapping, geoscientific modelling, geochemical sampling, ground geophysical surveys and, should it be warranted by exploration results, diamond drilling. |
| Environmental Considerations | <p>Prospecting, geological mapping, geochemical (soil) sampling and ground geophysics are temporary and involve minimal disturbance. Geoscientific modelling is an office based activity. These activities are not likely to have a significant effect on the environment. Drilling must comply with the Department's guidelines and protocols. Any drilling proposed by the company will be subject to further environmental screening assessments, once precise drillhole locations are known, to ensure that the activity will not have any significant adverse effects on the environment. Should the company propose to collect deep overburden samples using a motorised auger, EMD must be consulted in advance.</p> <p>Additional environmental screening will also be undertaken in the event that the company plans to carry out any activity within a proposed Natural Heritage Area (e.g. Lough Fea Demesne, Lough Naglack, Spring and Corcrin Loughs and Monalty Lough pNHAs).</p> |
| European Sites | <p>Stabannan-Braganstown SPA (Site Code 004091)</p> <p>A screening determination has been carried out for the project. Particular attention has been paid to the European Sites listed above. It has been determined that the project does not have the potential for significant effects on European Sites on the basis that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prospecting, geological mapping, geochemical (soil) sampling and geophysical surveys will be temporary, involve minimal disturbance and have a limited zone of influence. • The activities will not be undertaken within any European Sites. |
| Environmental Information available on DCCAIE website. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Exploration Drilling Guidance on Discharge to Groundwater</u> 2. <u>Guidelines for Good Environmental Practice in Mineral Exploration</u> 3. <u>Environmental Safeguards- The Irish Way</u> 4. <u>Expert Environmental Guidance on Exploration Methodologies Parts 1 – 5.</u> |
| Authority | Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment |
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