

## 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 and Silver (Ores of)** held by **Boliden Tara Mines Limited, Knockumber, Navan, Meath, C15 NH63**, over the following Townlands of **County Meath**:-

**Townlands in Upper Navan Barony:** Addanstown, Aghathomas, Ballynafeeragh (1<sup>st</sup> Division), Ballynafeeragh (2<sup>nd</sup> Division), Capranny, Clondavan, Clonfane, Corporationland North, Corporationland North (1<sup>st</sup> Division), Corporationland North (2<sup>nd</sup> Division), Corporationland North (4<sup>th</sup> Division) Crowpark (1<sup>st</sup> Division), Dunleever Glebe, Friarspark, Gormanstown, Greatfurze, Iskaroon, Kilbride, Kilnagross, Meadstown, Moymet, Oakstown, Phillinstown, Phillistown, Raheenacreehy, Steeplestown, Stonestown, Tremblestown, Tullaghanoge, Tullaghanstown, Tullyard, Vessingtown, Woodside.

Maps showing the area are available on the Department's website (<http://www.DCCAE.gov.ie/EMD>) and at Navan Garda Station; Meath 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: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### **EU General Data Protection Regulation (EU GDPR)**

**Department responsibilities:** The Department welcomes objections and petitions from the public. In responding to the consultation, respondents consent to their name being publically available with the submission. The Department will redact personal addresses and personal email addresses prior to publication. We would draw your attention to the Department's Privacy Statement:

*'The Department of Communications, Climate Action and the Environment requires responders to provide certain personal data in order to provide services and carry out the functions of the Department. Your personal data may be exchanged with other Government Departments and Agencies in certain circumstances, where lawful. Full details can be found in our Data Privacy Notice which is available on our website ([https://www.dccae.gov.ie/documents/DCCAE\\_Privacy\\_Notice\\_full.pdf](https://www.dccae.gov.ie/documents/DCCAE_Privacy_Notice_full.pdf)) or in hard copy on request'.*

**Petitioner's responsibilities:** Each Petition Organiser is a Data Controller and they should be aware of their responsibilities; that details provided by petition signatories when signing the petition (for example names, addresses, email addresses, telephone numbers and so on) are categorised as 'personal data' which is subject to GDPR (EU Regulation 2016/679 'General Data Protection Regulation 2018').

Petition Organisers as Data Controllers are required to confirm in their submission that:

- a) All individuals whose personal data is provided in the Petition have consented to the processing of their personal data by the Petition Organiser and the Department (as outlined in our Privacy Statement above),

**OR**

- b) That you otherwise have a legal basis (please specify) for providing such personal data to the Department for the purposes of participation in this consultation.

## 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.

PL Area	<b>1324</b>
Company	<b>Boliden Tara Mines DAC</b>
Activity	Mineral exploration consisting of desk studies, mapping, geochemical sampling, ground geophysics and drilling
Environmental Considerations	Desk studies, mapping, geochemical sampling and ground geophysics are temporary, non-intrusive activities, involving minimal disturbance and with a limited zone of influence. The activity is not likely to have a significant effect on the environment. In the event that the activity is undertaken at or in the vicinity of a Natura 2000 site the activity will be subject to a separate screening assessment. In the event that diamond drilling is undertaken, this activity will be subject to a separate screening assessment.
European Sites Determination	<p><b>River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA</b> (Site Code 004232)  <b>River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC</b> (Site Code 002299)</p> <p>A screening determination has been carried out for the project. Particular attention has been paid to the European Sites listed above.</p> <p>It has been determined that the project does not have the potential for significant effects on any European Site and the activities are not likely to have a significant effect on the Natural Heritage Area (NHA) or proposed Natural Heritage Areas (pNHA) listed below.</p> <p><b>Jamestown Bog NHA</b> (Site Code 001324)</p>
Environmental Information available on DCCA website.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">Exploration Drilling - Guidance on Discharge to Surface and Groundwater (2019)</a></li> <li>2. <a href="#">Guidance for Good Environmental Practice in Mineral Exploration (2019)</a></li> <li>3. <a href="#">Environmental Safeguards- The Irish Way (2006)</a></li> <li>4. <a href="#">Expert Environmental Guidance – Exploration Methodologies (2017)</a></li> </ol>
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