

## **Notice of Intention to Grant a Prospecting Licence**

Since it appears to the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications (the Minister) that there are minerals not being worked under the lands in the areas set out below, pursuant to section 7(1) of the Minerals Development Act 1940, as amended, the Minister intends to grant a prospecting licence for **Base Metals, Beryllium, Ores of., Caesium, (Ores of.), Gold, (Ores of.), Lithium, (Ores of.), Niobium, (Ores of.), Rubidium, (Ores of.), Silver, (Ores of.)** to **LRH Resources Limited, Unit E, Kells Business Park, Cavan Road, Kells, Meath, A82 HK12, Ireland** over the following Townlands in **Counties Kilkenny and Wexford**:

**Townlands in Bantry Barony:** Askinvillar Lower, Askinvillar Upper, Ballindoney, Ballinlug East, Ballinlug West, Ballintober, Ballyanne, Ballybaun, Ballygalvert, Ballygibbon, Ballyleigh, Ballynabanoge, Ballynabearna, Ballynacoolagh, Ballywilliam, Bantry Commons, Bantry Commons (E.D. Killann), Bigwood, Blackstairs Commons, Boherstooka, Bolacaheer, Coolback, Corrageen, Curraun, Grange Demesne, Grange Lower, Grange Upper, Gobbinstown, Knocktober, Monamolin, Newtown (E.D. Killann), Rathduff, Rathgaroge, Slievebaun, Springmount, Templeludigan, Tomanine, Woodbrook Demesne.

**Townlands in IDA Barony:** Annefield, Ballilogue, Ballinabarney, Ballallog, Ballinvarry, Ballinvarry English, Ballinvarry Irish, Ballycommon, Ballyfereen, Ballynunry, Bishopsknock, Brandonhill, Ballybeg, Ballycurrin, Ballyfoile Lower, Ballyfoile Upper, Ballyknock, Ballyneale, Ballyreddy, Brabstown, Brownstown (E.D. Dysartmoon), Brownstown (E.D. Listerlin), Carranroe Lower, Carranroe Upper, Carrickanoran, Clogaralt, Coole, Cooleen, Coolhill, Coolrainy, Cullaun, Cullentragh, Farrantemple, Garranbehy Big, Garranbehy Little, Garranvabby, Glenballyvally, Glencloghlea, Glensansaw, Glentiroe, Glinn, Grange, Guilkagh Beg, Guilkagh More, Hermitage, Hoodsgrove, Kilbraghan, Kilconnelly, Killeens, Kiltown, Knockatore, Kylemore, Lennaght, Listerlin, Mungan, Newfarm, Newgrove, Raheenduff, Rahora, Rathsnagadan, Ringwood, Rosbercon, Rossnanowl, Russellstown, Slievecarragh, Stripes, Tincarraun, Tinaranny, Tinnakilly Big, Tinnakilly Little, Tinnascolly, Tinnaslatty, Tintine.

**Townlands in Knocktopher Barony:** Ballymackillagill, Darbystown, Smithstown (E.D. Jerpoint West).

**Townlands in Scarawalsh Barony:** Ballycrystal, Ballylusk, Bola More, Boladurragh, Booleycreeen, Boolynavoughran, Camteige, Cloroge Beg, Cloroge More, Craan (E.D. St. Mary's), Cullentragh, Curraduff (E.D. Rossard), Glaslacken, Killanure, Kiltealy, Kyle, Mandoran, Mocurry East, Mocurry West, Mullaunnasmear, Rossard, Slievegar, Tomona, Wheelagower.

These maps are available at (<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/507ce-prospecting-licence-notices/>). Where possible, they will be made available at **Enniscorthy Garda Station, Kilkenny Garda Station, New Ross Garda Station, Thomastown Garda Station, Wexford Garda Station, Kilkenny County Council and Wexford County Council**; the Geological Survey Ireland, Booterstown Hall, Booterstown, Co Dublin, A94 N2R6 and the address below.

Submissions to the granting of the licence should be made within 30 days of the date of this Notice. Submissions can only be made by either posting them to the Geoscience Regulation Office at the address below or by using the online submissions form [www.gov.ie/gsroSubmissions](http://www.gov.ie/gsroSubmissions). The Minister reserves the right to make details of the submissions 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 are available to view at: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/507ce-prospecting-licence-notices/>

Geoscience Regulation Office  
Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications,  
29-31 Adelaide Road,  
Dublin, D02 X285

Ref: M. A. 332/5

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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

**Department responsibilities:** The Department welcomes submissions and petitions from the public. In responding to the consultation, respondents consent to their name being publicly available with their 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 the Environment, Climate and Communications 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 the Government of Ireland website (<https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation-information/dfd02-data-protection/>) 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>1541, 1542, 3213, 3214, 3895, 3896 and 4054</b>
Company	<b>LRH Resources Ltd</b>
Activity	Mineral exploration involving desk studies, prospecting, mapping, geochemistry and drilling
Environmental Considerations	Desk studies, prospecting, mapping and geochemistry are temporary, non-intrusive activities, involving minimal disturbance and have a limited zone of influence. These activities are not likely to have a significant effect on the environment. In the event that proposed activity is at or in the vicinity of a Natura 2000 site the activity will be subject to a separate screening assessment. If diamond drilling is proposed, this activity will be subject to its own specific screening assessment
European Sites Determination	<p><b>River Nore SPA (Site Code 004233)</b></p> <p><b>Blackstairs Mountains SAC (Site Code 000770)</b></p> <p><b>River Barrow and River Nore SAC (Site Code 002162)</b></p> <p><b>Slaney River Valley SAC (Site Code 000781)</b></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>Blackstairs Mountain pNHA (Site Code 000770)</b></p> <p><b>Barrow River Estuary pNHA (Site Code 000698)</b></p> <p><b>Murphy's of the River pNHA (Site Code 000844)</b></p> <p><b>Brownstown Wood pNHA (Site Code 000827)</b></p> <p><b>Kylecorragh Wood pNHA (Site Code 000842)</b></p> <p><b>Bunclody Slate Quarries pNHA (Site Code 000750)</b></p>
Environmental Information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Exploration Drilling - Guidance on Discharge to Surface and Groundwater (2019)</a></li> <li><a href="#">Guidance for Good Environmental Practice in Mineral Exploration (2019)</a></li> <li><a href="#">Environmental Safeguards- The Irish Way (2006)</a></li> </ol>

available on <a href="#">DECC website</a>	4. <a href="#">Expert Environmental Guidance (2017)</a>
Authority	Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
Date	4 <sup>th</sup> October 2022