



## 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>1597, Co. Carlow</b>
Company	LRH Resources Limited
Activity	Trenching programme within an area of approximately 0.3km <sup>2</sup> in the northern portion of PLA 1597.
Environmental Considerations	The trenching area is located approximately 1.1km from the nearest Natura 2000 Site (River Barrow And River Nore SAC), approximately 30km from the nearest Natural Heritage Area (Coan Bogs) and approximately 1.6km from the nearest proposed Natural Heritage Area (Clohastia). The trenching is not likely to have a significant effect on the environment.
European Sites	<p><b>River Barrow And River Nore SAC (002162)</b> <b>Blackstairs Mountains SAC (000770)</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 a European Site on the basis that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•The activity is temporary</li> <li>•The trenching programme area, at its closest point, is approximately 1.1km from the nearest European Site.</li> </ul>
Environmental Information available on DECC 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 R4 – Drilling (2017)</a></li> </ol>
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