



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	3710, 3711, 2404, 2931, 2930, 2639, 2411,4551, 2432, 3565, 3800 and 3139 Counties Kilkenny, Carlow, Wicklow and Dublin
Company	Great Glen Resources
Activity	A stream sediment sampling programme in PLs 3710, 3711, 2404, 2931, 2930, 2639, 2411,4551, 2432, 3565, 3800 and 3139
Environmental Considerations	The stream sediment sampling will be occurring for 2-3 weeks between June and September 2024 (stream sediment sampling cannot be undertaken from October to June). The sampling will be taking place at least 100m from a European Site. The sampling is approximately 9.7km from the nearest Natural Heritage Area (Coan Bog) and at least 100m from a proposed Natural Heritage Area. The survey will involve a small number of personnel on foot, collecting stream sediment samples using a hand-held equipment. All sites will be rehabilitated upon completion by replacing displaced gravels. No heavy machinery or noise generating equipment will be utilised. The activity does not generate any discharges or produce any waste. Stream sediment sampling is not likely to have a significant effect on the environment.
European Sites	<p>Slaney River Valley SAC/pNHA (000781) River Barrow and River Nore SAC (002162) Glenasmole Valley SAC/pNHA (001209) Wicklow Mountains SAC (002122) Wicklow Mountains SPA (004040)</p> <p>A screening determination has been carried out for the project. Particular attention has been paid to the Sites listed above.</p> <p>It has been determined that the project does not have the potential for significant effects on a European Site / or pNHA on the basis that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The activity will be at least 100m from a European Site • The activity is temporary, localised in nature and involves minimal disturbance to the ground. • The activity will not generate any discharges or produce any waste.
Environmental Information available on DECC website	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Guidelines for Completion of Environmental Screening Forms for Mineral Exploration Activities 2. Guidance for Good Environmental Practice in Mineral Exploration (2019) 3. Environmental Safeguards- The Irish Way (2006) 4. Expert Environmental Guidance R4 – Drilling (2017)
Authority	Department of the Environment, Climate & Communications
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