

## Notice of Intention to Renew a 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 the Environment, Climate and Communications** intends to renew the prospecting licence for **Base Metals, Barytes, Gold, (Ores of.), Silver, (Ores of.)**, to **Conroy Gold (Longford Down) Limited, 3300 Lake Drive, Citywest Business Campus, Dublin, D24 TD21, Ireland** over the following Townlands in County Monaghan and County Cavan.

Townlands in Cremorne Barony:

Cordevlis South, Corraskea, Dromore, Drumgavny, Lisgorran, Lisnaveane, Monintin, Mullanagore.

Townlands in Dartree Barony:

Coolkill East, Corkeeran, Corravacan, Cortober, Cremoyle, Derrykinard, Dromore East, Drumrooghill, Dundrannan, Enagh, Lislynchahan, Lismagonway, Lisnaveane, Losset, Maghernaharny, Monneill, Rakean, Rakeeragh.

Townlands in Monaghan Barony:

Aghnaglogh, Bannaghbane, Bannaghroe, Corvoam, Crewmeige, Drumalt, Drumgreeny, Drumlinny, Garranroe, Loyst, Nart, Slieveroe, Stranoodan, Tirardan, Urcher.

Townlands in Tullygarvey Barony:

Aghatotan, Annaghlee, Cabragh, Carrickalwy, Claragh, Corballyquill, Corbeagh, Cordoagh Glebe Upper, Cordoagh Lower, Corick, Cornabaste, Cornabraher, Cornacarrow, Cornacarrow, Part of Cornagarrow, Corravoggy, Corravogy, Cortober, Corweelis, Cullin, Dernaskeagh, Dooarrick, Drumherriff South, Drumhirk, Drumleague, Drumloaghan, Drumman, Drummury, Drumnagran, Drumrane, Drumsheil, Drumsillagh, Errigal, Gortin, Killycreeny, Lislea, Long, Loortan, Magheranure, Munnilly, Nutfield, Rakenny, Raludan, Tonaghbane, Tullyvin

The maps and townland lists should be viewed on the Government of Ireland's website at <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/507ce-prospecting-licence-notices/>.

Where possible, they will be made available at Monaghan Garda Station 24/7, Rockcorry Garda Station and Cootehill Garda Station; Monaghan and Cavan County Councils; the Geological Survey Ireland, Booterstown Hall, Booterstown, Co Dublin, A94 N2R6 and the address below.

Submissions to the renewal 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/gsproSubmissions](http://www.gov.ie/gsproSubmissions). The Minister reserves the right to make details of the submissions available to the applicant in order to fully consider their validity.

**Please note:** A Prospecting Licence entitles the holder to explore for mineral deposits only and **does not authorise mining of any minerals**. The prospecting 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 the Minister's determination are available to view at: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/507ce-prospecting-licence-notices/>.

Geoscience Regulation Office

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## **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. They should be aware of their responsibilities; those 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 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 (Aarhus) 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 (PL).

PL Area 3066 and 4098 (Counties Cavan and Monaghan)

Company Conroy Gold (Longford Down) Ltd

Activity Mineral exploration including; prospecting, geological mapping, soil geochemistry, ground geophysical surveys, deep overburden sampling, stream sediment sampling and diamond drilling and/or trenching.

Environmental Considerations Prospecting, geological mapping, soil geochemistry and ground geophysical surveys are temporary field activities which involve minimal disturbance and have a limited zone of influence. Deep overburden sampling using a motorised auger has the potential to temporarily generate elevated noise. Any deep overburden sampling that is proposed to be undertaken within 1.5km of a designated environmental site will be the subject of additional environmental screening by GSRO. Stream sediment sampling is only permitted in the period start of July to end September. Any potential drilling or trenching will also be subject to further environmental screening assessments, once the locations for these activities are notified to GSRO.

In the event that the company plans to carry out any activity within or in close proximity to a proposed Natural Heritage Area (e.g. Dromore Lakes, Cootehill Church pNHAs), this will be the subject of additional environmental screening.

European Sites Lough Oughter and Associated Loughs SAC (Site Code 000007)

A screening determination has been carried out for the project. Particular attention has been paid to the European Site listed above.

It has been determined that the project does not have the potential for significant effects on a European Site on the basis that:

- Prospecting, geological mapping, soil geochemistry and ground geophysical surveys will be temporary, involve minimal disturbance and have a limited zone of influence.
- All exploration activities will take place at least 7 km from the nearest European Site.
- Any potential drilling or trenching will be subject to further environmental screening assessments, once precise locations of the activity are known.

Environmental Information available on DECC website. 1. Exploration Drilling Guidance on Discharge to Groundwater

2. Guidelines for Good Environmental Practice in Mineral Exploration

3. Environmental Safeguards- The Irish Way

4. Expert Environmental Guidance on Exploration Methodologies Parts 1 – 5.

## 5. Guidelines for Completion of Environmental Screening Forms for Mineral Exploration Activities

Authority Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications

Date of Notice