

## **Notice of Intention to Renew Prospecting Licences**

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 licences for Base Metals, Gold (ores of) and Silver (ores of) held by Gold Note Minerals Limited, c/o BTU Metals Corp, 1240-789 W Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 1H2, Canada over the following Townlands in County Galway:

**Townlands in Ross Barony:** Breenaun, Carrowgarriff, Claggan, Cornamona, Cur, Derreen, Dooghta, Dooros, Drumsnauv, Farnaght, Glenlusk, Griggins, Kilmeelickin, Lee, Maum West, Moneenmore, Munterowen East, Munterowen Middle, Raigh, Teernakill North, Teernakill South.

Maps showing the areas are available at Clifden and Maum Garda Stations; Galway County Council Offices, the Geological Survey of Ireland, Beggar's Bush, Dublin, D04 K7X4 and the address below.

Objections to the renewal of the licences 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.

**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>

Exploration and Mining Division  
Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment  
29-31 Adelaide Road  
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Email: [EMD.info@DCCAE.gov.ie](mailto:EMD.info@DCCAE.gov.ie)

Ref: MA 312/1

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019

## 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 and proposes to grant the following Prospecting Licences (PL).

<b>PL Areas</b>	<a href="#">1431, 2295 and 3145 (Co. Galway)</a>
<b>Company</b>	<b>Gold Note Minerals Ltd</b>
<b>Activity</b>	Geological mapping, prospecting, geochemical surveys and drilling.
<b>Environmental Considerations</b>	<p>Geological mapping, prospecting and geochemical surveys are temporary and involve minimal disturbance. These activities are not likely to have a significant effect on the environment. Any drilling proposed by the company will be subject to further environmental screening assessments to ensure that the activity will not have any significant adverse effects on the environment.</p> <p>Additional environmental screening will also be undertaken in the event that the company plans to carry out any activity within a Natural Heritage Area (e.g. Maumtrasna Mountain Complex, Maumturk Mountains and Lough Corrib pNHAs).</p>
<b>European Sites</b>	<p><b>Maumturk Mountains SPA (Site Code 002008)</b>  <b>Lough Corrib SAC (Site Code 000297)</b>  <b>Lough Corrib SPA (Site Code 004042)</b>  <b>Lough Mask SPA (Site Code 004062)</b>  <b>Lough Carra/Mask Complex SAC (Site Code 001774)</b></p> <p>A screening determination has been carried out for the project. Particular attention has been paid to the European Sites listed above. It has been determined that the project does not have the potential for significant effects on European Sites.</p>
<b>Environmental Information available on DCCAIE website.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">Exploration Drilling Guidance on Discharge to Groundwater</a></li> <li>2. <a href="#">Guidelines for Good Environmental Practice in Mineral Exploration</a></li> <li>3. <a href="#">Environmental Safeguards- The Irish Way</a></li> </ol>
<b>Authority</b>	Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment
<b>Date of Notice</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> July 2019