

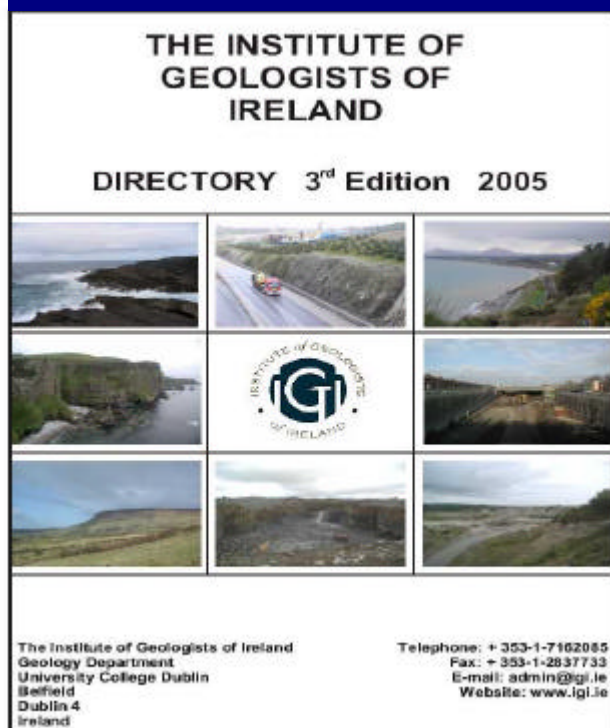


## NewsLetter

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#### 2005 IGI Directory Published



The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the IGI Directory (2005) has been published and distributed to members. The new A5 format Directory lists the names, contact details, professional qualifications and fields of expertise of 134 Professional members, 10 members-in-training and 1 associate member. The Directory will be distributed to a range of organisations that may wish to consult with professional geologists in the future. The IGI Board wish to thank the many organisations that helped offset the production costs by purchasing advertising space.

*EurGeol Dr Frank McDermott PGeo*

#### IGI Conference 2005 'Breaking Ground'

The 2005 IGI Conference will have the theme **'Breaking Ground'** and will take place in Dublin Castle on November 11<sup>th</sup> 2005. The focus will be on the role of geology in the successful delivery of major infrastructure projects. More details are given on page 3 of this newsletter.

#### Medical Geology course and workshop

Members are reminded that an **International Course & Workshop on Medical Geology "Geoscience & Health"** will be held at Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI), Dublin, on October 24<sup>th</sup>–26<sup>th</sup>, 2005. For details please visit:

<http://www.gsi.ie/activities/medicalgeology/GeoscienceHealthBr.pdf> or the GSI home page [www.gsi.ie](http://www.gsi.ie)

#### Mick Geoghegan leaves Irish National Seabed Survey

With a mixture of regret and expectation, GSI recently said adieu to Mick Geoghegan. Regret, because Mick had excelled in his role as Project Manager of the Irish National Seabed Survey (INSS), and GSI had hoped he would continue to lead their vision for the marine sector far into the future. Expectation, because Mick plans an exciting new career in the private sector, which we are sure will be both stimulating and successful.

Mick is a graduate in Geology and holds a Masters degree in Geophysics from the National University of Ireland, Galway. Following an early stint with Ray Keary (RIP) in the then fledgling Marine Section in GSI, he worked as a Consultant Geophysicist on various projects worldwide including oil and gas exploration, harbour development, hydrography and tele-communications cable routing. He brought this considerable experience and expertise back to Ireland in 2000 when he returned to GSI to manage the INSS, the largest marine survey of its type in the world and one that has received worldwide approval and admiration. Mick's role in its successful execution to date has been crucial. Mick concluded his second stint in GSI on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2005 and we wish him all the very best in his new venture, partnering Ciaran Lawless in a private marine survey company – IMAR Survey.

*Enda Gallagher, Geoff Wright, GSI.*

## **TOBIN Consulting Engineers continue expansion**

TOBIN Consulting Engineers continued rapid expansion has led to the relocation of its growing practice in Dublin. Founded in 1952, TOBIN with 140 staff, is a leading Irish owned practice of Consulting Engineers with offices in Galway, Castlebar, Dundalk, Limerick and Cork.

TOBIN opened a Dublin office in the summer of 2004. The office was located in Blanchardstown Corporate Park, West Dublin, in the premises of TOBIN's subsidiary, TES Consulting Engineers. As of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2005, TOBIN's Dublin Office has 22 personnel comprising Structural and Civil Engineers, Project Managers, Technicians and Administration staff. This rapid growth has led to the relocation of TOBIN and TES - whose combined strength comes to 40 staff in Dublin - to new offices in Unit 10-3 of Blanchardstown Corporate Park.

Commenting on the development, TOBIN Director Paul Miskella said; "The new Dublin office for TOBIN and TES complements the recent strong organic growth of the TOBIN Group which last year opened new Headquarters in Galway."

TOBIN/TES employs over 10 geoscientists in various disciplines (including 4 PGeO), and provides a unique hydrogeological, geotechnical capability for its clients in the extractive industry, waste management and infrastructural development sectors.



*Pictured in TOBIN's new Dublin offices are Paul Halpin (Director TOBIN), Paul Miskella (Director TOBIN) and Sean Finlay (Chairman TES).*

## **Boliden Tara Mines Limited Employment Opportunities**

### **Senior Exploration Geologist**

***Ref. 16/05***

### **Exploration Project Geologist**

***Ref 17/05***

Boliden Tara Mines Limited are currently recruiting for a Senior Exploration Geologist and an Exploration Project Geologist.

The Senior Exploration Geologist should have at least five years experience of carbonate-hosted base metal exploration in Ireland and ideally, exposure to VMS and Au exploration methodologies. The successful candidate will have a thorough understanding of modern geochemical and geophysical techniques and related computer software, preferably Mapinfo. Experience of orebody delineation/evaluation, structural interpretation and analysis would also be a distinct advantage.

The Exploration Project Geologist should be a graduate geologist with an interest in Irish carbonate-hosted base metal deposits and VMS systems. Previous experience in base metal exploration and mining would be advantageous, as would knowledge of relevant computer software.

These positions require enthusiastic team-members, prepared to undertake a variety of both mine site and field exploration work. They represent an outstanding opportunity to gain exploration experience in the carbonate-hosted terrains surrounding the world-class Navan orebody.

Applications, including up-to-date Curriculum Vitae, should be submitted in writing to:

Christy Blake, Employee Relations Superintendent  
E-mail [christy.blake@boliden.com](mailto:christy.blake@boliden.com)

For further information on these positions please feel free to contact John Ashton at [john.ashton@boliden.com](mailto:john.ashton@boliden.com)

Closing date for receipt of applications:

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2005**

# BREAKING GROUND

The role of Geology  
in the successful delivery  
of major infrastructure  
projects



## CONFERENCE

Dublin Castle  
11th November 2005

For further information please contact:  
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The objective of the conference is to explain how the geological profession is an essential contributor to understanding and overcoming challenging ground conditions that affect the construction of major onshore and offshore infrastructure projects. Presentations will address the importance of site investigation to ensure that construction design is not compromised. Speakers from abroad who have experience of major projects such as subsea tunnels, hazardous waste site selection and extraction of marine aggregates will outline the major geological considerations involved in these projects and their possible relevance to future Irish infrastructural development.

Sessions will cover the Extractive sector (quarrying), Energy sector (wind farms, oil & gas pipelines), Transport sector (motorways, tunnels) and Construction sector (docklands).

The audience will include construction and engineering company executives, senior policy makers, engineering consultants, environmental consultants, local authority engineers, government departments, NRA, utility companies and legal firms.

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