

Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment (DCEE)

Representation on the Intention to Grant or Renew a State Mining Lease/Licence

Notice: Application – Shanoon Resources Ltd

SML Number: State Mining licence numbers 13,14,15 & 16

Location: County Kilkenny and County Laois

Representation:

The Institute of Geologists of Ireland (IGI) welcomes the intention to grant the Galmoy Mining Licence as an opportunity to support responsible mineral development in Ireland and European raw material supply.

While zinc is not classified as an EU Critical Raw Material, it remains essential for infrastructure, renewable energy technologies, healthcare products and everyday applications. Significant zinc and lead resources position Ireland to contribute to European industrial resilience.

The IGI also recognises the efforts made to utilise Irish professional expertise, contractors and suppliers wherever possible. This supports specialist skills in Ireland's geoscience and mining sectors and contributes to the long-term sustainability of the domestic minerals industry.

Subject to all relevant regulatory, environmental and planning requirements, the proposed development represents a continuation of Ireland's long-standing tradition of responsible mineral resource development.

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