



Mineral Prospecting Licence Application Form

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Please note that this Application Form, and any associated documentation, with the exception of personal information as defined by Freedom of Information legislation, will be published in full on the Department's website as part of the Public Consultation process.

Further guidance can be sought directly from Minerals Branch by emailing minerals@economy-ni.gov.uk.

1. Details of Applicant Company

Company Name	Conroy Gold (Armagh) Limited
Registered Address	Elliot Trainor Partnership 3 Downshire Road Newry County Down Post Code: , BT34 1EE
Telephone	+35314796180
Email	mjones@conroygold.com amurrells@conroygold.com
Date of incorporation of Company	15 November 2021
Place of incorporation	Registered in Northern Ireland, Co Reg Nr. NI683804
Type of Business	Mineral Exploration and Development
Principal place of business (if different from above)	Shannon Airport House, Shannon Free Zone, Shannon, County Clare, Ireland Post Code: , V14 E370

2. Board of Directors

<p>Name Maureen T.A. Jones</p> <p>Nationality Irish</p> <p>Country of Residency Ireland</p>	<p>Name John C.A. Sherman</p> <p>Nationality American</p> <p>Country of Residency Unites States of America</p>
<p>Name Cathal Jones</p> <p>Nationality Irish</p> <p>Country of Residency Ireland</p>	<p>Name Brendan McMorrow</p> <p>Nationality Irish</p> <p>Country of Residency Ireland</p>
<p>Name Howard M. Bird</p> <p>Nationality Canadian</p> <p>Country of Residency Canada</p>	<p>Name Professor Garth Earls</p> <p>Nationality British</p> <p>Country of Residency Northern Ireland</p>
<p>Name Marian A. Moroney</p> <p>Nationality Australian</p> <p>Country of Residency Australia</p>	<p>Name</p> <p>Nationality</p> <p>Country of Residency</p>
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3. Applicant Company Financial Information

Class of capital	Ordinary Shares
Amount issued	10,000 ordinary shares of £0.01 each, 8,618 A Convertible Shares of £0.01 each, and 10,000 C Convertible shares of £0.01 each.
Amount authorised	The company has an uncapped amount of authorised share capital.
Details of all holdings more than 10%, or value, of any class of capital which has been issued by the body corporate	
Name(s) of holder	Conroy Gold and Natural Resources Plc
Class of holding	Ordinary Shares, "A" Convertible shares and "C" Convertible shares
Amount	Conroy Gold and Natural Resources Plc owns 100% of all categories of issued share capital in Conroy Gold (Armagh) Limited *
Nationality of holder	Irish

* Conroy Gold and Natural Resources plc ("CGNR") currently owns 100% of the shares in Conroy Gold (Armagh) Limited (together the "Group") and currently funds all of the Group's exploration in the area through funds secured on the stock market. CGNR is listed on the Alternative Investment Market of the London Stock Exchange. In the past exploration has also been funded via Joint Venture partnership within the group and including in Conroy Gold (Armagh) Limited and new strategic investment partners may be introduced to the project if necessary. There are 55,104,176 ordinary shares in issue in Conroy Gold and Natural Resources Plc. Beneficial owners, holding more than 5% of Conroy Gold and Natural Resources Plc are Philip Hannigan (18.25%), Professor Richard Conroy and his beneficiaries (7.71%) and Patrick O'Sullivan (5.44%).

4. Previous Mineral Prospecting experience

Please provide the previous experience of company staff who will undertake the exploration activities associated with this licence.

Directors and Management have many years' experience and involvement in mineral prospecting and development, including the discovery of the Galmoy zinc orebodies on County Kilkenny in Ireland, subsequently developed as a major zinc mine and the discovery of the POGO gold deposit in Alaska which is now in production as a world class gold mine and the discovery and development of other base metal and gold deposits worldwide

5. Area under application

Approximate size (sq km) 228

This section should be used to provide a brief geographical description of the area being applied for. The specific area will be outlined in required maps (please see part 12 and the Guidance Notes).

The application area located in county Armagh and is centred on the town of Keady

6. Minerals to be Explored for

Please provide a list of the minerals that the applicant expects to explore for in the area and the rationale behind the expectation. Applicants should note that this section should only cover minerals under the remit of the Department and therefore excludes precious metals (gold and silver).

Base Metals:

The company has identified a significant zinc-in-soil anomaly through its systematic exploration programme.

The area is historically known as the Armagh – Monaghan mining district and contains a substantial number of base metal workings.

7. Exploration for Precious Metals

Precious Metals (gold and silver) do not fall under the remit of the Mineral Development Act (NI) 1969 and therefore are not covered under the Department's Mineral Prospecting Licences. If the applicant is exploring for, or intends to explore for precious metals within the application area, they must hold a Mines Royal Option from the Crown Estate Commissioners. Please indicate below whether a Mines Royal Option is in place or is to be applied for from the Crown Estate Commissioners. The Department may seek further information related to any existing Mines Royal Option or any future application for a Mines Royal Option. If a Mines Royal Option is granted post the award of this Licence the company is required to notify the Department immediately.

Is there an intention to explore for precious metals?	Is a Mines Royal Option in place?	Is or will a Mines Royal Option applied for?
Yes	Yes	

8. Scheme of Prospecting

This section should be used to outline the prospecting activity the applicant intends to undertake in Years 1 and 2 of the licence period. As outlined in the guidance, further Schemes of Prospecting (Work Programmes) will be provided Year 2 and 4 as appropriate.

8.1 Scheme of Prospecting - Year 1

Please complete the table below setting out the exploration activities you intend to carry out – if not applicable to the proposed work programme please state n/a.

Activity	Exploration Activity	From/To	Estimated Expenditure £s
1	Carry out data compilation and review of existing available datasets		
2	Compilation and maintenance of GIS database of existing and newly acquired data relevant to the licence.	Q3-Q4	10,000
3	Field prospecting and mapping with associated sample preparation, assay analysis and interpretation		
4	Stream sediment sampling with associated sample preparation, assay analysis and interpretation		
5	Shallow soil sampling with associated sample preparation, assay analysis and interpretation	Q1-Q2	15,000
6	Deep overburden sampling with associated sample preparation analysis and interpretation		
7	Ground based geophysical prospecting (e.g. magnetic, electromagnetic, gravity, shallow seismic, IP) plus results and interpretation		
8	Airborne geophysical prospecting (e.g. magnetics, electromagnetics, gravity) plus results and interpretation		
9	Shallow trenching carried out under Permitted Development with associated notification to relevant council authority		
10	Shallow exploration drilling to be carried out under Permitted Development with associated notification to relevant council authority		
11	Bulk sampling, metallurgical testing and trial mining		
12	Resource assessment		
13	Engineering studies		
14	Economic assessment and feasibility studies		
15	Environmental audits and assessments		
16	Ongoing development and adaptation of ESG strategy for the licence area		
17	Commissioned Reports		
18	<i>Other Activities (please define)</i>		
19	<i>Other Activities (please define)</i>		
20	<i>Other Activities (please define)</i>		

Please insert additional rows if required

Any additional detail, including specific locations of where the exploration activity is expected to take place, should be provided in the text box below.

Activity No.	Details (including location if known)
2	<p>The Company's exploration to date has identified a significant target in the Mountain Lodge area, where the trends of the mineralisation recorded from the historic Aughnagurgan and Tullynowood lead mines appears to converge into a distinctive zinc-in -soil anomaly of c70Ha.</p> <p>The results from the first drill holes into the Mountain Lodge target are encouraging as they demonstrate that wide, 30 metre zones of Zinc mineralisation are present.</p> <p>The Company proposed to undertake further studies on the drill core from this area, including analysis by portable XRF and magnetic susceptibility measurements.</p>
5	<p>The company proposes to undertake a soil sampling programme in the Derrynoose region based on elevated Stibnite-in-soil values identified in both the TELLUS geochemical data and in regional soil sampling previously by the Company.</p> <p>The licence area contains a series of historic mines, further investigation of these mines, through geochemical sampling may be undertaken by the Company.</p>

Please insert additional rows as required

8.2 Scheme of Prospecting - Year 2

Please complete the table below setting out the exploration activities you intend to carry out – if not applicable to the proposed work programme please state n/a.

Activity	Exploration Activity	From/To	Estimated Expenditure £s
1	Carry out data compilation and review of existing available datasets		
2	Compilation and maintenance of GIS database of existing and newly acquired data relevant to the licence.		
3	Field prospecting and mapping with associated sample preparation, assay analysis and interpretation		
4	Stream sediment sampling with associated sample preparation, assay analysis and interpretation		
5	Shallow soil sampling with associated sample preparation, assay analysis and interpretation		
6	Deep overburden sampling with associated sample preparation analysis and interpretation		
7	Ground based geophysical prospecting (e.g. magnetic, electromagnetic, gravity, shallow seismic, IP) plus results and		

	interpretation		
8	Airborne geophysical prospecting (e.g. magnetics, electromagnetics, gravity) plus results and interpretation		
9	Shallow trenching carried out under Permitted Development with associated notification to relevant council authority		
10	Shallow exploration drilling to be carried out under Permitted Development with associated notification to relevant council authority	Q2-Q3	25,000
11	Bulk sampling, metallurgical testing and trial mining		
12	Resource assessment		
13	Engineering studies		
14	Economic assessment and feasibility studies		
15	Environmental audits and assessments		
16	Ongoing development and adaptation of ESG strategy for the licence area		
17	Commissioned Reports		
18	<i>Other Activities (please define)</i>		
19	<i>Other Activities (please define)</i>		
20	<i>Other Activities (please define)</i>		

Please insert additional rows if required

Any additional detail, including specific locations of where the exploration activity is expected to take place, should be provided in the table below.

Activity No.	Details (including location if known)
10.	<p>The mountain lodge area is a primary target for the Company's exploration. Positive results from the year 1 programme will be followed up with additional drilling and drill core studies.</p> <p>Consideration will also be given to any targets identified that are associated with the historic mines in the area.</p>

Please insert additional rows as required

NOTES

The Department will consider the activities outlined above and if necessary, enter into discussions with the applicant to reach agreement on the content of the Scheme of Prospecting before the Mineral Prospecting Licence is awarded. If awarded, any proposed change to the agreed Scheme of Prospecting must be provided in writing to the Department outlining the change required with a full and detailed rationale of the changes for consideration.

The information contained in any Scheme of Prospecting will form the basis of the Annual Report required from the Licensee for each relevant period.

9. Expenditure for proposed Scheme of Prospecting

Total *minimum* amount which the company intends to spend in carrying out prospecting activities (this should be equal to the cost of the activities listed in the Scheme of Prospecting above:

Year 1 of programme £ 25,000

Year 2 of programme £ 25,000

Are sufficient funds available *now* to fund the proposed Scheme of Prospecting for Years 1 and 2?

Yes

If 'Yes' and the audited accounts do not show the funds to be available, please provide details of the source.

If 'No' please provide details of the intended source, and when financial arrangements will be completed.

10. Technical experts who will be involved in prospecting

Please provide the names and the qualifications and experience of the technical staff who will be involved in carrying out the activities listed in the Scheme of Prospecting.

Name	Qualifications and Experience
Kevin McNulty	Kevin has over 25 years' international experience, primarily in the gold and diamond industry. He was involved with Pioneer's (now AngloGold Ashanti's) Teberebie gold mine in Ghana, and with other gold and diamond

	<p>exploration projects in Ghana (including Sefwi and Nangodi). He also worked in Niger and Burkina Faso and South America prior to joining the now Karelian Diamond Resources and Conroy Gold and Natural resources in 2005. With Karelian Diamond Resources and Conroy Gold and Natural Resources he has led a team to the discovery of kimberlites in Finland and the establishment of a JORC resource of over 0.5million ounces gold in Ireland. He is a past resident of the Irish Association of Economic Geologists and a Fellow if the Society of Economic Geologists.</p>
<p>Andrew Murrells</p>	<p>Andrew Murrells has over 15 years of international mineral experience, working in Liberia and Cameroon on gold, iron and uranium exploration projects before joining Conroy Gold in 2011. He was part of the team involved in discovering the billion tonne iron deposit at Nkout in Cameroon. He is a past resident of the Irish Association of Economic Geologists, a member of the European Federation of Geologists and a professional geologist of the Institute of Geologists of Ireland.</p>
<p>Paul Dinkin</p>	<p>Paul Dinkin has over 15 years of international mineral experience, including project development in Africa, South America and the Middle East.</p> <p>He was part of the team that discovered the Hinda phosphate deposit in the Republic of Congo which is believed to be one of the world's largest undeveloped sedimentary-hosted phosphate reserves.</p>
<p>Marian Moroney</p>	<p>Marian is a recognised and accomplished leader in the exploration and mining industry with over 30 years' experience in exploration, mining, strategic planning, governance, identifying new business opportunities, joint venture management and oversight, and mergers and acquisitions.</p> <p>Marian spent over 20 years with Barrick Gold Corporation in senior roles and was named as one of Barrick's inaugural partners in 2015, followed by her being voted as one of 100 Global Inspirational Women in mining in 2016. Her time</p>

	<p>with Barrick included 5 years as Vice President – New Exploration Opportunities where she had specific responsibility for identifying, reviewing and securing new operating districts for Barrick through multiple and innovative earn-in agreements.</p> <p>Marian led and coordinated a large multidisciplinary team to progress the Alturas gold deposit through the various exploration stages to establish a resource base of more than 9Moz of gold and delivered a comprehensive scoping study document envisaging potential development and production scenarios.</p>
Howard Bird	<p>Howard Bird is an internationally experienced Professional Geoscientist (diamonds, gold, platinum and base metals) and has over 30 years' diverse junior and senior mining company exploration, development and mining experience, including over 15 years at senior executive management level.</p> <p>Mr. Bird was the Senior Vice President of Exploration and Geology at TSX listed Brigus Gold Corp. where he led the exploration team in the discovery of three new gold deposits at the Grey Fox Project. He was also part of the corporate development team adding the acquisitions of the Black Fox producing mine, near Timmins, Ontario and the Box mine deposit in northern Saskatchewan</p>
Professor Garth Earls	<p>Garth Earls is Consulting Economic Geologist and Professor in the Department of Geology, University College Cork. He has been a Board Member and Managing Director of both AIM and TSX listed companies and has worked globally on a wide range of gold and base metal projects. In the 1980s he was part of the team that discovered the Curraghinalt gold deposit in Co. Tyrone. He is a former Director of the Geological Survey of Northern Ireland and former Chairman of the Geosciences Committee of the Royal Irish Academy.</p>

11. Additional information

Please provide any additional information that you as an applicant believe is pertinent to your application.

The precise timing for the exploration programme will be dependent on ground conditions, work programmes will be submitted to the Department for the Economy prior to commencing any field work.

12. Declaration

I declare that to the best of my knowledge the information given in this application is correct.

Signed Maureen Jones Date 9th December 2024

Name in capitals: MAUREEN JONES E-mail: mjones@comawgold.com

Remember to enclose (please tick)

- Two Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland outline maps showing the area under application¹
- Cheque for £450 (made payable to: The Department for the Economy)²
- Audited accounts for the last three years (and accounts from the parent Company if the application is from a subsidiary Company)

Please return your completed form to:

Department for the Economy
Minerals and Petroleum Branch
Adelaide House
39-49 Adelaide Street
Belfast
BT2 8FD
minerals@economy-ni.gov.uk

¹ The Department is content to accept electronic versions of Ordnance Survey Maps or GIS based shapefiles

² The Department is content to accept electronic funds transfer, please contact Branch for details