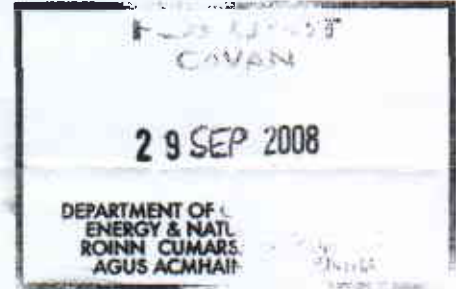


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Freedom of Information Unit  
Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources  
29-31 Adelaide Road  
Dublin 2

September 24, 2008



Dear sir/madam,

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request copies of any records relating to the decision to reject Mayo Gold Ltd's application for 11 prospecting licences in Co Mayo.

I enclose a cheque for €15.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks.

Paul Farrell



Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources  
Roinn Cumarsáide, Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádurtha

29<sup>th</sup> September, 2008

Mr Paul Farrell  
The Phoenix  
44 Lower Baggot Street,  
Dublin 2.

FOI Request Reference: FOI/2008/51

Dear Mr. Farrell,

I refer to your FOI request under Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003, received in this office on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 requesting records relating to Mayo Gold Ltd.. The application was received along with the associated fee.

The officer handling your request will be Mr. Dermot Donegan, Energy Mining Division, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Beggars Bush, Dublin 4. He can be contacted at 01 6782663

You can expect to receive your decision by the 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2008.

If you have not received a decision by that time, you are automatically entitled to appeal to the Department for a review of the matter. This review proceeds on the legal basis that the initial request is considered to be refused once the specified time for responding to it has expired. A request for a review should be addressed to the undersigned at the address shown.

Please note the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources has a policy of posting a summary of non-personal requests and decisions on the Departments website for reference purposes.

Yours sincerely,

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Mary Rabbitte  
FOI Unit  
Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources  
Elm House,  
Earlsvale Rd  
Cavan

Phone: 01 6782903

13/11/2008

Mr Paul Farrell  
The Phoenix  
44 Lower Baggot Street,  
Dublin2,  
Dublin,  
Ireland

FOI Request Reference: FOI/2008/51

Dear Mr Farrell,

I refer to the request you have made under the Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003, concerning Requesting records relating to Mayo Gold Ltd..

I have made a final decision to your request and I attach all relevant information with this letter. If you have any queries regarding this correspondence you can contact me by telephone at the number below. A schedule of the records covered by your request is also attached.

You will note that pages 179 – 182 are not included as these records are exempt under section 46 of the Freedom of Information Act 1997 as Amended by Section 29 (db) of the 2003 Act which states, "*a record given by a public body to a member of the Government or a Minister of State for use by him or her for the purposes of any proceedings in either House of the Oireachtas or any committee of either or both of such Houses or any subcommittee of such a committee (including such proceedings in relation to questions put by members of either such House to members of the Government or Ministers of State (whether answered orally or in writing)*". Also records numbered 204 -214 are excluded under Section 22 1 (a) which states that such records would be exempt from production in proceedings in a court on the ground of legal professional privilege.

I wish to advise you that, if for any reason you are not satisfied with the outcome of your request, you are entitled to seek a review by appealing the decision. To appeal, you need to write to the FOI Unit, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Rd, Cavan, Co Cavan. You must make your appeal within 4 weeks of the date of this letter, but the making of a late appeal may be permitted in certain circumstances. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this Department.

Please note that an application fee for an appeal is currently €75.00 and a reduced fee of €25.00 applies if you are covered by a Medical Card.

If claiming a reduced application fee, the request must also be accompanied by

- The Medical Card registration number
- The name of the issuing Health Board
- Your consent to the verification of these details with that Health Board.

Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money postal order, or personal cheque made payable to "Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources".

On receipt of the fee, you will be advised of when you can expect a decision on your appeal, and the contact details of the person handling the appeal.

Yours sincerely,



Dermot Donegan Exploration and Mining Division  
Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources  
Beggars Bush  
Dublin 4 Phone: 016782663

FOI Request Reference: RequestID: 376

Schedule of Records: Summary of Decision Making

Requesting records relating to Mayo Gold Ltd.

Record No.	Brief Description & Date of Record	File Ref.	No. of Pages	Relevant facts	Findings/ conclusions (Public Interest Considerations, (If applicable))	Grant/refuse/ part-grant	Basis of Refusal: Section of Act	Record edited/Identify deletions
1-8	Application Form 29/9/06	268/1	8			grant		
9	Company objectives	268/1	1			grant		
10	Covering letter 28/9/06	268/1	1			grant		
11-18	Revised Application Form 1/11/06	268/1	8			grant		
19-21	Company Briefing Note 2/8/07	268/1	3			grant		
22-24	Email on situation 20/7/07	268/1	3			grant		
25	Internal Email 14/9/07	268/1	1			grant		
26-27	Internal Email 24/9/07	268/1	2			grant		
28	Email 8/10/07	268/1	1			grant		
29	News item 17/10/07	268/1	1			grant		
30-33	Meeting request 24/10/07	268/1	4			grant		
34	News item 25/10/07	268/1	1			grant		
35-36	Letter of offer 26/10/07	268/1	2			grant		
37-40	Acceptance of offer 1/11/07	268/1	4			grant		

41-43	Public notice	268/1	3				grant	
44	Internal e-mail;	268/1	1				grant	
45	e-mail	268/1	1				grant	
46	e-mail response to enquiry 2/1/07	268/1	1				grant	
47	Reply to pq	268/1	1				grant	
48	Internal e-mail 9/1/07	268/1	1				grant	
49-50	Emails re meeting	268/1	2				grant	
51- 142	Submissions received	268/1	91				grant	
143-144	Re-advertisement	268/1	2				grant	
145-148	Reply to objections	268/1	4				Grant	
149-169	Submission to minister	268/1	20				Grant	
170-171	Briefing note	268/1	2				Grant	
172-178	Correspondence re meeting	268/1	6				grant	
179-182	Briefing for p q	268/1	4				exempt	Section 46
183-186	Note to minister	268/1	4				grant	
187-197	representations	268/1	3				grant	
198-203	Meeting request	268/1	6				Grant c	
204-214	Legal advice	268/1	10				refuse	Section 22
215-217	Ministers note of refusal	268/1	3				grant	
218	Letter of refusal	268/1	1				Grant	
219-222	Technical recommendation	268/1	4				Grant	
223-224	Internal memos	268/1	2				grant	



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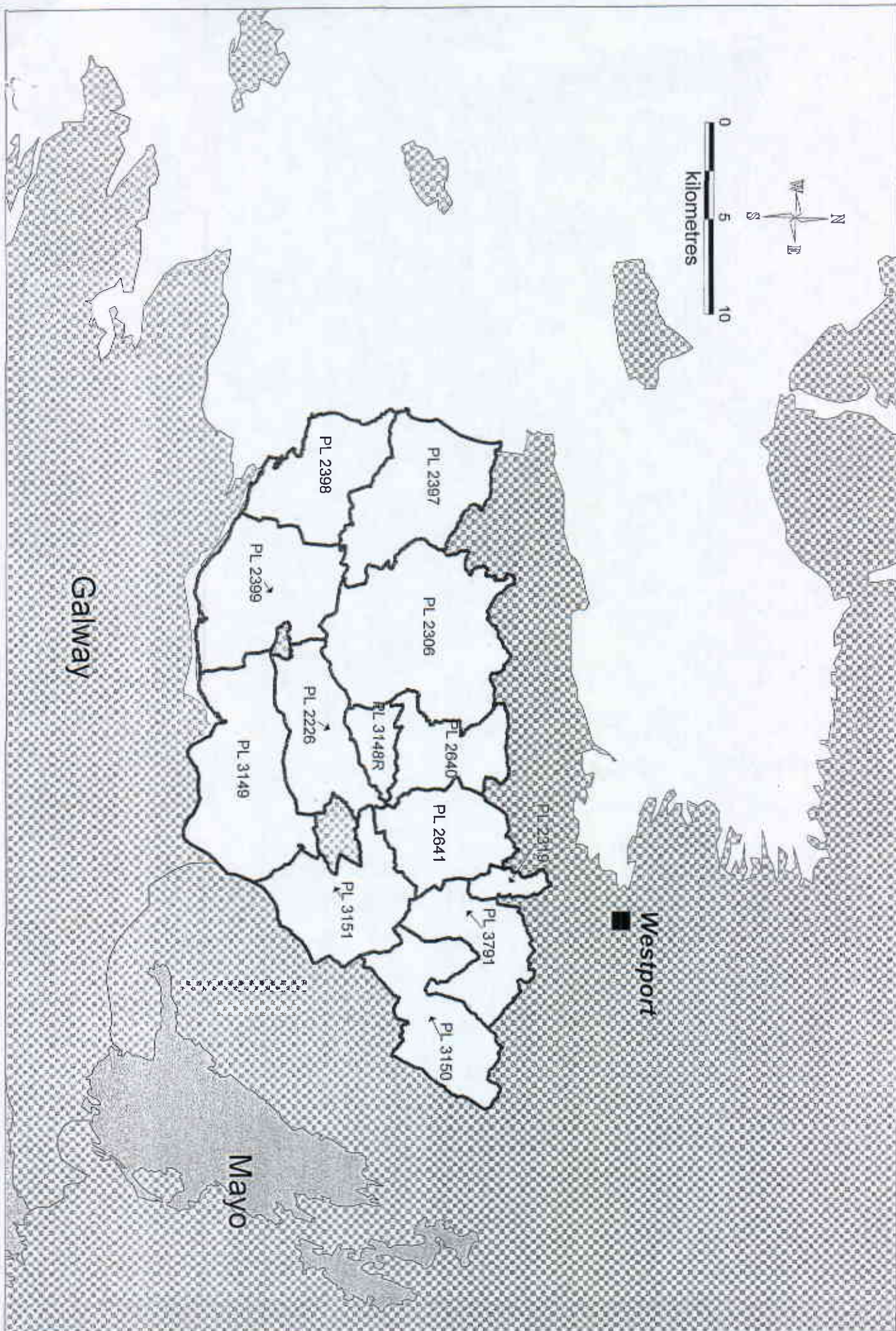
  
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(b) Ernest Hollaway – Dolmens Security, Limerick – 086 2490944

(c) Dr. Kerr Anderson PGeo – Managing Director Ormonde Mining plc – 046 907 3623

I/We hereby declare that all the foregoing particulars are correct. I/We enclose herewith the Ordnance Sheets referred to under (6) and a remittance of €190.00 per Prospecting Licence being the prescribed fee on application.

Signature(s) of Applicant(s)

*M.P. Holders*

Date

*29<sup>th</sup> September 2006.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL  
Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources,  
Exploration and Mining Division,  
Beggars Bush,  
Haddington Road,  
Dublin 4.

**Note:** Acceptance of applications for prospecting licences for consideration will not create any obligation on the part of the Minister to grant any facilities.