



**Falkland Islands Government – Department of Mineral Resources**

**Application For Prospecting/Exploration Licence for minerals (excluding “common minerals”<sup>1</sup>)**

1. Name of Applicant

If the applicant is an individual then give your full name, if a limited company then give the full company name and registration number and names and percentage interests of all significant controlling interests, if a partnership then give the full names of all members of the partnership.

2. Address

If the applicant is an individual then give your home address or the address of your place of business, if a limited company then give the address of the registered office of the company, if a partnership then give the addresses of all the partners or the address of the partnership place of business.

3. Contact Details

Telephone Number: Email address: Postal Address:
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Please give all relevant contact details which must include, names, telephone number(s) and email address(es) and any alternative business addresses.

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<sup>1</sup> Common minerals are defined as stone, flint, chalk, gravel sand and calcified seaweed.

#### 4. Details of Local Agent

Name:  
Address:  
Telephone Number:  
Email address:  
Postal Address:

Under the model conditions if you are granted a licence you must appoint a local agent based in the Falkland Islands. Please give the name, address and contact details for the proposed local agent, who will normally be the first point of contact on any issues relating to the licenced activities.

#### 5. Type of Licence & Term (if a prospecting licence)

Prospecting licence/Exploration licence  
(Please delete as appropriate)  
Term requested for Prospecting Licence

You must specify whether the application is for a prospecting licence or an exploration licence.

A prospecting licence permits a person to carry out activities to identify land likely to contain the mineral(s) they are looking for. Under a prospecting licence a person may carry out aerial, geological, geochemical and geophysical surveys and may take samples by hand or by hand held methods.

An exploration licence permits a person to do the activities permitted by a prospecting licence and in addition may carry out activities that enable identification of mineral deposits and evaluate the feasibility of mining those deposits. It allows drilling, dredging or excavations that are reasonably necessary to determine the nature and size of a mineral deposit.

A prospecting licence can be granted for a period of up to 4 years.

An exploration licence is granted for a period of 5 years and may be extended in accordance with the provisions of the Mining Ordinance.

#### 6. The Mineral(s) for which a licence is being applied for

The application must list the minerals that the Applicant wishes to prospect or explore for. This should not be a 'catch-all' description but based on the Applicant's intended mineral targets and an assessment of existing geological data. The Licence, if granted, will specify the minerals to which the licence applies.

If during the course of prospecting or exploring for the minerals specified in the licence, other minerals are found which the applicant then wishes to prospect or explore for further, then the applicant must either apply for a variation to the licence or apply for a new licence which covers those minerals.

Minerals applied for should not be "common minerals" which are defined as stone, flint, chalk, gravel or calcified seaweed. If you are seeking a licence in relation to exploration for, or extraction of, common minerals please contact the Department of Mineral Resources for further information and advice.

#### 7. Licence Blocks applied for

Applicants should refer to the map attached to the regulations and use the block numbering system to identify the land in respect of which the licence application is made. E.g. Quadrant 36 Block 13 (36/13)

Please note that a licence will not normally be granted in respect of land which comprises of part of Stanley Common, land held by the government as open space, land which is under crop or used as a lambing paddock, land within the boundaries of Stanley or any other settlement, or land within 30 metres of a building, cemetery, burial ground, waterworks, dam, stockyard, garden, orchard, plant nursery, tree plantation, shelter belt, airstrip, or aerodrome. Applications in respect of land that comprises of a water catchment area for settlements and farms will require careful consideration to ensure that the proposed activity does not adversely affect water supplies.

In addition a licence will not normally be granted over land that is environmentally sensitive or protected. National Nature Reserves as declared under the (CWNO/relevant legislation) are the only statutory protected areas, but we recognise that there are sensitive sites, habitats and species in the Falkland Islands that may not be protected by law, and would expect this to be identified during the EIA process (screening, scoping and assessment).

DMR can provide guidance to Applicants in relation to the areas of land for which a licence is being applied for.

#### 8. Proposed work programme

Please attach to this application form the proposed work programme for the licence period.

The Applicant should set out the proposed prospecting or exploration work programme for the term of the licence. This should include a description of the proposed activities, the location(s) of the proposed activities, the timetable/project plan for activities, equipment and personnel to be employed, estimated values of work to the Falkland Islands economy, and intended quantity of samples to be produced and analysed/assessed

Under the Model Licence conditions the work programme must be agreed with DMR before activities under the licence commence, but may be varied as work proceeds in agreement with DMR.

## 9. Environmental Assessment

Please attach to this application Form an assessment of the environmental impacts the proposed work programme will have, together with the steps proposed to be taken to avoid, minimise, remediate and/or offset those impacts.

An assessment of the environmental impacts must be undertaken, in the first instance through a screening and scoping exercise which will determine whether any likely significant effects are anticipated, and whether a full environmental impact assessment is required for the activity.

In the preliminary stages of prospecting and exploration, the environmental impact may be low dependent on the proposed work programme and the techniques utilised. The emphasis is placed on having a staged and proportionate approach, as prospecting and exploration will have less impact than any extractive stage. Hence the early stages focus on scoping work to identify what options have the potential to give rise to significant wider environmental impacts. Impacts to be considered are listed in 'Appendix B Guidance on Model Conditions'.

The environmental assessment should be accompanied by an environmental monitoring and mitigation plan which will set out how impacts will be managed, as well as clearly laying out how sites will be remediated or restored at the end of activities if required.

## 10. Experience and Competence

Please attach to this Application Form details of the Applicant's experience and competence in carrying out the work set out in the proposed work programme.

Applicants should set out details of their experience, technical competence and qualifications to demonstrate that they are competent to carry out the proposed work programme safely, professionally and in accordance with good practice and industry standards. Applicants should also include details of the identity, qualifications and experience of the key personnel who will be managing and carrying out the work programme.

## 11. Financial Standing

Please attach to this Application Form details of the Applicant's financial standing and availability of funds to complete the proposed work programme in accordance with the Licence conditions.

Applicants should provide sufficient information to show that they have the financial capacity to deliver the proposed work programme in accordance with the licence conditions. This could include, bank statements, statement of accounts, previous years' financial information and/or information about sources of funding. Following an assessment of financial standing by DMR the Applicant may be required to provide a form of financial security to DMR if it appears to DMR that there is a real risk that the Applicant may not in all circumstances be able to meet its financial responsibilities under the licence.

## 12. Insurance

Please attach to this Application Form details of the insurances the Applicant has in place that cover public liability and employer's liability in respect of the work programme and activities proposed.

Applicants as a minimum must have adequate public liability and employer's liability insurance in place with sufficient cover for the activities that they intend to carry out. DMR may require additional cover/insurance if it is considered that the insurance arrangements that the Applicant has are insufficient to meet potential liabilities which may arise as a result of the applicant's negligence or failure to comply with the licence conditions.