



## Stage I: Apply for a Metallic Minerals' Exploration License (AME)

(Eligible only to natural or legal persons of EU Member States)

### Step I-1. File an application to the concerned Administrative Region (Perifereia) accompanied by:

- A topographic map of the site of interest signed by the competent person. The coordinates shall be defined according to the *Greek Geodetic Reference System 1987 - GGRS87/ ΕΓΣΑ87 (EGSA87)*. The site of interest shall not exceed an area of 10km<sup>2</sup>.
- A [Duplicate Receipt of the Treasury](#) of €3.000 value (according to Art.23 of the Mining Code).
- A Certificate of Nationality if the applicant is a natural person or an extract of the company's Statute if the applicant is a legal person.

*Note: The application is submitted electronically if the service is available. Otherwise, it is submitted by a Bailiff. Legal transaction inter vivos of the right stemming from the application is not possible.*

### Step I-2. Issuance of Declaratory Act

The Head of the concerned Administrative Region issues a [Declaratory Act](#), within a time limit of two (2) months from the submission date (step I-1) declaring completion of the inspection of all submitted documents and inviting the applicant to submit additional documents.

### Step I-3. Submission of additional documents

The Head of the concerned Administrative Region invites the applicant to specify, within the boundaries of the requested area, the type and location of the envisaged interventions. Additional documents must be provided at this point, depending on the type of intervention foreseen.

- **No intervention:** Submission of a written declaration authorized by the competent scientist. In this case no further administrative permit or act shall be required.
- **Limited intervention:** Submission of a declaration of subjection to [Standard Environmental Commitments \(SEC\)](#) ([MD46294/2013, Annex A](#)) and approved Standardized Technical Study ([L.4512/2018, Annex 2](#)) when exploration work involves small scale excavations (5m<sup>3</sup>/ha) and a generally limited ground intervention (e.g., seismic profiling methods using explosives).
- **Extensive intervention:** Submission of Environmental Terms Approval Decision (AEPO) and approved Standardized Technical Study (approval fee €300), in accordance with [L.4512/2018, Annex 2](#), when exploration work entails drilling and/or any other type of extended intervention in the area (i.e., opening of exploration galleries).

### Step I-4. Issuance of the AME decision

The Head of the concerned Administrative Region issues the Metallic Minerals' Exploration License (AME), within a timeframe of sixty (60) days provided the submitted documents are complete (according to [JMD171312/2018](#)). The decision of the AME is published in the Government Gazette (GG). By virtue of the issued AME, the right to carry out mineral exploration in the requested area (as it may have been confined) and the approval of the submitted exploration programme are granted and authorized concurrently. AME is valid for 3 years (Art.34, paragraph 2 of the Mining Code, as amended).

### Step I-5. Notify the competent authority if additional actions are needed

If the results of the exploration work indicate the need to perform further surveys on another location within the licensed area, the AME holder shall notify the Administrative Region according to [Annex II of MD171312/2018](#), within the validity period of the AME, and submit the supporting documents mentioned in step I-3, prior to the commencement of any new exploration work. The notification is done via a Monitoring Information System (M.I.S.). If the latter has not been set up yet, the notification takes place via [www.notifybusiness.gov.gr](http://www.notifybusiness.gov.gr).