

## **New Minerals Programme and Regulations for Minerals and Coal comes into force**

**2 February 2008 - The Associate Minister of Energy, Hon Harry Duynhoven, announced that the Minerals Programme for Minerals (Excluding Petroleum) 2008 and the Crown Minerals (Minerals and Coal) Regulations 2007 both came into force from 1 February 2008.**

These two important statutory instruments provide both the Crown and industry with up-to-date and robust regulatory policy and practices that should enhance New Zealand's reputation as an attractive exploration destination for investment.

The new minerals programme provides an allocation regime which promotes the responsible discovery and development of New Zealand's Crown-owned mineral and coal resources. It builds upon the knowledge and experience gained since the existing minerals programmes were issued in 1996 and provides increased certainty and transparency in administering the Crown Minerals Act 1991.

The new minerals programme is supported by the Crown Minerals (Minerals and Coal) Regulations 2007 which have been amended to improve the administrative and data collection requirements of the minerals permitting regime.

Mr Duynhoven welcomed the regulatory changes which are designed to provide increased certainty and to minimise the regulatory impact on industry.

A link to the Minerals Programme for Minerals (Excluding Petroleum) 2008 is provided below. To view or print this document online you will require PDF viewing software: [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#). Hard copies of the 2008 programme will be available shortly by calling the Crown Minerals free phone 0508 CMESTATE (0508 263 782) or by emailing [crown.minerals@med.govt.nz](mailto:crown.minerals@med.govt.nz).

Links to the Crown Minerals (Minerals and Coal) Regulations (2007) and the Minerals Programme for Minerals (2008) are available below:

[View Minerals Programme for Minerals \(Excluding Petroleum\) 2008 \[2.4 MB PDF\]](#)

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