Pyrite Resolution Bill

Further to our mailshots in April 2013 and November 2013, the Minister for the Environment has now announced that the Pyrite Resolution Bill is to be published, and that it will be enacted before the end of 2013. This will enable the Pyrite Resolution Board to start taking applications straight away and for remediation works to commence on affected properties as soon as possible in 2014.

In October, the Minister had announced an initial investment of €10m in the scheme, with further funding from the Government’s Capital Stimulus Programme to be allocated in the next two years. It is estimated that there are approximately 1000 dwellings in immediate need of remediation work as a result of pyritic heave.

It had been intended that the Scheme would be funded by levies on the quarrying and insurance sectors. However, the Minister announced in his statement in October that this proposal had been shelved on the advice of the Attorney General. It is possible that this proposal will be revisited in the future (although that appears unlikely).

This is good news for individuals who own dwellings affected by pyritic heave, who should see an early resolution to the difficulties that they have encountered.

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