



ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

17 December 2010

PLACEMENT TO SOPHISTICATED INVESTORS COMPLETED

Argent Minerals Limited (“**Argent**” or “**Company**”) is pleased to announce the completion of the capital raising, as previously advised to the ASX on 9 December 2010, by the issue of 13,290,000 shares at \$0.16c to Sophisticated Investors, raising approximately \$2.12 million.

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New issue announcement, application for quotation of additional securities and agreement

Information or documents not available now must be given to ASX as soon as available. Information and documents given to ASX become ASX's property and may be made public.

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Name of entity

Argent Minerals Limited

ABN

89 124 780 276

We (the entity) give ASX the following information.

Part 1 - All issues

You must complete the relevant sections (attach sheets if there is not enough space).

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| 1 | +Class of +securities issued or to be issued | Ordinary shares |
| 2 | Number of +securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued | 13,290,000 |
| 3 | Principal terms of the +securities (eg, if options, exercise price and expiry date; if partly paid +securities, the amount outstanding and due dates for payment; if +convertible securities, the conversion price and dates for conversion) | Fully paid ordinary shares |

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<p>4 Do the +securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing +class of quoted +securities?</p> <p>If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the date from which they do • the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment • the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment 	<p>Yes</p>						
<p>5 Issue price or consideration</p>	<p>\$0.16</p>						
<p>6 Purpose of the issue (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets)</p>	<p>Issued in accordance with resolutions passed on 17 December 2010.</p>						
<p>7 Dates of entering +securities into uncertificated holdings or despatch of certificates</p>	<p>17 December 2010</p>						
<p>8 Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Number</th> <th style="text-align: left;">+Class</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">101,891,251</td> <td>Fully paid ordinary shares</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">48,210,751</td> <td>Options ex \$0.20 30/06/2011</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Number	+Class	101,891,251	Fully paid ordinary shares	48,210,751	Options ex \$0.20 30/06/2011
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	Number	+Class
9	350,000	Fully paid ordinary shares escrowed until 1/04/2011
10	N/A	

Part 2 - Bonus issue or pro rata issue

11	Is security holder approval required?	
12	Is the issue renounceable or non-renounceable?	
13	Ratio in which the +securities will be offered	
14	+Class of +securities to which the offer relates	
15	+Record date to determine entitlements	
16	Will holdings on different registers (or subregisters) be aggregated for calculating entitlements?	
17	Policy for deciding entitlements in relation to fractions	
18	Names of countries in which the entity has +security holders who will not be sent new issue documents <small>Note: Security holders must be told how their entitlements are to be dealt with. Cross reference: rule 7.7.</small>	
19	Closing date for receipt of acceptances or renunciations	

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| 20 | Names of any underwriters | |
| 21 | Amount of any underwriting fee or commission | |
| 22 | Names of any brokers to the issue | |
| 23 | Fee or commission payable to the broker to the issue | |
| 24 | Amount of any handling fee payable to brokers who lodge acceptances or renunciations on behalf of +security holders | |
| 25 | If the issue is contingent on +security holders' approval, the date of the meeting | |
| 26 | Date entitlement and acceptance form and prospectus or Product Disclosure Statement will be sent to persons entitled | |
| 27 | If the entity has issued options, and the terms entitle option holders to participate on exercise, the date on which notices will be sent to option holders | |
| 28 | Date rights trading will begin (if applicable) | |
| 29 | Date rights trading will end (if applicable) | |
| 30 | How do +security holders sell their entitlements <i>in full</i> through a broker? | |
| 31 | How do +security holders sell <i>part</i> of their entitlements through a broker and accept for the balance? | |

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32 How do ⁺security holders dispose of their entitlements (except by sale through a broker)?

33 ⁺Despatch date

Part 3 - Quotation of securities

You need only complete this section if you are applying for quotation of securities

34 Type of securities
(tick one)

(a) Securities described in Part 1

(b) All other securities

Example: restricted securities at the end of the escrowed period, partly paid securities that become fully paid, employee incentive share securities when restriction ends, securities issued on expiry or conversion of convertible securities

Entities that have ticked box 34(a)

Additional securities forming a new class of securities

Tick to indicate you are providing the information or documents

35 If the ⁺securities are ⁺equity securities, the names of the 20 largest holders of the additional ⁺securities, and the number and percentage of additional ⁺securities held by those holders

36 If the ⁺securities are ⁺equity securities, a distribution schedule of the additional ⁺securities setting out the number of holders in the categories
1 - 1,000
1,001 - 5,000
5,001 - 10,000
10,001 - 100,000
100,001 and over

37 A copy of any trust deed for the additional ⁺securities

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Entities that have ticked box 34(b)

38 Number of securities for which
 +quotation is sought

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39 Class of +securities for which
 quotation is sought

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40 Do the +securities rank equally in all
 respects from the date of allotment
 with an existing +class of quoted
 +securities?

If the additional securities do not
 rank equally, please state:

- the date from which they do
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 distribution) or interest payment
- the extent to which they do not
 rank equally, other than in
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 distribution or interest payment

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41 Reason for request for quotation
 now

Example: In the case of restricted securities, end of
 restriction period

(if issued upon conversion of
 another security, clearly identify that
 other security)

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	Number	+Class
42	Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (<i>including</i> the securities in clause 38)	

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Quotation agreement

- 1 +Quotation of our additional +securities is in ASX's absolute discretion. ASX may quote the +securities on any conditions it decides.

- 2 We warrant the following to ASX.
 - The issue of the +securities to be quoted complies with the law and is not for an illegal purpose.
 - There is no reason why those +securities should not be granted +quotation.
 - An offer of the +securities for sale within 12 months after their issue will not require disclosure under section 707(3) or section 1012C(6) of the Corporations Act.
Note: An entity may need to obtain appropriate warranties from subscribers for the securities in order to be able to give this warranty
 - Section 724 or section 1016E of the Corporations Act does not apply to any applications received by us in relation to any +securities to be quoted and that no-one has any right to return any +securities to be quoted under sections 737, 738 or 1016F of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the +securities be quoted.
 - If we are a trust, we warrant that no person has the right to return the +securities to be quoted under section 1019B of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the +securities be quoted.

- 3 We will indemnify ASX to the fullest extent permitted by law in respect of any claim, action or expense arising from or connected with any breach of the warranties in this agreement.

- 4 We give ASX the information and documents required by this form. If any information or document not available now, will give it to ASX before +quotation of the +securities begins. We acknowledge that ASX is relying on the information and documents. We warrant that they are (will be) true and complete.

Sign here: Marcus Michael
 Director

Date: 17 December 2010

Print name: Marcus Michael

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ARGENT MINERALS LIMITED SHARE PLACEMENT – CLEANSING NOTICE

On 17 December 2010, Argent Minerals Limited (**Company**) announced that 13,290,000 fully paid ordinary shares in the capital of the Company (**Shares**) via a placement to Sophisticated Investors.

The maximum number of Shares which may be issued under the Placement is estimated to be approximately 13,290,000 (assuming no existing options are exercised).

The Company hereby notifies ASX under paragraphs 708(1) and 708A (5) (e) that:

- (a) the Shares were issued without disclosure to investors under Part 6D.2, in reliance on Section 708A(5) of the Corporations Act.
- (b) as at 17 December 2010, the Company has complied with the provisions of Chapter 2M of the Act as they apply to the Company;
- (c) as at 17 December 2010, the Company has complied with section 674 of the Act;
- (d) as at 17 December 2010, there is no excluded information as at the date of this notice:
 - (i) that has been excluded from a continuous disclosure notice in accordance with the ASX Listing Rules; and
 - (ii) that investors and their professional advisers would reasonably require for the purpose of making an informed assessment of:
 - (A) the assets and liabilities, financial position and performance, profits and losses and prospects of the Company; or
 - (B) the rights and liabilities attaching to the Shares.

Yours faithfully

Marcus Michael
Executive Director
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