

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

17 May 2013

ARGENT MINERALS LIMITED PLACEMENT

Argent Minerals Limited (**ASX:ARD**) is pleased to confirm that further to the ASX announcement of 2 May 2013 which set out details of the proposed placement of securities to sophisticated investors (**Placement**), the following securities have been issued pursuant to the Placement:

Fully Paid Ordinary Shares	10,956,667
Options Exercisable at \$0.175 or before 31 March 2016	10,956,667

After the allotment of the above securities the Company had the following securities on issue:

Fully Paid Ordinary Shares	152,657,160
Options Exercisable at \$0.175 or before 31 March 2016	10,956,667

The options issued under the Placement were issued pursuant to the Company's 15% placement capacity under ASX listing rule 7.1.

The shares issued under the Placement were issued pursuant to the Company's additional 10% placement capacity under ASX listing rule 7.1A. As such, the Company provides the below information under ASX listing rule 7.1A.4(b) in respect of the shares issued pursuant to the Placement.

- (a) The Company issued 10,956,667 shares under ASX listing rule 7.1A which resulted in the following dilution to existing shareholders:

Number of shares on issue prior to the Placement	141,700,493
Shares issued under ASX listing rule 7.1A	10,956,667
Total shares on issue	152,657,160
Percentage of voting dilution to existing shareholders as a result of the shares issued pursuant to the Placement	7.2%

Further details of the approximate percentage of the issued capital post 7.1A placement held by the pre-placement security holders and new security holders are as follows:

Percentage of pre-placement security holders who did not participate in the 7.1A placement	84%
Percentage of pre-placement security holders who did participate in the 7.1A placement	15%
Percentage of participants in the 7.1A placement who were not previously security holders	1%

- (b) The Company issued the shares as a placement under ASX listing rule 7.1A as it was of the view it was the most efficient and expedient mechanism to raise the funds required to achieve its stated objectives.

- (c) The Company confirms that there was no underwriter in respect of the Placement.
- (d) The Company will pay a placement fee of 6% of funds raised pursuant to the Placement.

The Appendix 3B and Cleansing Notice in respect of the securities issued pursuant to the Placement follows.

For further information please contact:

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Argent Minerals Limited
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Appendix 3B

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.

Introduced 01/07/96 Origin: Appendix 5 Amended 01/07/98, 01/09/99, 01/07/00, 30/09/01, 11/03/02, 01/01/03, 24/10/05, 01/08/12, 04/03/13

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 | (a) Ordinary Shares
(b) Options |
| 2 | Number of +securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued | (a) 10,956,667 Ordinary Shares
(b) 10,956,667 Options |
| 3 | Principal terms of the +securities (e.g. 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) | (a) Ordinary Fully Paid Shares
(b) Options exercisable at \$0.175 on or before 31 March 2016 |

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<p>4 Do the +securities rank equally in all respects from the +issue date 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>(a) Ordinary Shares - Yes (b) Options - No</p>
<p>5 Issue price or consideration</p>	<p>(a) Ordinary Shares - \$0.06 (b) Options – NIL (free attaching to the Ordinary Shares)</p>
<p>6 Purpose of the issue (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets)</p>	<p>Issued pursuant to a placement to sophisticated investors</p>
<p>6a Is the entity an +eligible entity that has obtained security holder approval under rule 7.1A?</p> <p>If Yes, complete sections 6b – 6h in relation to the +securities the subject of this Appendix 3B, and comply with section 6i</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>6b The date the security holder resolution under rule 7.1A was passed</p>	<p>22 November 2012</p>
<p>6c Number of +securities issued without security holder approval under rule 7.1</p>	<p>Options – 10,956,667</p>

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6d	Number of +securities issued with security holder approval under rule 7.1A	Ordinary Fully Paid Shares – 10,956,667				
6e	Number of +securities issued with security holder approval under rule 7.3, or another specific security holder approval (specify date of meeting)	N/A				
6f	Number of +securities issued under an exception in rule 7.2	N/A				
6g	If +securities issued under rule 7.1A, was issue price at least 75% of 15 day VWAP as calculated under rule 7.1A.3? Include the +issue date and both values. Include the source of the VWAP calculation.	<p>Yes</p> <p>VWAP Date : 17 May 2013 Share Issue Date: 17 May 2013 15 Day VWAP: \$0.062 75% VWAP: \$0.0465</p> <p>Source: 2013 Orient Capital Pty Ltd</p>				
6h	If +securities were issued under rule 7.1A for non-cash consideration, state date on which valuation of consideration was released to ASX Market Announcements	N/A				
6i	Calculate the entity's remaining issue capacity under rule 7.1 and rule 7.1A – complete Annexure 1 and release to ASX Market Announcements	Please see Annexure 1				
7	<p>+Issue dates</p> <p><small>Note: The issue date may be prescribed by ASX (refer to the definition of issue date in rule 19.12). For example, the issue date for a pro rata entitlement issue must comply with the applicable timetable in Appendix 7A.</small></p> <p><small>Cross reference: item 33 of Appendix 3B.</small></p>	17 May 2013				
8	Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (<i>including</i> the +securities in section 2 if applicable)	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">Number</th> <th style="width: 50%;">+Class</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">152,657,160</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Fully Paid Ordinary Shares</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Number	+Class	152,657,160	Fully Paid Ordinary Shares
Number	+Class					
152,657,160	Fully Paid Ordinary Shares					

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	Number	*Class
9	Number and *class of all *securities not quoted on ASX (including the *securities in section 2 if applicable)	10,956,667 Options exercisable at \$0.175 on or before 31 March 2016
10	Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests)	N/A

Part 2 - Pro rata issue

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

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20	Names of any underwriters	N/A
21	Amount of any underwriting fee or commission	N/A
22	Names of any brokers to the issue	N/A
23	Fee or commission payable to the broker to the issue	N/A
24	Amount of any handling fee payable to brokers who lodge acceptances or renunciations on behalf of security holders	N/A
25	If the issue is contingent on security holders' approval, the date of the meeting	N/A
26	Date entitlement and acceptance form and offer documents will be sent to persons entitled	N/A
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	N/A
28	Date rights trading will begin (if applicable)	N/A
29	Date rights trading will end (if applicable)	N/A
30	How do security holders sell their entitlements <i>in full</i> through a broker?	N/A
31	How do security holders sell <i>part</i> of their entitlements through a broker and accept for the balance?	N/A

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- 32 How do security holders dispose of their entitlements (except by sale through a broker)?
- 33 ⁺Issue 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 – Ordinary Fully Paid Shares Only
- (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

N/A

39 +Class of +securities for which quotation is sought

N/A

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

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

- 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

N/A

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)

N/A

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

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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 is not available now, we 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 May 2013

Print name: Marcus Michael

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Appendix 3B – Annexure 1

Calculation of placement capacity under rule 7.1 and rule 7.1A for eligible entities

Introduced 01/08/12 Amended 04/03/13

Part 1

Rule 7.1 – Issues exceeding 15% of capital	
Step 1: Calculate “A”, the base figure from which the placement capacity is calculated	
Insert number of fully paid +ordinary securities on issue 12 months before the +issue date or date of agreement to issue	141,700,493
<p>Add the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of fully paid +ordinary securities issued in that 12 month period under an exception in rule 7.2 • Number of fully paid +ordinary securities issued in that 12 month period with shareholder approval • Number of partly paid +ordinary securities that became fully paid in that 12 month period <p><i>Note:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Include only ordinary securities here – other classes of equity securities cannot be added</i> • <i>Include here (if applicable) the securities the subject of the Appendix 3B to which this form is annexed</i> • <i>It may be useful to set out issues of securities on different dates as separate line items</i> 	N/A
Subtract the number of fully paid +ordinary securities cancelled during that 12 month period	N/A
“A”	141,700,493

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Step 2: Calculate 15% of “A”	
“B”	0.15 <i>[Note: this value cannot be changed]</i>
Multiply “A” by 0.15	21,255,074
Step 3: Calculate “C”, the amount of placement capacity under rule 7.1 that has already been used	
<p><i>Insert</i> number of +equity securities issued or agreed to be issued in that 12 month period <i>not counting</i> those issued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under an exception in rule 7.2 • Under rule 7.1A • With security holder approval under rule 7.1 or rule 7.4 <p><i>Note:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>This applies to equity securities, unless specifically excluded – not just ordinary securities</i> • <i>Include here (if applicable) the securities the subject of the Appendix 3B to which this form is annexed</i> • <i>It may be useful to set out issues of securities on different dates as separate line items</i> 	17 May 2013 – 10,956,667 Options exercisable at \$0.175 on or before 31 March 2016
“C”	10,956,667
Step 4: Subtract “C” from [“A” x “B”] to calculate remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1	
“A” x 0.15 <i>Note: number must be same as shown in Step 2</i>	21,255,074
Subtract “C” <i>Note: number must be same as shown in Step 3</i>	10,956,667
Total [“A” x 0.15] – “C”	10,298,407 <i>[Note: this is the remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1]</i>

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Part 2

Rule 7.1A – Additional placement capacity for eligible entities	
Step 1: Calculate “A”, the base figure from which the placement capacity is calculated	
“A” <i>Note: number must be same as shown in Step 1 of Part 1</i>	141,700,493
Step 2: Calculate 10% of “A”	
“D”	0.10 <i>Note: this value cannot be changed</i>
Multiply “A” by 0.10	14,170,049
Step 3: Calculate “E”, the amount of placement capacity under rule 7.1A that has already been used	
Insert number of +equity securities issued or agreed to be issued in that 12 month period under rule 7.1A Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>This applies to equity securities – not just ordinary securities</i> • <i>Include here – if applicable – the securities the subject of the Appendix 3B to which this form is annexed</i> • <i>Do not include equity securities issued under rule 7.1 (they must be dealt with in Part 1), or for which specific security holder approval has been obtained</i> • <i>It may be useful to set out issues of securities on different dates as separate line items</i> 	17 May 2013 – 10,956,667 Fully Paid Ordinary Shares
“E”	10,956,667

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Step 4: Subtract "E" from ["A" x "D"] to calculate remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1A	
"A" x 0.10 <i>Note: number must be same as shown in Step 2</i>	14,170,049
Subtract "E" <i>Note: number must be same as shown in Step 3</i>	10,956,667
Total ["A" x 0.10] – "E"	3,213,382 <i>Note: this is the remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1A</i>

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ARGENT MINERALS LIMITED PLACEMENT – NOTICE UNDER SECTION 708A(5)(e) OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT

On 17 May 2013, Argent Minerals Limited (**Company**) announced that 10,956,667 fully paid ordinary shares in the capital of the Company (**Shares**) were issued via a placement to sophisticated and professional investors (as defined in the Corporations Act 2001 (**the Act**)).

The Company hereby notifies ASX under section 708A(5)(e) of the Act that:

- (a) the Shares were issued by the Company without disclosure to investors under Part 6D.2 of the Act;
- (b) as at the date of this notice, the Company has complied with the provisions of Chapter 2M of the Act as they apply to the Company;
- (c) as at the date of this notice, the Company has complied with section 674 of the Act;
- (d) as at the date of this notice, there is no information to be disclosed which is excluded information (as defined in section 708A(7) of the Act) that is reasonable for investors and their professional advisers to expect to find in a disclosure document.

Yours faithfully

Marcus Michael
Executive Director
Argent Minerals Limited