



23 March 2010

Dear Option Holder

EXERCISE OF OPTIONS

Argent Minerals Limited ("Argent") advises that pursuant to resolutions passed at a general meeting on 28 February 2011 Argent shareholders approved the share capital and assets of Argent being reduced by the distribution in specie of 44,000,000 US Nickel Limited ("US Nickel") ordinary shares to Argent's shareholders registered on the register of members as at the record date, in proportion to their registered shareholding on that date. The record date is expected to be 1 April 2011.

Subject to US Nickel shareholders approving the issue of 44,000,000 shares in US Nickel to Argent at US Nickel's General Meeting which is to be held on 24 March 2011, each eligible shareholder of Argent will receive approximately 0.53 ordinary shares in US Nickel for every one ordinary share held in Argent.

Only shareholders registered on Argent's register of members as at 1 April 2011 will be entitled to participate in the distribution. If you wish to become a registered shareholder before 1 April 2011, you should exercise your options and have clear funds by 31 March 2011 to Argent's registry in accordance with the attached Notice of Exercise of Options.

The listed options expire on 30 June 2011 and the exercise price is \$0.20.

It should be noted that the exercise price of each listed option will be reduced by the same amount as the amount returned by way of in specie distribution on each ordinary share.

The Board of Argent expects that, in the absence of extraordinary circumstances, and based on the continuing validity of the assumptions in the Notice of General Meeting and Independent Experts Report released to the ASX on 19 January 2011, the exercise price of the listed options will be reduced by \$0.024 from \$0.20 to \$0.176. The reduction in the option exercise price will apply only to those options that remain unexercised at the record date.

For more information please contact:

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TERMS and CONDITIONS of the OPTIONS expiring 30/06/2011 @ \$0.20

The material terms and conditions of the Options are as follows:

- (i) Each Option entitles the holder to subscribe for and be allotted one ordinary fully paid share in the Company.
- (ii) The exercise price of each Option is 20 cents.
- (iii) The Options will expire at 5.00 pm WST on 30 June 2011 ("the Expiry Date").
- (iv) The Options are exercisable at any time on or prior to the Expiry Date by notice in writing to the directors of the company accompanied by payment of the exercise price.
- (v) The Company will apply for Official Quotation of the Options on ASX.
- (vi) Shares issued upon exercise of any Options will rank equally in all respects with the Company's then existing ordinary fully paid shares. The Company will apply for Official Quotation by ASX of all Shares issued upon exercise of the Options within three business days after the date of allotment of those Shares.
- (vii) The options are freely transferable in whole or part at any time prior to the Expiry Date.
- (viii) There are no participating rights or entitlements inherent in the Options and holders will not be entitled to participate in new issues of capital offered to Shareholders during the currency of the Options. However, if from time to time on or prior to the Expiry Date the Company makes an issue of new Shares to the holders of ordinary fully paid shares, the Company will send a notice to each holder of Options at least nine (9) business days before the record date referable to that issue. This will give Option holders the opportunity to exercise their Options prior to the date for determining entitlements to participate in any such issue.
- (ix) If from time to time on or prior to the Expiry Date the Company makes an issue of Shares to the holders of ordinary fully paid shares in the Company by way of capitalisation of profits or reserves (a "bonus issue"), then upon exercise of their Options, Option holders will be entitled to have issued to them (in addition to the Shares which would otherwise be issued to them upon such exercise) the number of Shares of the class which would have been issued to them under that bonus issue ("bonus shares") if on the record date for the bonus issue they had been registered as the holder of the number of Shares of which they would have been registered as holder if, immediately prior to that date, they had duly exercised their Options and the Shares the subject of such exercise had been duly allotted and issued to them. The bonus shares will be paid up by the Company out of profits or reserves (as the case may be) in the same manner as was applied in relation to the bonus issue and upon issue will rank pari passu in all respects with the other Shares allotted upon exercise of the Options.
- (x) There is no right to a change in the exercise price of the Options or to the number of Shares over which the Options are exercisable in the event of a new issue of capital (other than a bonus issue) during the currency of the Options.
- (xi) In the event of any reorganisation (including consolidation, subdivision, reduction or cancellation) of the issued capital of the Company on or prior to the Expiry Dates, the rights of Option holders will be changed to the extent necessary to comply with the applicable ASX Listing Rules in force at the time of the reorganisation.

NOTICE OF EXERCISE OF OPTIONS

Holder Number: _____

The Directors
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Share Registry
Security Transfer Registrars Pty Ltd
PO Box 535
APPLECROSS WA 6953
PH: 61 8 9315 2333 FAX: 61 8 9315 2233
Email: registrar@securitytransfer.com.au

I/We _____

Of _____

the registered holder(s) of the options, hereby exercise my/our options to apply for the below amount of ordinary shares, _____

Number in words

Number in figures

I/We enclose application monies of \$ _____

And authorise you to register me/us as the holder of the shares to be allotted to me/us and I/we agree to accept such shares subject to the Rules of the Constitution of the Company.

Individual or Securityholder 1

Director

Securityholder 2

Director/Secretary

Securityholder 3

Sole Director/Sole Secretary

Dated this _____ day of _____ year _____

This application, with application money in Australian Currency, should be lodged at the Company's Share Registry on or before the Expiry Date.

NOTE: Cheque should be made payable to **ARGENT MINERALS LIMITED** and forwarded to Security Transfer Registrars