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KEMPFIELD DRILLING UPDATE

As part of the Definitive Feasibility Study, now underway for a 1.5 mtpa silver, lead, zinc and gold operation at Argent Minerals Limited's ("Argent" or "Company") 100% owned Kempfield project, Argent has completed an infill and extensional drilling programme. A précis of the drilling is set out below together with a drill plan showing the key north/north-eastern McCarron zone drill holes. A full list of both infill and extensional drill holes in this drilling programme is also detailed below.

McCarron Zone

The following holes drilled within and beyond the north and north eastern boundaries of the pit intersected high grade ore (See Figures 1 and 2) and are likely to extend the proposed pit:

| Hole ID | Interval | From | | | |
|------------------|----------|------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | (m) | (m) | Au (g/t) | Ag (g/t) | Pb+Zn (%) |
| AKRC81 | 4 | 94 | 0.25 | 40.1 | 11.6 |
| AKRC99 | 10 | 4 | 0.37 | 141.8 | 0.6 |
| | 10 | 46 | 0.21 | 64.7 | 1.3 |
| AKRC100 | 61 | 24 | 0.13 | 102.7 | 1.6 |
| <i>Including</i> | 10 | 32 | 0.15 | 290.4 | 3.6 |
| AKRC103 | 28 | 4 | 0.39 | 107.4 | 1.8 |
| AKRC118 | 52 | 24 | 0.12 | 70.5 | 1.7 |
| <i>Including</i> | 20 | 24 | 0.14 | 128.8 | 1.3 |
| AKRC124 | 80 | 32 | 0.11 | 35.0 | 0.9 |
| <i>Including</i> | 8 | 32 | 0.23 | 93.3 | 1.8 |
| AKRC127 | 14 | 40 | n/a | 55.0 | 2.7 |

The following significant intersections were encountered in the south western corner of the McCarron Zone:

| Hole ID | Interval | From | | | |
|------------------|----------|------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | (m) | (m) | Au (g/t) | Ag (g/t) | Pb+Zn (%) |
| AKRC86 | 4 | 40 | n/a | 63.3 | 6.9 |
| AKRC95 | 4 | 66 | n/a | 53.2 | 5.5 |
| | 8 | 48 | n/a | 36.6 | 2.9 |
| | 6 | 84 | n/a | 29.3 | 3.8 |
| AKRC136 | 48 | 58 | 0.62 | 42.1 | 4.3 |
| <i>Including</i> | 4 | 72 | 1.75 | 129.0 | 8.3 |



Two short holes, AKRC87 and AKRC88 tested the possible eastern extension of the McCarron Zone with no significant results.

BJ Zone

Hole AKRC84 tested a postulated extension of the BJ Zone north of a major cross fault. No significant intersections were encountered. Three short holes AKRC104, 105 and 106 tested, and closed off, the eastern extent of the BJ Zone.

Holes AKRC119, 122, 126 and 128 successfully tested the depth continuity within the proposed BJ pit.

Quarries Zone

Hole AKRC115 intersected high grade silver, averaging 120g/t over 40m, confirming the high grade intersected in the original percussion hole 3PD 84 drilled 20m to the north. Another hole has been drilled some 40m to the south to test for further continuity of the high grade silver and assays are awaited.

Figure 1 – BJ and McCarron Pit Outlines

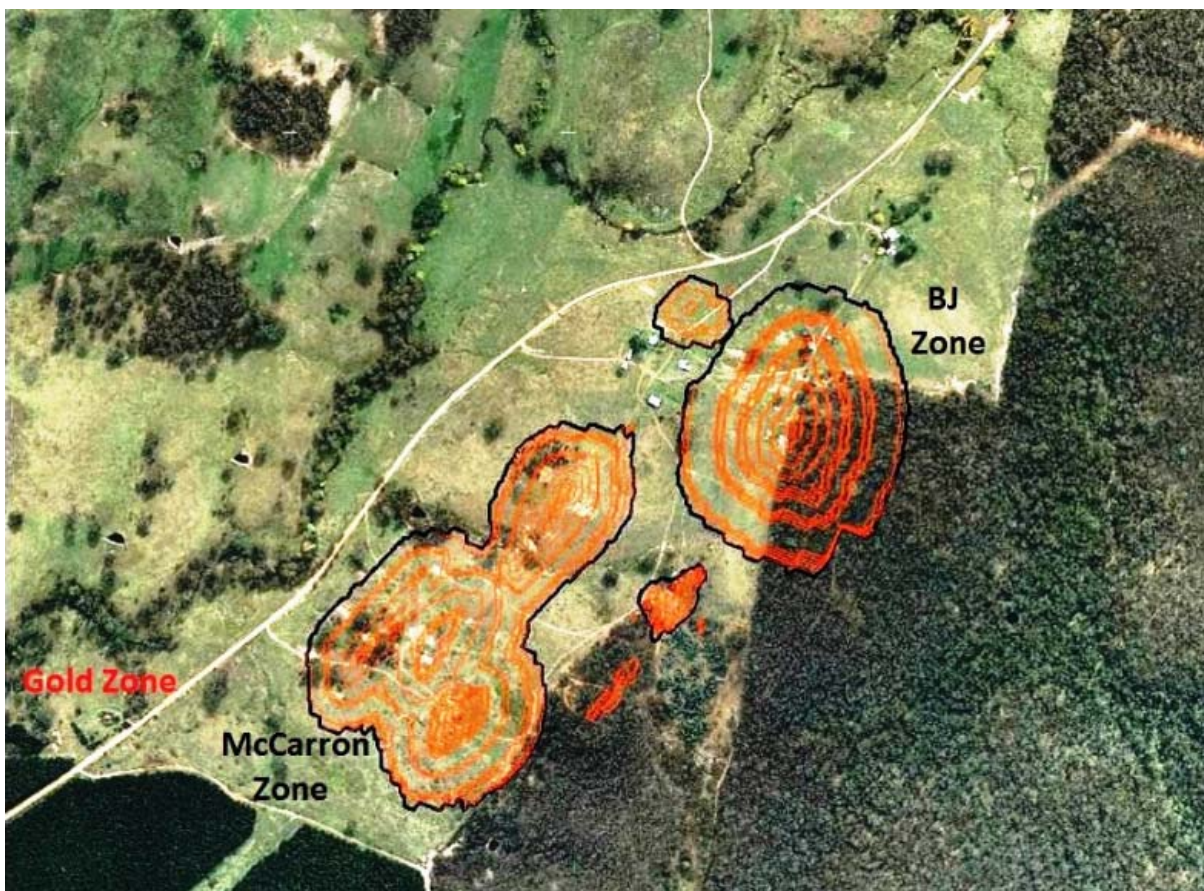
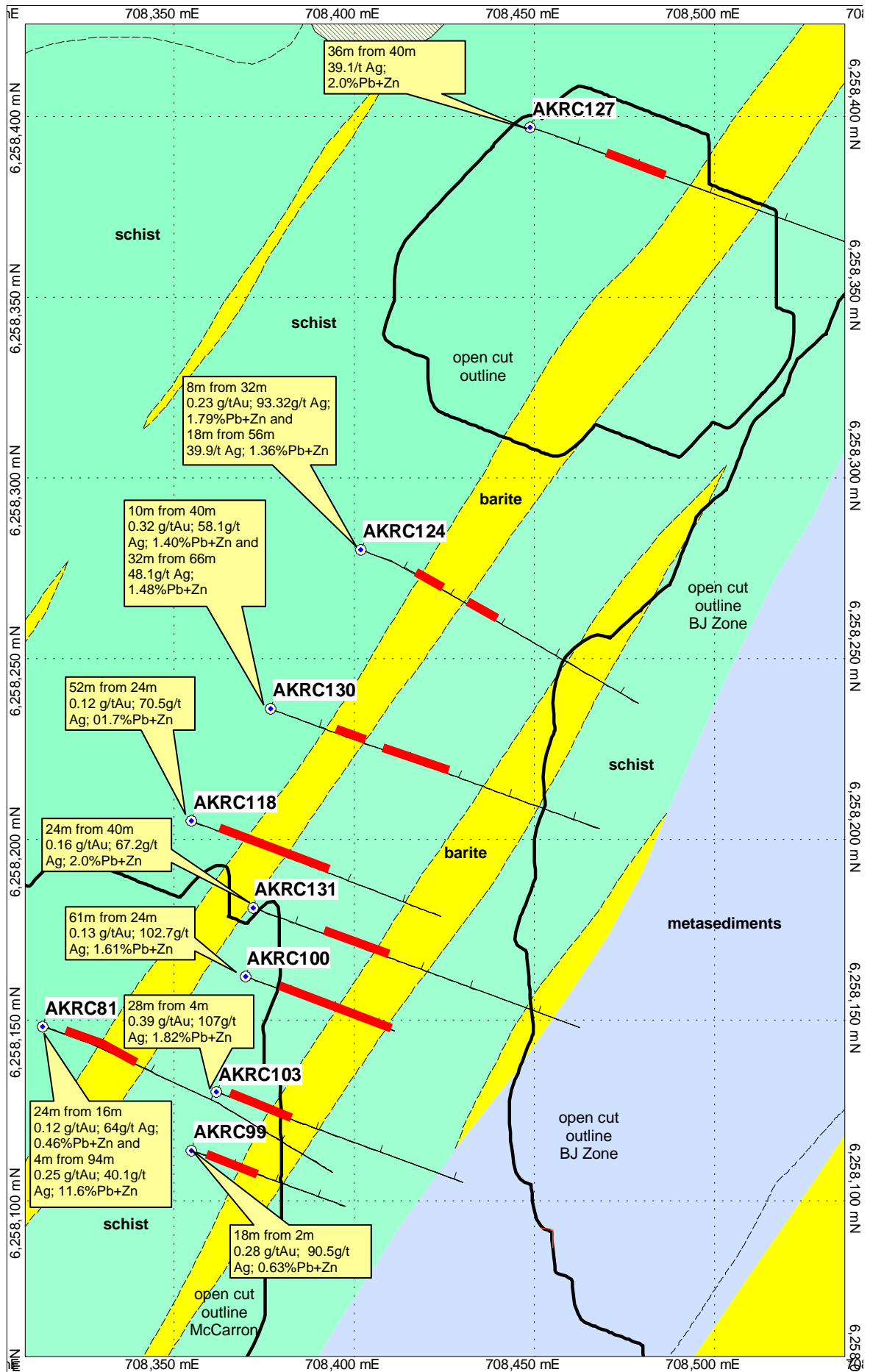




Figure 2 – North McCarron Drill Plan





Assays have been received for sixty two RC holes drilled at Kempfield in the current round of infill and extensional drilling with significant intersections set out in the following tables:

McCarron – Infill Drilling

| Hole ID | Interval (m) | From (m) | Au (g/t) | Ag (g/t) | Pb+Zn (%) |
|------------------|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| AKRC81 | 24 | 16 | 0.12 | 64.0 | 0.46 |
| | 4 | 66 | 0.41 | 48.9 | 2.17 |
| | 4 | 94 | 0.25 | 40.1 | 11.6 |
| AKRC82 | 28 | 6 | 0.20 | 122.0 | 4.48 |
| | 18 | 38 | 0.50 | 14.0 | 3.34 |
| AKRC83 | 20 | 6 | 0.25 | 101.0 | 1.97 |
| <i>Including</i> | 10 | 16 | 0.40 | 155.0 | 2.94 |
| AKRC86 | 4 | 40 | 0.10 | 63.3 | 6.89 |
| AKRC87 | no significant results | | | | |
| AKRC88 | no significant results | | | | |
| AKRC89 | 12 | 26 | 0.21 | 60.2 | 7.41 |
| AKRC90 | 12 | 16 | 0.31 | 19.3 | 2.25 |
| AKRC91 | 60 | 16 | 0.39 | n/a | n/a |
| <i>Including</i> | 10 | 40 | 0.78 | n/a | n/a |
| | 12 | 64 | 0.63 | n/a | n/a |
| AKRC92 | 44 | 36 | 0.72 | 25.0 | 3.62 |
| <i>Including</i> | 14 | 48 | 1.36 | 38.7 | 4.56 |
| AKRC93 | 20 | 0 | 0.21 | 29.3 | 1.64 |
| AKRC95 | 8 | 48 | 0.12 | 36.6 | 2.90 |
| | 4 | 66 | 0.24 | 53.2 | 5.64 |
| | 6 | 84 | 0.22 | 29.3 | 3.83 |
| AKRC96 | no significant results | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| AKRC97 | 4 | 28 | 0.32 | 96.9 | 0.45 |
| | 4 | 58 | 0.20 | 78.4 | 6.70 |
| AKRC117 | 14 | 2 | n/a | 30.4 | 1.06 |
| | 10 | 60 | 0.26 | 48.0 | 4.70 |
| | 32 | 146 | 0.12 | 41.3 | 2.34 |
| AKRC132 | no significant results | | | | |
| AKRC134 | 10 | 154 | 0.95 | 31.2 | 2.24 |
| AKRC135 | 12 | 22 | 0.14 | 21.5 | 2.92 |
| | 4 | 128 | 0.82 | 21.4 | 4.26 |
| AKRC136 | 46 | 58 | 0.65 | 43.0 | 4.38 |
| | 12 | 118 | 0.05 | 17.3 | 2.74 |
| AKRC138 | 10 | 56 | 0.62 | 9.2 | 1.66 |
| | 32 | 74 | 0.10 | 17.5 | 3.24 |



McCarron – Extensional Drilling

| Hole ID | Interval (m) | From (m) | Au (g/t) | Ag (g/t) | Pb+Zn (%) |
|------------------|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| AKRC84 | no significant results | | | | |
| AKRC98 | 10 | 2 | 0.16 | 35.1 | 0.42 |
| | 6 | 20 | 0.18 | 36.5 | 1.10 |
| | 4 | 38 | 0.03 | 52.0 | 1.21 |
| AKRC99 | 18 | 2 | 0.28 | 90.5 | 0.63 |
| <i>Including</i> | 12 | 4 | 0.32 | 124.2 | 0.71 |
| | 4 | 38 | 0.03 | 52.0 | 1.21 |
| | 10 | 46 | 0.21 | 64.7 | 1.32 |
| AKRC100 | 61 | 24 | 0.13 | 102.7 | 1.61 |
| <i>Including</i> | 52 | 30 | 0.14 | 101.6 | 1.84 |
| <i>Including</i> | 10 | 32 | 0.15 | 290.4 | 3.63 |
| <i>Including</i> | 6 | 66 | 0.13 | 84.4 | 4.14 |
| AKRC101 | 68 | 22 | 0.23 | 13.7 | 0.94 |
| <i>Including</i> | 8 | 26 | 0.10 | 36.8 | 1.21 |
| <i>Including</i> | 18 | 34 | 0.28 | 12.0 | 2.04 |
| <i>Including</i> | 6 | 84 | 0.16 | 29.1 | 1.72 |
| AKRC102 | 18 | 36 | 0.11 | 29.2 | 1.29 |
| <i>Including</i> | 4 | 50 | 0.21 | 61.5 | 1.06 |
| | 10 | 84 | 0.37 | 0.76 | n/a |
| AKRC103 | 20 | 4 | 0.47 | 136.4 | 2.33 |
| | 8 | 48 | 0.14 | 54.1 | 1.30 |
| AKRC104 | 22 | 4 | n/a | 40.5 | 0.31 |
| | 8 | 46 | 0.1 | 54 | 0.42 |
| AKRC105 | no significant results | | | | |
| AKRC106 | 8 | 66 | n/a | 31.2 | 0.18 |
| AKRC107 | 4 | 98 | n/a | 60.7 | 0.41 |
| AKRC108 | no significant results | | | | |
| AKRC109 | 16 | 26 | 0.29 | 34.1 | 0.86 |
| AKRC110 | 30 | 22 | 0.15 | 30.4 | 1.33 |
| <i>Including</i> | 16 | 38 | 0.22 | 32.4 | 2.30 |
| AKRC111 | no significant results | | | | |
| AKRC116 | no significant results | | | | |
| AKRC118 | 52 | 24 | 0.12 | 70.5 | 1.70 |
| AKRC124 | 80 | 32 | 0.11 | 35.0 | 0.90 |
| <i>Including</i> | 8 | 32 | 0.23 | 93.3 | 1.79 |
| <i>Including</i> | 18 | 56 | n/a | 39.9 | 1.36 |
| AKRC125 | 8 | 48 | n/a | 54.5 | 2.01 |
| | 26 | 74 | 0.21 | 40.0 | 0.57 |
| <i>Including</i> | 8 | 82 | 0.2 | 59.3 | 0.68 |
| AKRC127 | 36 | 40 | n/a | 39.1 | 2.0 |



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|----------------|------------------------|-----|------|------|------|
| AKRC130 | 10 | 40 | 0.32 | 58.0 | 1.40 |
| | 32 | 66 | n/a | 46.1 | 1.48 |
| AKRC131 | 24 | 40 | 0.16 | 67.2 | 2.0 |
| AKRC133 | no significant results | | | | |
| AKRC134 | 10 | 154 | 0.95 | 31.2 | 2.24 |

BJ Zone – Infill Drilling

| Hole ID | Interval (m) | From (m) | Au (g/t) | Ag (g/t) | Pb+Zn (%) |
|------------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| AKRC119 | 84 | 108 | n/a | 44.0 | 2.0 |
| <i>Including</i> | 24 | 108 | n/a | 69.4 | 1.4 |
| | 8 | 204 | n/a | 57.2 | 0.42 |
| AKRC122 | 54 | 98 | n/a | 53.8 | 1.18 |
| <i>Including</i> | 14 | 98 | 0.14 | 56.6 | 2.66 |
| <i>Including</i> | 34 | 118 | n/a | 57.7 | 0.69 |
| | 8 | 176 | n/a | 43.0 | 2.63 |
| | 8 | 200 | n/a | 37.5 | 1.90 |
| AKRC126 | 24 | 74 | n/a | 61.9 | 0.81 |
| | 26 | 114 | n/a | 43.2 | 2.09 |
| AKRC128 | 6 | 40 | n/a | 41.1 | n/a |
| | 6 | 52 | n/a | 49.3 | 0.40 |
| | 22 | 106 | n/a | 39.6 | 0.95 |
| AKRC129 | 64 | 22 | n/a | 85.8 | 0.61 |
| <i>Including</i> | 16 | 28 | n/a | 175.5 | 0.52 |
| | 14 | 98 | n/a | 100.7 | 1.04 |
| | 6 | 130 | n/a | 55.3 | 1.74 |
| AKRC140 | 30 | 130 | n/a | 51.3 | 2.26 |
| <i>including</i> | 14 | 130 | 0.10 | 65.9 | 1.49 |
| <i>including</i> | 6 | 154 | n/a | 70.8 | 6.26 |

BJ Zone – Extensional Drilling

| Hole ID | Interval (m) | From (m) | Au (g/t) | Ag (g/t) | Pb+Zn (%) |
|----------------|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| AKRC109 | 22 | 20 | 0.25 | 30.6 | 0.70 |
| AKRC112 | no significant results | | | | |

Quarries – Infill Drilling

| Hole ID | Interval (m) | From (m) | Au (g/t) | Ag (g/t) | Pb+Zn (%) |
|------------------|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| AKRC85 | no significant results | | | | |
| AKRC113 | no significant results | | | | |
| AKRC114 | 4 | 14 | 0.15 | 30.4 | 1.33 |
| AKRC115 | 40 | 18 | n/a | 120.0 | 4.30 |
| <i>Including</i> | 20 | 18 | | 156.0 | 3.65 |



Sth Conglomerate – Infill Drilling

| Hole ID | Interval (m) | From (m) | Au (g/t) | Ag (g/t) | Pb+Zn (%) |
|---------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| AKRC94 | 17 | 26 | 0.08 | 54.2 | 0.28 |

Gold Zone – Infill Drilling

| Hole ID | Interval (m) | From (m) | Au (g/t) | Ag (g/t) | Pb+Zn (%) |
|------------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| KMB7b | 20 | 24 | 0.71 | n/a | n/a |
| <i>Including</i> | 4 | 36 | 2.26 | n/a | n/a |
| AKRC120 | 14 | 22 | 0.21 | n/a | n/a |
| AKRC121 | 4 | 8 | 0.75 | n/a | n/a |
| | 8 | 34 | 0.52 | n/a | n/a |
| AKRC123 | 2 | 46 | 0.68 | n/a | n/a |

Hill Zone – Sterilization Drilling

| Hole ID | Interval (m) | From (m) | Au (g/t) | Ag (g/t) | Pb+Zn (%) |
|---------|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| AKRC112 | no significant results | | | | |

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