



**ARGENT**  
MINERALS LIMITED

ABN 89 124 780 276

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Half Year Ended 31 December 2009

This interim financial report does not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report. Accordingly, this report is to be read in conjunction with the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2009 and any public announcements made by Argent Minerals Limited during the interim reporting period in accordance with the continuous disclosure requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Directors submit their report on Argent Minerals Limited for the half-year ended 31 December 2009.

## DIRECTORS

The names of the directors who held office during or since the end of the half-year are:

Kerry McHugh  
Marcus Michael  
Jamie Ogilvie

## REVIEW AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

A summary of revenues and results for the half-year is set out below:

	2009	
	Revenues	Results
	\$	\$
Revenues and Loss	34,855	(769,491)

During the six months period the exploration and evaluation expenditure was \$563,493. In accordance with the Company's accounting policy these costs were written off. Net administration costs were \$205,998 resulting in a total loss for the six months of \$769,491.

## JULY - DECEMBER 2009 REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

### KEMPFIELD

The focus of the Company's activities in the half year continued to be on the Kempfield silver, lead, zinc and barite deposit where Argent may earn a 70% interest in the Kempfield Tenements from Golden Cross Resources Limited by the expenditure of \$2.745 million by July 2013.

The work has included progress on a scoping study, metallurgical test work, drilling aimed at increasing the resources, revised calculations of JORC standard resources, completion of an IP survey, flora and fauna studies and discussions with the Gundungarra Council representing the Native Title Claimants to the area.

The scoping study into the heap leach project to produce silver is expected to be released in March 2010. As part of that study consideration has also been given to treating the ore by agitated leach followed by flotation of the leached tails and the results of the study will include consideration of this approach. A positive outcome to the Scoping Study will lead to a Conceptual Project Presentation to the NSW Department of Primary Industries as the first step in the process of obtaining Development Approval and a Mining Lease.

A total of 48 holes were drilled during this reporting period aimed at extending the resources particularly at the McCarron, Quarries and South Conglomerate zones.

### McCarron Zone

Drilling at the northern end of the McCarron Zone intersected some very high grade silver including 4m at 1,285g/t silver (41 ozs of silver per tonne or the equivalent of 18.2g/t gold) in hole AKRC77.

Holes AKRC77 and AKRC79, together with the high grade mineralization intersected in holes AKRC62 and AKRC74 have the potential to extend the planned McCarron North pit shell some 75 metres to the north.

Table 1 below shows the most significant intersections in holes AKRC77 and AKRC79. Table 2 provides further details of Holes AKRC62, AKRC63, AKRC74, AKRC77 and AKRC79.

**Table 1 - McCarron Zone Drilling**

Hole No	From (m)	Interval (m)	Silver (g/t)	Gold (g/t)	Lead (%)	Zinc (%)	CBM*
AKRC77	26	40	222.0	0.31	1.6	2.2	3.8
Including	36	4	1285.0	0.34	0.7	0.3	1.0
And including	42	8	78.6	0.28	2.5	6.1	8.6
AKRC79	38	32	79.7	0.21	1.3	1.1	2.4
Including	42	18	115.0	0.24	1.4	1.1	2.5

\*Combined base metals

Planned follow up drilling will include;

1. Holes to test the down dip extensions of the mineralization.
2. Holes will be drilled along the 255m of apparent strike to the north to where hole AKRC35 intersected 6m averaging 0.22g/t gold, 163.7g/t silver and 2.4% CBM. However there are three previously drilled holes along this strike which only intersected narrow bands of mineralization illustrating the lensy type nature of this type of mineralization. Planning of the follow up holes will take this into account.

Table 2 - Further Details of McCarron Zone Drilling

Hole No	Easting	Northing	From (m)	Interval (m)	Silver g/t	Gold g/t	Lead %	Zinc %	CBM %	
AKRC62	708280	6258090	Surface	44	71.6	0.20	0.03	0.46	0.49	
			Including	4	6	212.7	0.37	0.02	0.74	0.76
			Including	4	2	320.0	0.36	0.01	0.73	0.74
			Including	36	6	133.3	0.59	0.03	0.46	0.49
			Including	40	2	134.0	1.53	0.02	0.74	0.76
AKRC63 Deepened	708172	6257966	84	2	28.1	0.20	1.06	1.13	2.19	
AKRC74	708375	6258280	12	44	159.7	0.41	1.68	1.98	3.66	
			including	20	6	365.0	0.20	0.66	0.27	0.97
			Including	40	16	190.7	0.53	3.14	4.89	8.03
			Including	50	6	356.0	1.07	4.66	6.94	11.60
			And	90	18	23.8	0.28	0.71	2.15	2.86
			Including	90	4	31.0	0.29	0.92	2.45	3.37
AKRC77	708270	6258122	26	96	99.9	0.27	0.98	1.53	2.51	
			Including	26	40	222.0	0.31	1.62	2.19	3.81
			Including	26	16	440.9	0.37	0.87	0.55	1.42
			Including	36	4	1285.0	0.34	0.65	0.35	1.00
			Including	42	8	78.6	0.28	2.55	6.06	8.61
			Including	46	2	78.9	0.35	2.24	7.96	10.20
			Including	58	8	80.2	0.29	2.17	3.99	6.16
AKRC79	708281	6258140	38	32	79.7	0.21	1.27	1.08	2.35	
			42	18	115.0	0.24	1.46	1.08	2.54	
			86	2	20.2	1.00	0.43	0.62	1.05	
			98	2	29.3	0.70	0.54	1.31	1.85	
			116	2	7.3	0.92	0.11	2.15	2.26	

Quarries Zone

Drilling at the Quarries Zone was successful in outlining potential extensions of mineralization at the Bean Lease (holes AKRC56 and AKRC73, see table 3) and hole AKRC76. An infill hole drilled to confirm resources in the northern section of the main Quarries resource intersected significantly greater grades than were encountered in adjacent holes.

Table 3 Further Details of Quarries Zone Drilling

Zone	Hole No	Easting	Northing	From (m)	Intersection (m)	Silver g/t	Gold g/t	Lead %	Zinc %	CBM %
Bean's Quarry	AKRC56	709315	6259625	Surface	4	141.7	0.40	1.47	0.02	1.49
			And	26	4	64.7	0.02	0.16	0.02	0.16
			And	38	12	55.2	0.01	0.48	0.09	0.57
			Including	38	2	134.0	0.00	0.31	0.08	0.39
Bean's Quarry	AKRC73	709303	6259596	34	8	16.1	0.05	1.49	1.11	2.60
			And	48	32	16.2	0.06	1.14	2.74	3.88
			Including	50	10	39.2	0.14	2.32	5.21	7.53
			Including	52	2	62.2	0.28	2.71	9.29	12.00
Henry's Quarry	AKRC76	709173	6259402	8	56	72.9	0.03	1.41	1.29	2.70
			Including	8	16	105.8	0.04	0.84	0.29	1.13
			Including	46	8	49.6	0.06	2.81	3.25	6.06
			Including	54	10	131.8	0.02	1.48	1.17	2.65

Table 3 Further Details of Quarries Zone Drilling cont...

Zone	Hole No	Easting	Northing	From (m)	Intersection (m)	Silver g/t	Gold g/t	Lead %	Zinc %	CBM %
Previous adjacent Quarry holes	GKF102	709217	6259399	Surface	6	58.0	0.02	0.54	0.54	1.08
	3PD77	709171	6259381	2	4	135.0	N/A	0.37	0.08	0.45

**South Conglomerate Zone**

Results from the seven RC drill holes, shown in the table 4 below, has the potential to add over 200m of strike to the south of the BJ zone.

Table 4 Further Details of South Conglomerate Zone Drilling

Zone	Hole No	Easting	Nothing	From (m)	Intersection (m)	Silver g/t	Gold g/t	Lead %	Zinc %	CBM %
	AKRC42	708421	6257991	28	12	109.7	0.27	0.35	0.12	0.47
	ARKC43	708521	6258106	20	8	91.9	0.03	0.10	0.20	0.30
	Including			22	4	144.0	0.03	0.11	0.02	0.13
	AKRC44	708504	6258087	30	10	53.2	0.12	0.17	0.07	0.24
	Including			30	4	80.2	0.09	0.13	0.02	0.15
	AKRC45	708538	6258137	18	28	46.1	0.14	0.08	0.02	0.10
	Including			24	8	69.7	0.11	0.07	0.02	0.09
	AKRC65	708405	6257970	40	20	17.8	0.46	0.95	2.20	3.15
			Including	44	2	24.1	0.56	1.48	3.39	4.87
			Including	50	4	42.0	0.69	2.75	5.52	8.27
	AKRC68	708463	6258020	10	12	54.9	0.14	0.16	0.06	0.22
			Including	18	2	78.3	0.07	0.06	0.04	0.10
	AKRC69	708479	6258040	12	16	64.2	0.18	0.14	0.04	0.18
			Including	12	8	73.6	0.17	0.13	0.03	0.16

**SUNNY CORNER**

A base metals marketing consultant has been retained to investigate potential markets for the bulk concentrate that previous test work has shown could be produced from the Sunny Corner deposit. That work indicated a 97% metal recovery to a 30% by weight bulk concentrate grading 2.3% Cu, 8.8% Pb, 20.5% Zn and 180 g/t Ag.

The Company reviewed the exploration potential of its Sunny Corner tenement in July-August 2009 by engaging the consulting services of Mr Rod Sainty, a geologist with extensive experience in VMS style mineralization. The review included a complete re-log of core from 20 diamond drill holes located at and peripheral to the historic Sunny Corner and Nevada mines, the first time this core has been evaluated together.

The key conclusion of the review is that the prospective host unit to the massive sulphide deposits continues north of the Sunny Corner mine, where it was not previously known. Also, alteration (related to mineralisation) within the footwall volcanics in this area has increased relative to that in the south.

Furthermore, correlation between the drill holes indicates that the dip west of the mine area is very shallow (10-20°), opening up potential in this direction as well. Further work to delineate targets in these areas has been recommended.

Three new drill targets were identified in the Sunny Corner mine area and two drill targets at the smaller Nevada copper mine, located two kilometers along strike to the north. To the south of the Sunny Corner mine the rhyolite thickens considerably, suggesting that the volcanic centre occurs in this direction. The sequence here is intruded and partly obscured by the Bob's Creek Porphyry and this area warrants examination for signs of mineralisation.

Argent may earn a 70% interest in the Sunny Corner Tenements from Golden Cross Resources Limited by the expenditure of \$0.686 million by July 2013.

## WEST WYALONG

During the reporting period the Company continued drilling a large, co-incident 21 milligal gravity anomaly and 1850 nanoteslas magnetic anomaly at its West Wyalong tenement in Central Western NSW.

The co-incident gravity/magnetic anomaly is located on the Gilmore Suture, a major mineralizing structure running from Victoria through to northern NSW which hosts gold and copper deposits such as Cowal, Marsden and Yiddah.

The drilling comprised a 300m diamond tail on hole AGC001 which was a 200m vertical RC hole drilled in April 2009. That hole returned 2m at 22.7 g/t Au from 60m depth, including one metre at 43.1 g/t Au. The hole also intersected two zones of intense alteration, one at 60m and the other from 196m to the end of the hole.

Hole AGC001 targeted that part of the anomaly where the highest gravity and magnetic readings overlap. The target was a very large porphyry copper-gold deposit. The 300m diamond tail on hole WGC001 drilled to explore the combined gravity/magnetic anomalies was however not successful in intersecting any further metal values of significance.

Drilling to follow up the 2m of 22.7 g/t Au at 60m in the initial 200m section of hole WGC001 will be undertaken in the first quarter of 2010.

Argent may earn a 70% interest in the West Wyalong Tenements from Golden Cross Resources Limited by the expenditure of \$1.03 million by July 2013.

## CAPITAL RAISING

Argent advised the market on 21 October 2009 that it had resolved to place 6,291,000 shares at \$0.10 per share to raise \$629,100. Each share issued under the placement was issued with one free attaching listed option, approved at the Company's Annual General Meeting which was held on 30 November 2009.

The options have been issued on the same terms and conditions as the existing ARDO listed options which are exercisable at \$0.20 on or before 30 June 2011.

## COMPETENT PERSONS STATEMENT

The information in this Report that relates to exploration is based on information compiled by David Timms, who is a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists, is a Technical Consultant to Argent, and has sufficient experience relevant to the style of mineralization and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the “Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves”. Mr Timms consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on the information in the form and context in which it appears.

## AUDITOR’S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

A copy of the auditor’s independence declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 9.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of directors.



**Kerry McHugh**  
Executive Chairman



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Dear Sirs

**RE: ARGENT MINERALS LIMITED**

In accordance with section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of Argent Minerals Limited.

As Audit Director for the review of the financial statements of Argent Minerals Limited for the period ended 31 December 2009, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the review; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

Yours faithfully  
**STANTONS INTERNATIONAL**  
(Authorised Audit Company)



**John P Van Dieren**  
Director

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR  
THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

Australian Dollar (\$)	31 December 2009	31 December 2008
<b>REVENUE FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b>	<b>34,855</b>	<b>114,021</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Exploration expenditure written off	563,493	769,530
Administration expenses	240,853	238,267
Other expenses	-	-
<b>LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAX</b>	<b>(769,491)</b>	<b>(893,776)</b>
Income tax benefit / (expense)	-	-
<b>Loss After Income Tax</b>	<b>(769,491)</b>	<b>(893,776)</b>
<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>(769,491)</b>	<b>(893,776)</b>
<b>EARNINGS PER SHARE</b>		
Basic and diluted loss per share (cents)	<b>(1.75)</b>	<b>(2.13)</b>

The above statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2009

Australian Dollar (\$)	Note	31 December 2009	30 June 2009
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		2,084,642	2,305,942
Trade and other receivables		54,514	39,814
Prepayments		9,417	3,367
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>2,148,573</b>	<b>2,349,123</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Term deposit		36,236	35,541
Plant and Equipment		6,428	-
Exploration and evaluation expenditure		-	-
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>42,664</b>	<b>35,541</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>2,191,237</b>	<b>2,384,664</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables		111,678	124,385
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>111,678</b>	<b>124,385</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>111,678</b>	<b>124,385</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>2,079,559</b>	<b>2,260,279</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Contributed equity	3	4,994,130	4,405,458
Reserves		405,736	405,736
Accumulated losses		(3,320,307)	(2,550,915)
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>2,079,559</b>	<b>2,260,279</b>

The above statement of financial position should be read  
in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR  
THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009**

Australian Dollar (\$)	Share Capital	Accumulated Losses	Share Option Reserve	Total Equity
<b>Balance at 1 July 2008</b>	4,405,408	(949,297)	-	3,456,111
Profit or Loss for the period	-	(893,776)	-	(893,776)
Adjustments to previous period retained earnings	-	(150)	-	(150)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	(893,926)	-	(893,926)
Shares and options issued during the period	50	-	419,400	419,450
Shares and options issue expenses	-	-	(13,664)	(13,664)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2008</b>	<b>4,405,458</b>	<b>(1,843,223)</b>	<b>405,736</b>	<b>2,967,971</b>
<b>Balance at 1 July 2009</b>	4,405,458	(2,550,816)	405,736	2,260,378
Profit or Loss for the period	-	(769,491)	-	(769,491)
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	-	(769,491)	-	(769,491)
Shares and options issued during the period	629,100	-	-	629,100
Share and option issue expenses	(40,428)	-	-	(40,428)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2009</b>	<b>4,994,130</b>	<b>(3,320,307)</b>	<b>405,736</b>	<b>2,079,559</b>

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE  
HALF YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

Australian Dollar (\$)	31 December 2009	31 December 2008
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Expenditure on mining interests	(572,992)	(768,966)
Payments to suppliers and employees	(248,772)	(245,587)
Interest received	34,160	114,021
Other - GST	(15,768)	17,077
<b>Net cash outflow from operating activities</b>	<b>(803,372)</b>	<b>(883,455)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Term Deposit	-	(35,000)
Payment for plant and equipment	(6,600)	-
<b>Net cash outflow from investing activities</b>	<b>(6,600)</b>	<b>(35,000)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from shares and options issued	588,672	397,947
<b>Net cash inflow from financing activities</b>	<b>588,672</b>	<b>397,947</b>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(221,300)	(520,508)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the half-year	2,305,942	3,502,785
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE HALF-YEAR</b>	<b>2,084,642</b>	<b>2,982,277</b>

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## CONDENSED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 1: BASIS OF PREPARATION OF THE HALF-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

The half-year financial statements are a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*, Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134: Interim Financial Reporting, Accounting Interpretations and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

It is recommended that this financial report be read in conjunction with the annual financial report for the period ended 30 June 2009 and any public announcements made by Argent Minerals Limited during the half-year in accordance with continuous disclosure requirements arising under the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The accounting policies applied by the Company in this half year report are the same as those applied by the Company in its financial report for the period ended 30 June 2009. The Company has not elected to early adopt any new standards or amendments.

#### Reporting Basis and Conventions

The half-year report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs.

The half-year report does not include full disclosures of the type normally included in an annual financial report.

#### Going Concern Basis

The financial report has been prepared on the going concern basis, which contemplates continuity of normal business activities and realization of assets and settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business. The going concern of the Company is dependant upon it maintaining sufficient funds for its operations and commitments. The directors continue to monitor the ongoing funding requirements of the Company.

The directors are confident that sufficient funding can be secured if required to enable the Company entity to continue as a going concern and as such are of the opinion that the financial report has been appropriately prepared on a going concern basis.

### NOTE 2: SEGMENT INFORMATION

The company operates in predominantly one business and geographical segment, being mineral exploration in Australia.

**NOTE 3: ISSUED CAPITAL**

Australian Dollar (\$)	31 December 2009	31 December 2008
<b>(a) Issued and paid up capital</b>		
At the beginning of the reporting period	4,405,458	4,405,408
Shares issued pursuant to capital risings	629,100	-
Shares issued pursuant to exercise of options	-	50
Transactions costs arising from issue of shares	(40,428)	-
<b>At reporting date 48,231,251 (30 June 2009: 41,940,251) fully paid ordinary shares</b>	<b>4,994,130</b>	<b>4,405,458</b>
<b>Movements in Ordinary Shares</b>		
	Number	Number
At the beginning of reporting period	41,940,251	41,940,001
Share issued pursuant to capital raisings	6,291,000	-
Shares issued pursuant to exercise of options	-	250
<b>Balance at 31 December 2009</b>	<b>48,231,251</b>	<b>41,940,251</b>

**(b) Share options**

Options to take up ordinary shares in the capital of the Company have been granted as follows:

Exercise Period	Note	Exercise Price	Opening Balance	Options Issued	Closing Balance 31 December 2009
		Number	Number	Number	Number
On or before 30 June 2011	(i)	\$0.20	41,939,751	6,291,000	48,230,751

- (i) On 3 December 2009, one option was attached to every ordinary share issued in November 2009, totalling 6,291,000 options.

**NOTE 4: CONTINGENCIES**

There has been no change in contingent liabilities or contingent assets since the last annual reporting date.

**NOTE 5: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 31 December 2009, which has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the result of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial years.

**NOTE 6: ESTIMATES & ASSUMPTIONS**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with AIFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are:

***Future Rehabilitation***

The Company measures the cost of future rehabilitation in relation to its tenements based on probable cost estimations at the date upon which tenements are altered from their original state. Fair values are determined using local data available. No rehabilitation provision is considered necessary at 31 December 2009.



**DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

The directors of the Company declare that:

1. the financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 10 to 16 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and:
  - (a) comply with Accounting Standard AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
  - (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2009 and of the performance for the 6 months ended on that date of the Company;
2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



Kerry McHugh  
**Executive Chairman**  
**Argent Minerals Limited**

Perth, 5 March 2010

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ARGENT MINERALS LIMITED

### Report on the Half-Year Financial Report

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of Argent Minerals Limited, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2009, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, and statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, a statement of accounting policies, other selected explanatory notes and the directors' declaration.

#### *Directors' Responsibility for the Half-Year Financial Report*

The directors of Argent Minerals Limited (the Company) are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the half-year financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Corporations Act 2001*. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the half-year financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

#### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standards on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 *Review of Interim Financial and Other Financial Reports Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including: giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2009 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting and the Corporations Regulations 2001*. As the auditor of Argent Minerals Limited, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Our review did not involve an analysis of the prudence of business decisions made by the directors or management.

*Independence*

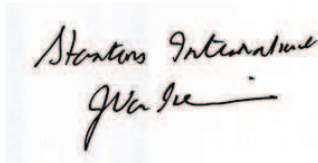
In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, has been provided to the directors of Argent Minerals Limited on 5 March 2010.

*Conclusion*

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report of Argent Minerals Limited is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2009 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Accounting Standards AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting and Corporations Regulations 2001.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John P Van Dieren", is written over a light blue rectangular stamp. The stamp contains the text "Stantons International" in a cursive font.

**John P Van Dieren**  
**Director**

West Perth, Western Australia  
5 March 2010