

# ARGENT MINERALS LIMITED ASX:ARD DIGGERS AND DEALERS AUGUST 2015



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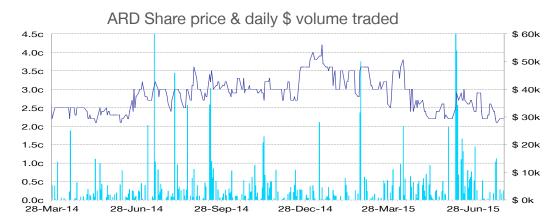
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## ARGENT AT A GLANCE



Capital Structure	
Ordinary shares (ASX:ARD)	201.5M
Share price <sup>1</sup>	\$0.022
Market capitalisation <sup>1</sup>	\$4.43M
Cash <sup>2</sup>	\$606,000
Listed Options (ASX:ARDO) 3	108M
ASX Listing	3 April 2008
Top 20 shareholders <sup>4</sup>	40%

<sup>1.</sup> As at cob 31/7/15 2. As at 30/6/15 3. \$0.175 strike, 31 March 2016 expiry 4. As at 29/9/14 (2014 Annual Report)



Board & Managem	ent
Stephen Gemell	Chairman (Non-exec) B.Eng (Hons), FAusIMM (CP)
David Busch	Managing Director B.Eng, BSc, MAusIMM
Sarah Shipway	Director (Non-exec)  B.Bus, CA
Sarah Shipway	Company Secretary B. Bus, CA

## WHY INVEST IN ARGENT MINERALS

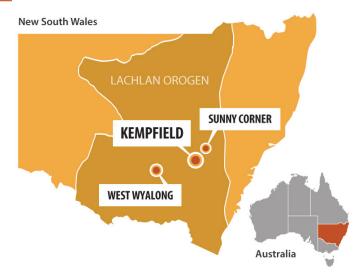


#### BOARD AND MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

- Depth of experience: mining, financial & commodities markets, corporate governance
- Exploration track record in Volcanogenic Massive Sulphide (VMS) discovery
  - High calibre technical team, aided by specialist input from CODES (Professor Ross Large)

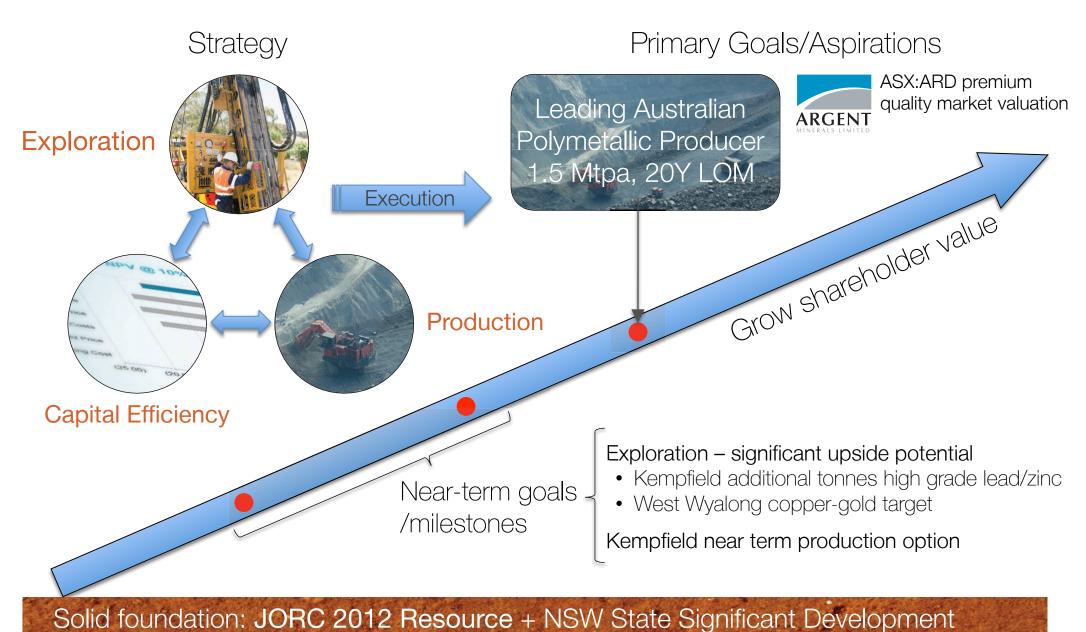
#### THREE PROJECTS IN HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE TERRANE

- Kempfield Polymetallic Project (Argent 100%)
  - High grade base and precious metals potential
  - Near term production potential (JORC 2012 Resource)
- West Wyalong (Argent 51%, right to earn 70%)
  - Large porphyry copper-gold target identified
  - 37 km from Lake Cowal mine infrastructure
- Sunny Corner (Argent 70%)
  - Historic rich polymetallic mine potential feedstock for Kempfield



## **BUSINESS MODEL**





## ARGENT STRATEGY: THREE KEY ELEMENTS



## **Exploration**

Initial goals/aspirations:

- Kempfield: Additional tonnes, high grade lead/zinc focus
  - Feeder zone and multiple VMS lens potential
- West Wyalong: drill large identified porphyry copper-gold target

Feedstock

Funding (self-sustaining)

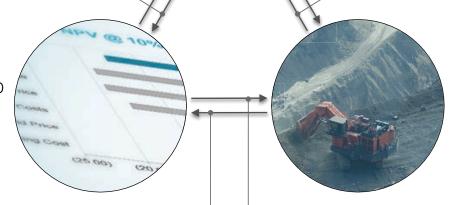
Efficient funding

Market valuation of Argent

#### Capital Efficiency

Goal: Competitive capital structure

- Approx. \$2 M in Government R&D claims since July 2013
- NSW Government drilling grant (top five drilling project)
- Non-dilutionary capital



#### **Production**

Kempfield: Key goals/aspirations

- Early start, market-ready, fast-response option
- Reduction of economic viability threshold to \$15-20/oz silver (2012 PFS based on \$30/oz)
- Progress regulatory approvals for readiness
  - Environmental Impact Statement submitted, feedback received

Income

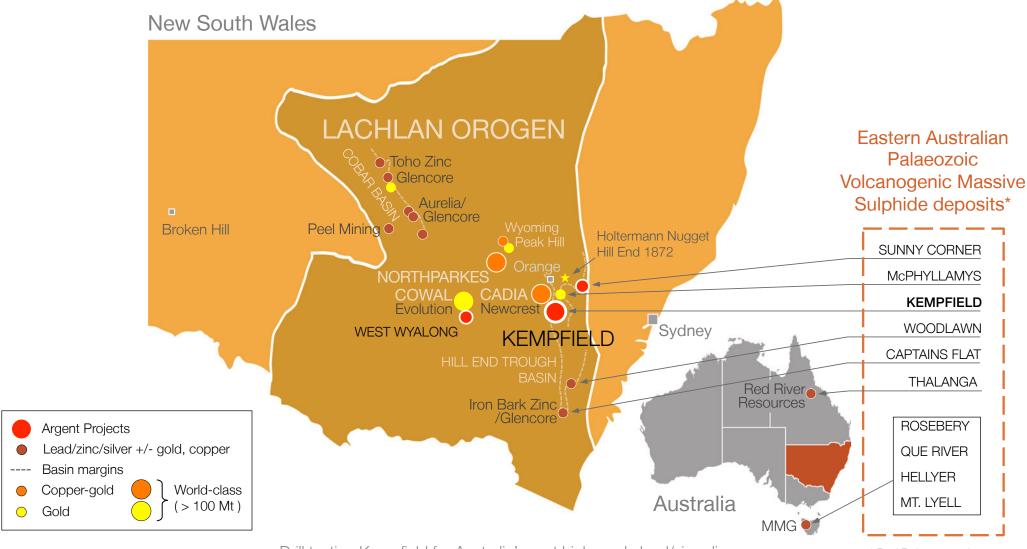
Expansion/maintenance capital



## STRATEGICALLY POSITIONED IN WORLD-CLASS NEIGHBOURHOOD



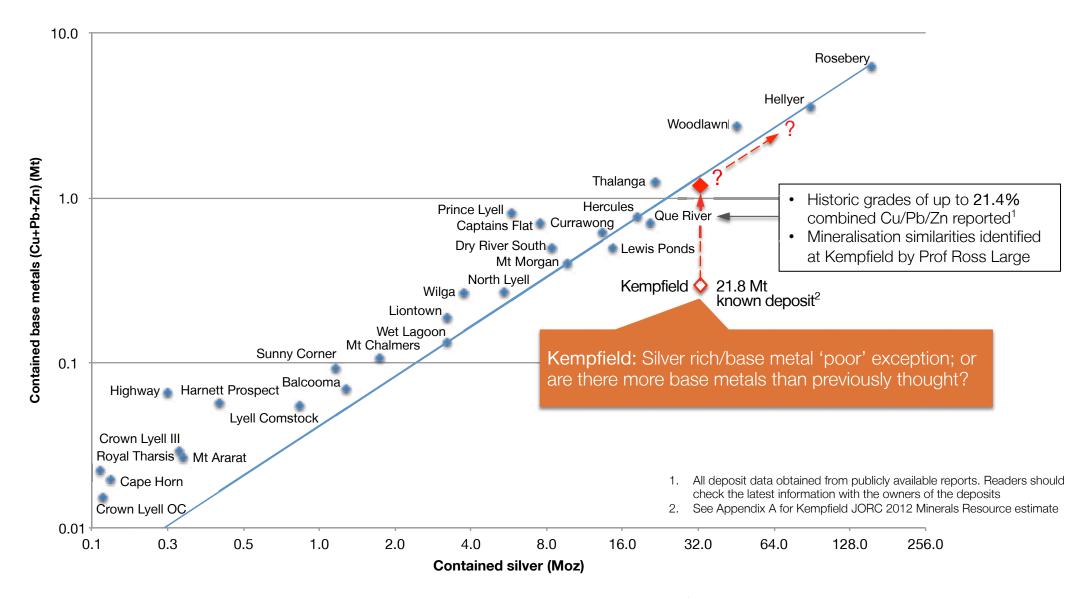
- HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE GEOLOGICAL TERRANE
- COMPELLING PEER GROUP: RICH BASIN MARGIN POLYMETALLIC DEPOSITS



## KEMPFIELD POSITIONING WITHIN PEER GROUP

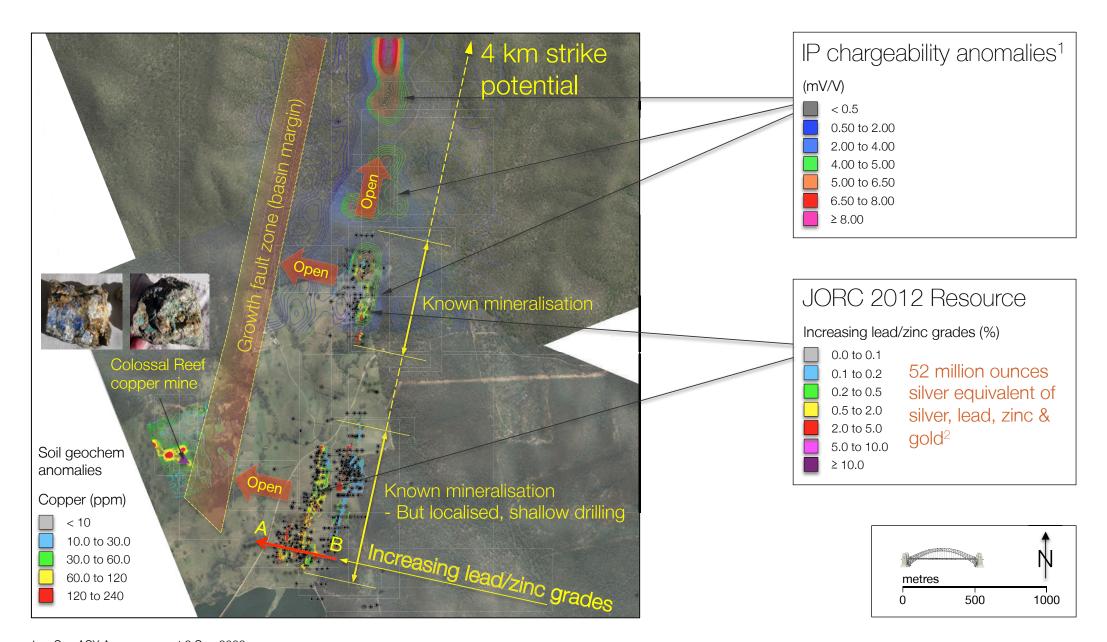


#### EASTERN AUSTRALIAN PALAEOZOIC VMS DEPOSITS



## SUBSTANTIAL OPEN, HIGHLY PROSPECTIVE, UNTESTED AREAS



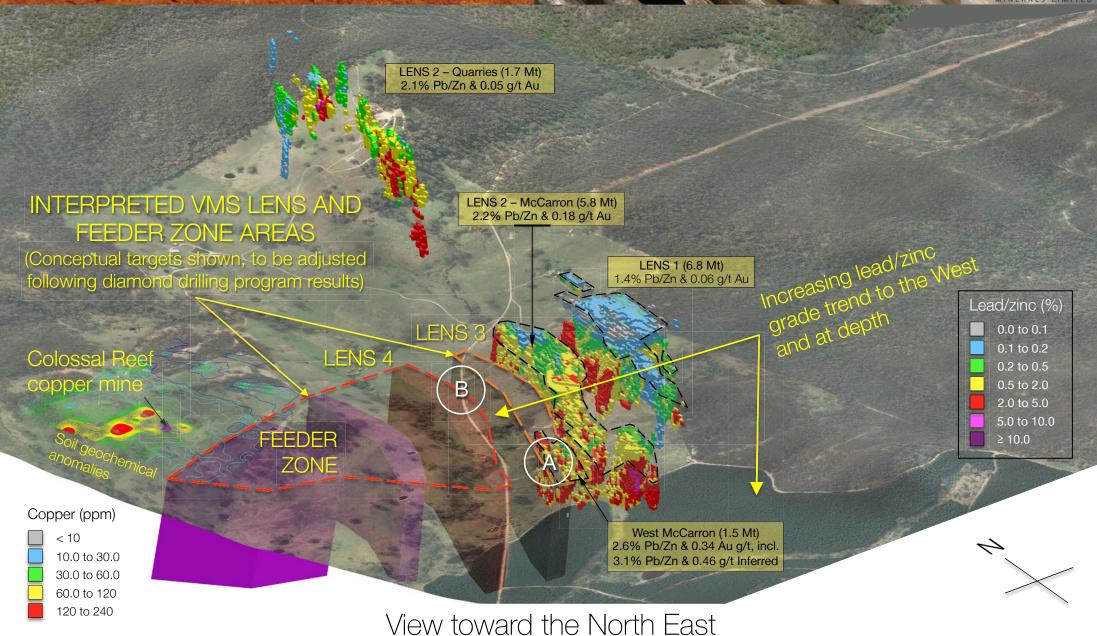


<sup>1.</sup> See ASX Announcement 2 Sep 2009

<sup>2.</sup> See Appendix A for details

## BASE METAL POTENTIAL IDENTIFIED TO THE WEST AND AT DEPTH



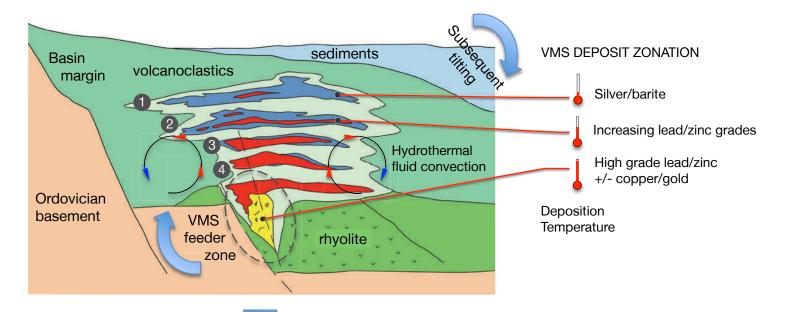


## DEPOSIT MODEL VALIDATED BY DIAMOND DRILLING



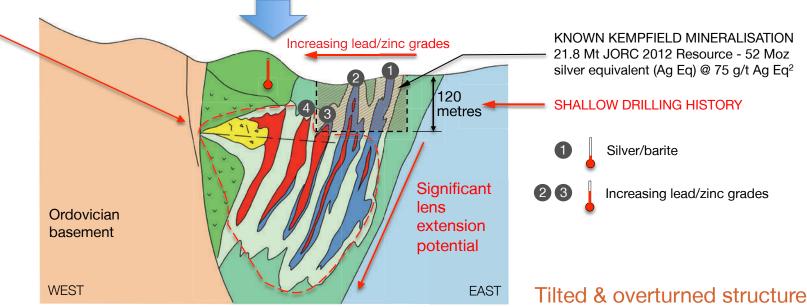
# Original volcanogenic massive sulphide (VMS) mound formation





## 'SIZE OF THE PRIZE' EXPLORATION POTENTIAL

including high grade lead/zinc +/- copper/gold

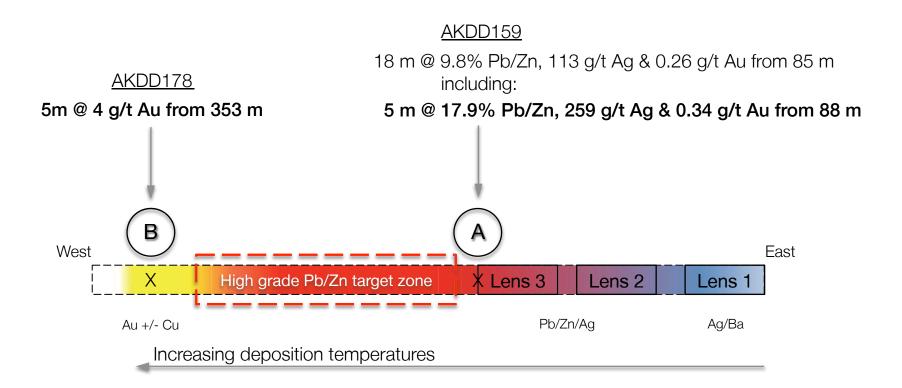


Current day VMS analogue. Photo reproduced with permission from Science Photo Library Ltd. London, UK

2. See Appendix A

## HIGH GRADE LEAD/ZINC TARGET ZONE



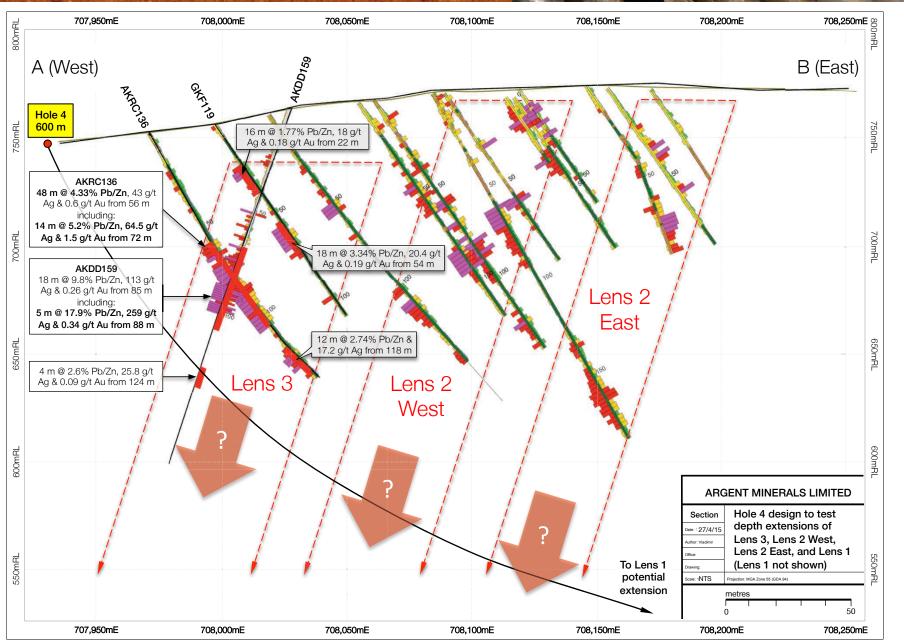


## Targeting high grade lead/zinc:

- Multiple exploration vectors indicate significant grade/tonnes potential
- Sufficient tonnes & grade could also unlock significant silver production
- Zinc price resurgence fuelled by compelling supply/demand outlook

## DRILL TESTING FOR LENS EXTENSIONS AT DEPTH (EXAMPLE)



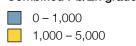


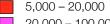
#### HISTOGRAM I FGFND

#### Base metals grade (Pb/Zn)

Histograms on left hand side of drillholes

#### Combined Pb/Zn grade (ppm)





#### 20,000 – 100,000

#### Precious metals grade (Ag)

Histograms on right hand side of drillholes

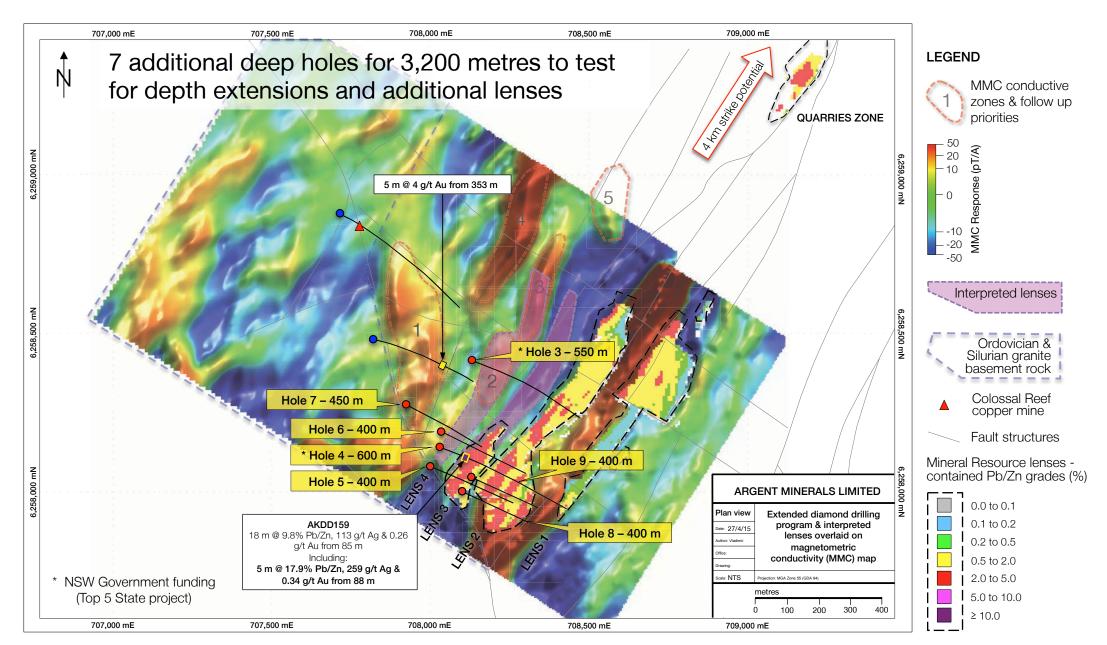
#### Ag Grade (ppm)



90 – 10,000

## EXTENDED REACH DEEP DIAMOND DRILL PROGRAM TO START



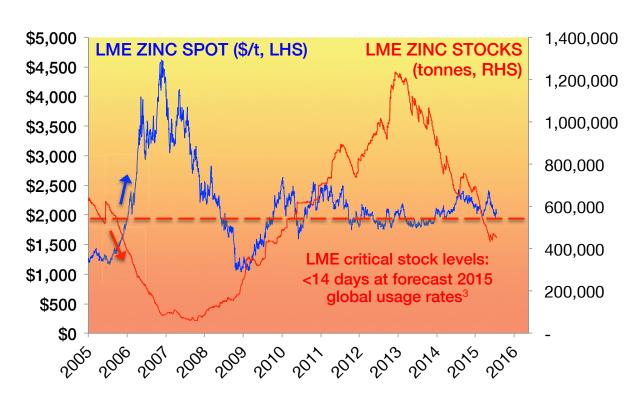


## ADVANCING AS A POLYMETALLIC PROJECT



#### INCREASED EXPOSURE TO ZINC AS MARKETS PRICE IN SUPPLY OUTLOOK

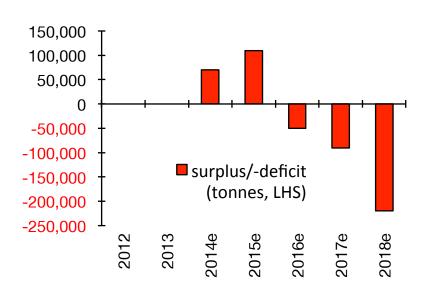
#### 10 YEAR HISTORICAL LME ZINC SPOT PRICE AND STOCK LEVELS



#### 1. UBS Global I/O®: Miner's Price Review 9 July 2014 (confirmed as current with UBS Nov 2014)

- 2. Company public reports as at the date of this presentation (most recent production). Investors must not rely on this information. Please refer directly to the individual company reports.
- 3. Based on global usage rate forecast of 14.14 million tonnes for 2015. Source: International Lead and Zinc Study Group (ILZSG): April 2015 ILZSG Global Forecasts.
- 4. See MMG 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report dated 16 July 2015

#### ZINC DEFICIT FORECAST<sup>1</sup>



Mine Closures	Production (ktpa) <sup>2</sup>	Closing Date <sup>2</sup>
Century*	455-470	2 <sup>nd</sup> half 2015
Lisheen	180	FY2014-15
Skorpion	125	2016-17
Tara	166	2019
Rosebery	80-85	2024

<sup>\*</sup> Century ceases open cut mining – July 2015<sup>4</sup>

## WEALTH GENERATION POTENTIAL - MALLEE BULL EXAMPLE



Company	Project ownership	Total number of shares	Date	Share price at market close	Market capitalisation
Argent Minerals	Kempfield 100% West Wyalong 51% Sunny Corner 70%	177,563,702 <sup>i</sup>	9 June 2015	\$A0.025	\$A4,439,093
Peel Mining	Mallee Bull – JOGMEC farmin to 40% (Stage 1), then 50% (Stage 2) <sup>ii</sup> plus other projects	132,485,969 <sup>iii</sup>	10 March 2015 9 June 2015	\$A0.050 \$A0.220	\$6,624,298 \$A29,416,913

i Prior to completion of Private Placement and SPP announced 9 June 2015

Peel Mining Investor Presentation 27 February 2015

Half-Year Consolidated Financial Report 31 December 2014, p. 10

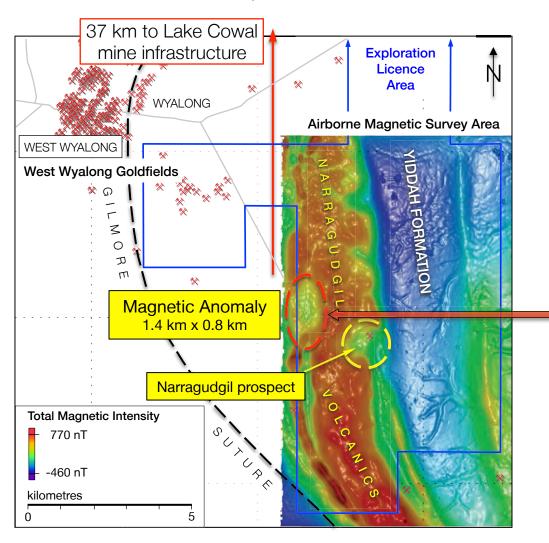


## **WEST WYALONG PROJECT**

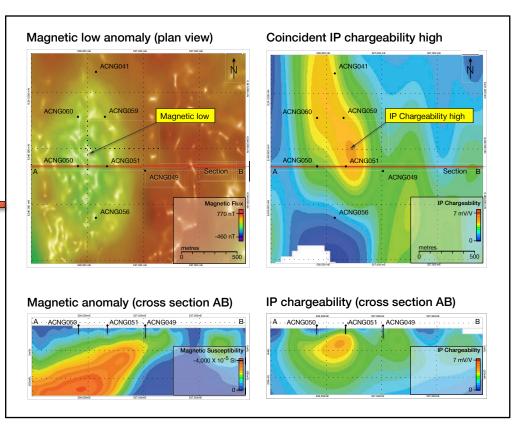
## WEST WYALONG PROJECT LEAPS FORWARD



# MAGNETIC SURVEY REVEALS LARGE PORPHYRY COPPER-GOLD TARGET ARGENT PROJECT EQUITY NOW 51% WITH RIGHT TO EARN 70%



- Porphyry copper-gold signature indicated: coincident magnetic low and IP chargeability high anomalies in Ordovician volcanics
- Strong copper-gold geochemistry intersected by shallow aircore drilling
- Similarities to Northparkes system observed





#### KEMPFIELD – DRILL TESTING THE HIGH GRADE VMS POTENTIAL

- Significant (21.8 Mt) Mineral Resource JORC 2012 compliant (upgrade-ready)
- Extended reach deep diamond drilling program 7 holes for 3,200 metres
  - Targeting high grade base and precious metals
  - Drilling activity and discovery potential -> liquidity and share price
- Resurgent interest in zinc compelling supply/demand outlook
- Project quality has attracted:
  - Federal Government R&D funding (expected to continue)
  - NSW State Government drilling-specific grant (Top 5 project based on merit)
- Capital-efficiency optimised by Government co-funding alongside equity capital

#### WEST WYALONG

- Large porphyry copper-gold target
- Only 37 km from Lake Cowal Mine infrastructure Evolution purchase

## CONTACT DETAILS



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## APPENDIX A - KEMPFIELD JORC 2012 RESOURCE STATEMENT SUMMARY



#### KEMPFIELD JORC 2012 RESOURCE STATEMENT SUMMARY

Table 1.0 is a summary of the Kempfield mineral resource announced on 6 May, 2014. Table 2.0 shows the Resource tonnes and grades by Measured, Indicated and Inferred categories, whilst Table 3.0 provides details of tonnes and contained metal in the Measured and Indicated categories.

At cutoff grades 25 g/t Ag (Oxide/Transitional) and for 50 g/t Ag equivalent<sup>1</sup> (Primary):

Table 1.0 - Kempfield Resource Summary

		Silver (Ag)		Gold (Au)		Lead (Pb)		Zinc (Zn)		In-situ Contained Ag Equivalent <sup>2</sup>	
	Resource Tonnes (Mt)	Grade (g/t)	Contained Metal (Moz)	Grade (g/t)	Contained Metal (000 oz)	Grade (%)	Contained Metal (000 t)	Grade (%)	Contained Metal (000 t)	Grade (Ag Eq g/t)	Contained Ag Eq (Moz)
Oxide/ Transitional*	6.0	55	10.7	0.11	21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	11.7
Primary**	15.8	44	22.3	0.13	66	0.62	97	1.3	200	-	40.5
TOTAL***	21.8	47	33.0 M	0.12	86	N/A	97	N/A	200	75	52 M

<sup>\* 90% \*\* 79% \*\*\* 82%:</sup> Percentage of Resource tonnes in Measured or Indicated Category. See Table 3.0 for details.

#### Note 1 - 50 g/t Silver Equivalent Cutoff Grade

This Resource is only reported in Resource tonnes and contained metal (ounces of silver and gold, and tonnes for lead and zinc). The Resource estimation for the Primary material was based on a silver equivalent cutoff grade of 50 g/t.

A silver equivalent was not employed for the oxide/transitional material estimation and was based on a 25 g/t silver only cutoff grade.

The contained metal equivalence formula is based on the following assumptions made by Argent Minerals:

Silver price: \$US 30/oz (\$US 0.9645/g)

Gold price: \$US 1,500/oz
Lead & zinc price: \$US 2,200/tonne
Silver and gold recoverable and payable: 80% of head grade
Lead & zinc recoverable & payable: 55% of head grade

Based on metallurgical testing to date, Argent Minerals is of the opinion that recoverable and payable silver and gold of 80% is achievable, and recoverable and payable lead and zinc at 55% of the head grade. Argent Minerals is also of the opinion that this is consistent with current industry practice. These metallurgical recoveries were included in the calculation of silver equivalent cutoff grades used for reporting of Mineral Resources. Please note that Ag Eq is reported as in-situ contained ounces and grade ie. not recoverable & payable ounces and grade, and in accordance with the JORC Code 2012 Code for the Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves.

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Table 2.0 - Resource by Category

		Grad	e (g/t)	Grade (%)		In-situ Grade (Contained Ag Eq g/t)	
Category	Resource Tonnes (Mt)	Silver (Ag)	Gold (Au)	Lead (Pb)	Zinc (Zn)	Silver Equivalent (Ag Eq)	
Oxide/Transitional							
Measured	2.7	68	0.11	-	-	73	
Indicated	2.7	47	0.11	-	-	52	
Inferred	0.6	39	0.08	-	-	43	
Total Oxide/Transitional	6.0	55	0.11	-	-	60	
Primary							
Measured	4.1	57	0.12	0.66%	1.2%	93	
Indicated	8.4	41	0.13	0.58%	1.2%	76	
Inferred	3.2	35	0.13	0.66%	1.4%	74	
Total Primary	15.8	44	0.13	0.62%	1.3%	80	
Total Resource	21.8	47	0.12	N/A	N/A	75	

#### Note 2 - Contained Silver Equivalent ('Ag Eq') Calculation Details

- (i) A revenue figure was calculated for each metal by category and material class (r) as follows:
  - r = tonnes \* head grade \* recoverable and payable %.
  - Eg. For Measured Oxide/Transitional silver: r = 2.7 Mt \* 68 g/t \* 80% / 31.1 g/oz \* \$US 30/oz = \$US 142 M.
  - Eg. For Measured Primary Zinc: r = 4.1Mt \* 1.2% \* 55% \*\$US 2,200/t = \$US 59.5M.
- (ii) Total revenue R was calculated for each resource category and material class as the sum of all the individual (r) revenues for that category and class.
- (iii) Contained silver metal equivalent ounces was then calculated as follows:
  - Ag Eq (oz) = R / Ag recoverable and payable % / Ag price = R / 80% /\$US 30.
- (iv) Contained silver metal grade was calculated as follows: Grade (Contained Ag Eq g/t) = Ag Eq (oz) \* 31.1 / tonnes.

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Table 3.0 - Kempfield Resource tonnes and contained metal in Measured and Indicated categories

	Contained Metal						
	Resource Tonnes (Mt)	Moz Silver (Ag)	000 oz Gold (Au)	000 t Lead (Pb)	000 t Zinc (Zn)	In-situ Moz Silver Equivalent (Ag Eq)	
Oxide/Transitional							
Measured	2.7	5.8	9.3	-	-	6.3	
Indicated	2.7	4.1	9.9	-	-	4.6	
Measured + Indicated	5.4	10	19	-	-	11	
As % of Total Oxide/Transitional	90%	93%	93%	-	-	93%	
Primary							
Measured	4.1	7.5	16	27	51	12	
Indicated	8.4	11	36	49	103	21	
Measured + Indicated	13	19	51	76	154	33	
As % of Total Primary	79%	83%	79%	78%	77%	81%	
Oxide/Transitional + Primary							
Measured	6.8	13	25	27	51	19	
Indicated	11	15	46	49	103	25	
Total Measured + Indicated	18	28	71	76	154	44	
As % of Total Resource	82%	86%	82%	78%	77%	84%	

#### Note 3 – Rounding and Significant Figures

Figures in the tables in this Appendix may not sum precisely due to rounding; the number of significant figures does not imply an added level of precision.

## COMPETENT PERSON STATEMENTS



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#### **Previously Released Information**

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- 10 March 2014 Assays Confirm Third VMS Lens Group at Kempfield Revised;
- 16 Oct 2014 Base and precious metal grade zonation in Kempfield Resource;
- 22 Oct 2014 Conductive zones detected by MMR surveys at Kempfield;
- 29 Oct 2014 Kempfield Deep Diamond Drilling Program;
- 25 February 2015 Hole 1 intersects significant gold grades at Kempfield;
- 21 April 2015 Hole 2 increases potential size of the prize at Kempfield; and
- 29 April 2015 Extended reach for Kempfield Deep Diamond Drilling Program.

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