



## ARGO GOLD INC.

### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2019

#### General

*This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") is prepared as of May 28, 2019 and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements of Argo Gold Inc. ("Argo" or "the Company") for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and March 31, 2018, which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). This MD&A includes certain statements that may be deemed "forward-looking statements". All statements in this discussion, other than statements of historical fact, that address future exploration activities and events or developments that the Company expects, are forward-looking statements. Although the Company believes the expectations expressed in such forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, such statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Additional information, including the Annual Information Form can be found on SEDAR, [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). All amounts are in Canadian dollars.*

#### Overview

Argo Gold Inc. (the "Company") is a development stage enterprise incorporated under the laws of Ontario on December 9, 1995. The Company is listed on the Canadian Stock Exchange ("CSE"), having the symbol ARQ and is in the process of exploring its mineral properties. The address of the Company's corporate office and principal place of business is 365 Bay Street, Suite 400 Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2V1, Canada.

#### Results of Operations

During the quarter, the Company completed a winter exploration diamond drill program at the 100% owned Woco Gold Project, outside the Red Lake Gold District in Ontario, Canada. The Company targeted three distinct gold-bearing areas in the Birch-Uchi Greenstone Belt, with the 2,500-metre, 15-hole drill program. The results of the drill program were released on March 22, 2019 and April 04, 2019. The exploration activity completed was fully funded from the Company's December 2018 Private Placement and further exploration work is planned for the summer of 2019.

Also during the quarter, the Company acquired additional claims, expanding of their land package, Argo's flagship Woco Gold Project, located just outside of the Red Lake Gold District. Two Additional blocks of claims contiguous with the main Woco Gold Property were acquired Block 1 consisting of 11 claims, which cover the north and western parts of the HST 'Break', which contain the extension of the Raingold showing. Block 2 consists of 8 claims which cover the eastern extent of the Uchi Mine area geology and a portion of the Uchi Lake Deformation Zone. With this new staking, the Woco Gold Project has increased, bringing Argo Gold's total land package in the prospective Birch Uchi Greenstone Belt to 2,176 hectares.



## Revenue and Other Income

The Company did not earn any operational revenue during the three months ended March 31, 2019. In the quarter, the company had a loss from operations of \$ 83,551 offset by other income of \$206,551 from the flow-through share liability recovery and a realized gain of \$21,805 on the sale and change in fair value of marketable securities, for a net income of \$144,805.

## Selected expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2019, 2018 and 2017.

	March 31,		
	2019	2018	2017
Amortization	\$ 849	\$ 637	\$ 60
Administrative expenses	11,641	13,284	10,207
Consulting fees	-	104,288	34,000
Exploration expenses	-	-	-
Management fees	18,000	19,200	28,942
Professional fees	19,511	36,823	3,656
Listing fees	2,031	(3,688)	1,915
Share-based compensation	-	-	65,121
Business development & Investor relations	31,517	57,264	44,664
	<b>\$ 83,551</b>	<b>\$ 227,809</b>	<b>\$ 188,565</b>

## For the three months ended March 31, 2019

Administration expenses decreased slightly by \$1,643 from the prior year having similar activity and general expenses during the period. Consulting fees decreased by \$104,288 for the year as a result of the very low consulting activity during the period compared to prior year that had new advisors and increased activity from the sale of the properties recorded in the first and second quarter of 2018. Management salaries for the period decreased by \$1,200. Professional fees decreased by \$17,312 due in large to the additional work required to close the acquisition and sales transactions that took place the prior year comparison. Listing fees increased by \$5,719 compared to prior year, which is due to the better allocation of related expenditures. Share-based compensation was nil during the quarter as a result of management's decision to limit the amount of options and grants issued to management and consultants to the Company. Business development and investor relations decreased by \$25,747 for the year, due to the lower activity in the period and better allocation of these expenses. These development and relations expenses cover planning meetings and attendance at numerous trade shows including the PDAC convention during the first quarter.

During the quarter the Company settled an aggregate of \$12,000 of indebtedness of the Company with a creditor through the issuance of an aggregate 80,000 common shares at a price of \$0.15 per common share. The common shares issued pursuant to the debt settlement are subject to a four month and one day hold period pursuant to applicable securities laws.



## Summary of Results & Selected Quarter Information

The following table sets for the selected financial information for Argo Gold Inc. for the most recently completed eight quarters. This information has been derived from Company's financial statements for the period and should be read in conjunction with financial statement and the notes thereto.

Quarterly Financial Information (unaudited)	2019	2018	2018	2018	2018	2017	2017	2017
	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2
Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Income (loss)	\$ 228,356	\$ (198,305)	\$ 19,125	\$ 442,690	\$ 13,751	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Income (loss)	\$ 144,805	\$ (397,619)	\$ (6,441)	\$ 267,986	\$ (214,058)	\$ (154,068)	\$ (77,909)	\$ (254,584)
Net Income (loss) per share	\$ 0.00	\$ (0.01)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.01	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.01)

## Summary of significant items by quarter for the year ended December 31, 2018

### 2019-Q1

During the quarter, the Company realized \$83,551 loss from operations, a flow-through share liability recovery of \$206,551 and a gain of \$21,805 on value of securities held for trading during the three months ended March 31, 2019, resulting in a \$144,805 net income for the quarter. Also from the flow-through shares funding from December 2018 in the amount of \$877,030, the Company had incurred \$ 604,915 of eligible exploration expenditures through to the period ended March 31, 2019. The Company will spend the balance of \$272,115 on qualifying exploration expenditures by December 31, 2019.

### For the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018

The following table sets forth selected financial information for Argo Gold Inc. for the quarters ended March 31, 2019 and 2018. This information has been derived from the Company's financial statements for the period and should be read in conjunction with financial statement and the notes thereto.

	For the three-month period ended March 31,	
	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Revenues	-	-
Net and comprehensive income (loss)	<b>144,805</b>	(214,058)
Net income (loss) per share basic and diluted	<b>0.00</b>	(0.01)
Total assets	<b>2,568,337</b>	1,435,765
Total Liabilities	<b>294,608</b>	194,081
Working capital	<b>330,498</b>	(51,832)



## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

As at March 31, 2019 there was cash of \$396,867 compared to cash of \$9,003 as at March 31, 2018, and HST receivable of \$80,364 compared to \$119,178 as at March 31, 2018. HST accounts receivable decreased due to timely processing and collection of quarterly returns, only the current quarter end return was outstanding. The Company's March 31, 2019 short-term obligations consist of accounts payable of \$294,608 (March 31, 2018 - \$194,081), which includes \$92,915 of flow through premium liability.

The Company's working capital at March 31, 2019 was a surplus of \$330,498 compared to a deficit of \$51,832 at March 31, 2018. The Company continues to keep administrative expenses to a minimum. The Company has been successful in accessing the equity market in the past and while there is no guarantee that this will be continue to be available, management has confidence that this capability will not diminish in the near term. Any funds raised are to be largely used to further the exploration projects and planned drilling programs, most notably at its flagship, Woco Gold Project.

## **Outstanding Share Data**

### **Shares, warrants and options outstanding are:**

- Shares - As at March 31, 2019, the Company had outstanding and issued 36,959,881 common shares. During the period the Company issued 80,000 common shares to settle debts. Additionally during the period, 550,000 common shares were issued on the exercise of options.
- Stock Options - The Company has a stock option plan (the "Plan") to encourage ownership of the Company by its key officers, directors, employees and consultants. The maximum number of common shares that can be issued under the Plan at any time is 10% of the issued and outstanding shares of the Company. As at March 31, 2019, there are 2,399,000 options outstanding, representing 64.91% of the Plan eligible maximum. There were 550,000 options exercised during the period for cash proceeds of \$55,000, upon exercise an amount of \$37,509 was transferred from contributed surplus to share capital.
- Warrants – As at March 31, 2019, the Company had 2,571,583 warrants outstanding, with no change during the period from the prior period.

As of the date of this MD&A the Company has:

- 36,959,881 common shares issued and outstanding
- 2,399,000 stock options outstanding
- 2,571,583 warrants outstanding



## Related Party Transactions

The following related party transactions occurred and were reflected in the financial statements during the quarters ended March 31, 2019 and 2018 as follows:

	<u>March 31, 2019</u>	<u>March 31, 2018</u>
<b>Management fees and consulting expense:</b>		
Management fees charged by CFO for corporate administrative and financial management services (b)	\$ 18,000	\$ 4,200
Consulting fees charged by the CEO for corporate administration (b)	-	15,000
Share based payments	-	-
	<u>\$ 18,000</u>	<u>\$ 19,200</u>
<b>Professional fees expense:</b>		
Legal fees charged by an officer/director for legal and corporate secretarial services	\$ 12,896	\$ 22,898
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a) Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities are consulting fees of \$Nil (March 31, 2018 - \$19,200) to the CEO for management fees and expenses, and legal fees of \$92,680 (March 31, 2018 - \$42,460) due to a company controlled by a director in common with the Company. These amounts are unsecured, non-interest bearing with no fixed terms of repayment.

b) Key management compensation was incurred during the three months was \$18,000 (March 31, 2018 - \$19,200) in salaries.

## Other Events

On May 15, 2019, subsequent to the quarter end, Argo Gold announced plans for a summer exploration programme at its Woco Property, primarily following up on results of recent diamond drill program completed during the three months ended March 31, 2019. Argo believes that the thickness of the vein material is controlled by a brittle dacite in the hanging wall, so a detailed core re-logging programme will be carried out to confirm this observation, and carefully project the hanging wall dacite for future drill testing. Geochemical sampling will also be carried out over the strike extension of the Woco Vein to test for strike or en-echelon extensions. The balance of the exploration programme will be directed towards geochemical sampling.

Also on May 15, 2019, the Company announced that they have engaged the services of Ms. Judith Baker as a consultant. Ms. Baker's history and knowledge of Argo Gold and its properties make her uniquely qualified to assist the Company as it moves forward.



## **Significant Accounting Policies and the Use of Estimates**

A detailed summary of the Company's significant accounting policies, including the use of estimates, is included in the Company's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018. The preparation of the condensed interim financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgments which are described in the Company's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018.

The accounting policies and management estimates applied in the condensed interim financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2019 are consistent with those used in the Company's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018, except for IFRS 16 and IFRIC 23 (refer to the section on "Adoption of New or Amended Accounting Policies" below for a discussion of the impact of these accounting standards).

## **Financial Instruments**

The Company's significant accounting policies regarding its financial instruments are set out in the Company's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018. The Company is of the opinion that it is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from outstanding financial instruments.

## **New and Amended Standards Adopted by the Company**

The Company adopted the following accounting standard and amendments to accounting standards, effective January 1, 2019:

**IFRS 16 Leases** The Company adopted IFRS 16, Leases ("IFRS 16"), effective January 1, 2019. The objective of IFRS 16 is to recognize substantially all leases on balance sheet for lessees. IFRS 16 requires lessees to recognize a "right-of-use" asset and a lease liability calculated using a prescribed methodology. The Company has adopted IFRS 16 using the modified retrospective approach which does not require restatement of comparative periods. Comparative information has not been restated and continues to be reported under IAS 17, Leases ("IAS 17"), and IFRIC 4, Determining Whether an Arrangement Contains a Lease ("IFRIC 4"). The details of accounting policies under IAS 17 and IFRIC 4 are disclosed separately if they are different from those under IFRS 16. The adoption of IFRS 16 had no impact on the condensed interim financial statements.

**IFRIC 23 – Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments.** The Company adopted IFRIC 23, Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments ("IFRIC 23") on January 1, 2019 with retrospective application. IFRIC 23 clarifies the recognition and measurement requirements when there is uncertainty over income tax treatments. The effect of uncertain tax treatments are recognized at the most likely amount or expected value. The adoption of IFRIC 23 had no impact on the condensed interim financial statements.

## **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company has not entered into any off-balance sheet arrangements, other than previously disclosed, that has, or reasonably likely to have, an impact on the current or future of operations or the financial condition of our Company.



## **Commitments**

As at March 31, 2019, the Company had a commitment to spend \$272,115 (December 31, 2018 - \$877,030) from amounts raised by flow-through financing on eligible Canadian exploration and development expenses.

Flow-through common shares require the Company to incur an amount equivalent to the proceeds of the issued flow through common shares on Canadian qualifying exploration expenditures. The Company has indemnified current and previous flow-through subscribers for any tax and other costs payable by them in the event the Company has not incurred the required exploration expenditures. Upon issuance of the flow-through shares in December 2018 in the amount of \$877,030, the Company recorded a flow-through liability of \$299,466. As expenditures are incurred, the flow-through share liability will be reversed. Through March 31, 2019, the Company had incurred \$ 604,915 of eligible exploration expenditures and had realized a flow-through share liability recovery of \$206,551 in the three months ended March 31, 2019. The Company will spend the balance of \$272,115 on qualifying exploration expenditures by December 31, 2019.

The Company's exploration and evaluation activities are subject to laws and regulations governing the protection of the environment. These laws and regulations are continually changing and generally becoming more restrictive. The Company believes its activities are materially in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. The Company has made, and expects to make in the future, expenditures to comply with such laws and regulations.

## **Management's Evaluation of Disclosure Controls**

Management is responsible for the design and effectiveness of disclosure controls and procedures to provide reasonable assurance that material information related to the Company is made known to the Company's certifying officers. The Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have each evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as at December 31, 2018 and have concluded that these controls and procedures are effective.

## **Internal Control over Financial Reporting:**

Management is responsible for the design of internal controls over financial reporting to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Canada. Based on a review of its control procedures at the end of the period covered by this MD&A, management believes its internal controls and procedures are appropriately designed as at March 31, 2019.

## **Risks and Uncertainties**

The Company's business of exploring and developing mineral properties is highly uncertain and risky by its very nature. In addition, the ability to raise funding in the future to maintain the Company's exploration and development activities is dependent on financial markets, which often fail to provide necessary capital.

Regulatory standards continue to change making the review process longer, more complex and more costly. Even if an apparently mineable deposit is developed, there is no assurance that it will ever reach production or be profitable, as its potential economics are influenced by many key factors such as commodity prices, foreign exchange rates, equity markets and political interference, which cannot be controlled by management. As a result, the Company's future business, operations, and financial condition could differ materially from the forward-looking information contained in this MD&A's and described in the Forward-Looking Statements section below.



## **Forward Looking Statements**

This report may contain forward-looking statements that involve a number of risks and uncertainties, including statements regarding the outlook for the Company's business and operational results. By nature, these risks and uncertainties could cause actual results to differ materially from what has been indicated. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from any forward-looking statement include, but are not limited to failure to establish estimated resources and reserves, the grade and recovery of ore which is mined from estimates, capital and operating costs varying significantly from estimates, delays or failure in obtaining governmental, environmental or other project approvals and other factors including those risks and uncertainties identified above. The Company undertakes no obligation to update publicly or otherwise revise any forward-looking information as a result of new information, future results or other such factors, which affect this information, except as required by law.

## **Comparative Figures**

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation. These reclassifications did not affect prior year's net losses.