



## ARGO GOLD INC.

### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### FOR THE THREE AND NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

##### General

*This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") is prepared as of November 28, 2018 and should be read in conjunction with the unaudited interim financial statements of Argo Gold Inc. ("Argo" or "the Company") for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and September 30, 2017, which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and Argo's audited annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017. 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. Effective September 19, 2016, the Company changed its name to Argo Gold Inc. 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 undertook limited exploration activity due to weak capital market conditions. The exploration activity completed in the quarter did include the compilation and review of historical geological and geophysical data; as well as additional planning for follow-up drilling on the Woco Property.

During the quarter, there was an industry development of particular interest to the Company. Great Bear Resources press-released some spectacular drill results from their Dixie Project, located 25 kilometers southeast of Red Lake and 75 kilometers west of Argo Gold's flagship Woco Project. By mid-September Great Bear had closed a \$10,000,000 financing at a valuation of \$70,000,000 with the lead order from Rob McEwen and McEwen Mining. This is of great interest to the Company as Great Bear's Dixie Project and Argo Gold's Woco Project have many geological similarities. Both projects are in the Confederation Volcanics that overlie the Balmer Volcanics, which host the famous Red Lake gold mines. Both projects are proximal to a major structure, called the Uchi Deformation Zone that is a major structure that separates the Uchi Geological Sub-province, which hosts significant Greenstone Belts, from the English River Sub-province to the south. The most prolific gold belts in the world are associated with major structures.



Both Great Bear's Dixie and Argo Gold's Woco project have similar historic drill results both in terms of grade and depth. Argo Gold's Woco Gold Project has only been drilled to approximately 100 metres while Great Bear's Dixie Gold Project only to a depth of approximately 200 metres. Having high-grade gold at relatively shallow depths is quite intriguing, as the gold mineralization of the Uchi Geological Sub-province is known for its extended depth potential.

The recent drill results, at Great Bear's Dixie Project, highlight the discovery potential in the Greenstone Belts of the Uchi Geological Sub-province, a region already known for high-grade and long-term producing gold mines. With this renewed investor interest to the area - the Company began moving forward late in the third quarter and increased its efforts in the fourth quarter to raise capital in order to further the drilling program and exploration activities, primarily at its flagship Woco Project.

Also late in the quarter, the Company appointed Paul Poggione, CIM, to the position VP of Corporate Development. Paul has 21 years of capital markets experience, as a Portfolio Manager and Investment Advisor, managing portfolios for high net worth clients. He is very knowledgeable about markets from both first-hand experience and education as he holds the Chartered Investment Manager (CIM) designation, the highest designation in Canada for portfolio management.

### Revenue and Other Income

The Company did not earn any operational revenue during the three months ended September 30, 2018. In the quarter, the company generated other income of \$19,125 from a gain on the value of marketable securities relating shares held of both the Manitou Gold transaction and the RT Minerals transaction from the first quarter.

### Selected expenses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017.

	Three Months		Nine months	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Amortization	\$ 637	\$ 1,532	\$ 2,324	\$ 1,651
Administrative expenses	10,933	4,008	41,336	55,678
Consulting fees	(20,000)	54,000	69,392	90,350
Exploration expenses	2,655	-	6,525	5,600
Management fees	27,000	22,500	76,000	85,300
Professional fees	10,927	47,734	76,328	51,615
Listing fees (recovery)	1,950	3,921	2,908	12,451
Share-based compensation	-	62,057	36,523	154,065
Business development & Investor relations	(8,537)	58,330	116,742	137,426
	<b>25,566</b>	<b>254,082</b>	<b>428,078</b>	<b>594,136</b>





## Summary of Results & Selected Quarter Information (continued)

### For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017

The following table sets forth selected financial information for Argo Gold Inc. for the Quarters ended September 30, 2018 and 2017. 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.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

	Three Months		Nine months	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues	-	-	-	-
Net and comprehensive income (loss)	<b>(6,441)</b>	(228,410)	<b>47,488</b>	(544,564)
Net income (loss) per share basic and diluted	<b>0.00</b>	(0.01)	<b>0.00</b>	(0.02)
Total assets	<b>1,663,110</b>	1,354,272	<b>1,663,110</b>	1,354,272
Total Liabilities	<b>134,657</b>	81,672	<b>134,657</b>	81,672
Working capital (deficit)	<b>233,580</b>	178,443	<b>233,580</b>	178,443

As at September 30, 2018 there was cash of \$28,042 compared to cash of \$152,637 as at September 30, 2017, and HST receivable of \$17,745 compared to \$87,004 as at September 30, 2017. HST accounts receivable decreased due to timely processing and collection of outstanding 2017 and 2018 quarterly returns, only the current quarter end return was outstanding. The Company's September 30, 2018 short-term obligations consist of accounts payable of \$134,652 (September 30, 2017 - \$81,672).

The Company's working capital at September 30, 2018 was a surplus of \$233,580 compared to a surplus of \$178,443 at September 30, 2017. 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 and is at this time exploring going to market to raise funds. 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 September 30, 2018, the Company had outstanding and issued 30,497,928 common shares. During the quarter the Company issued 320,000 common shares to settle debt in the amount of \$38,400.00 with consultants of the Company.



### Outstanding Share Data (continued)

- Warrants – As at September 30, 2018, the Company had 1,411,795 warrants outstanding. During the quarter there was no change to the outstanding warrants.
- 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 September 30, 2018, there are 3,000,000 options outstanding, representing 98.37% of the Plan eligible maximum.

### Related Party Transactions

The following related party transactions occurred and were reflected in the financial statements during the quarters ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 as follows:

	<b>September 30, 2018</b>	September 30, 2017
Management fees and consulting fees expense:		
Management fees were charged by the CFO for corporate administrative and financial management services (note b)	\$ 12,000	\$ 7,500
Consulting fees were charged by the CEO for corporate administration (note b)	<u>\$ 15,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
	<b>\$ 27,000</b>	<b>\$ 22,500</b>
Professional fees expense:		
Legal fees were charged by an officer/director for legal and corporate secretarial services	\$ 7,177	\$ 6,845

a) Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities at the end of the quarters are management fees and expenses of \$45,200 (2017 - \$Nil) to the CEO and CFO and legal fees of \$ 45,314 (2017 - \$6,845) due to a company controlled by a director in common with the Company.

b) Key management compensation was incurred during the quarter of \$27,000 (2017 - \$22,500) and year to date of \$76,000 (2017 - \$85,300) in salaries.

### Subsequent Events

Subsequent to the quarter end, Argo Gold granted 99,000 share options of the Company exercisable at a price of \$0.18 per share and expiring on October 12, 2021 to a consultant of the Corporation. The common shares issuable upon exercise of the options are subject to a four-month hold period from the original date of grant.

Also subsequent to the quarter end, the Company announced that it intends to complete a private placement offering of up to 2,777,778 units at a price of \$0.18 per "Unit", for gross proceeds of up to \$500,000 and up to 4,545,455 flow through shares at a price of \$0.22 per "Flow Through Share", for gross proceeds of up to \$1,000,000. Each unit will consist of one "Common Share" of the Company and one-half of one common share purchase "Warrant", with each warrant entitling the holder thereof to purchase a common share at an exercise price of \$0.25 for a period of twelve (12)



## **Subsequent Events (continued)**

months following the closing of the “Offering”. All securities issued under the offering are subject to a four-month and one day statutory hold period.

## **Future accounting pronouncements**

### *IFRS 9 Financial Instruments*

On July 24, 2014, the IASB issued the final version of IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* (“IFRS 9”), which replaces IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* (“IAS 39”). IFRS 9 provides a revised model for the recognition and measurement of financial instruments including a single forward-looking ‘expected loss’ impairment model, amendments to the classification and measurement model for financial assets by adding a new fair value through comprehensive income category for certain financial instruments and provides guidance on how to apply the business model and contractual cash flow characteristics test. IFRS 9 also includes significant changes to hedge accounting. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018, with early adoption permitted. The Company as required will adopt IFRS 9 for the annual period beginning January 1, 2018 on a retrospective basis. The Company has completed its assessment of the impact of IFRS 9 and does not expect the new standard to have a material impact on the Company’s financial statements.

### *IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers*

IFRS 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (“IFRS 15”) was issued by IASB in May 2014. IFRS 15 replaces IAS 18 *Revenue*, IAS 11 *Construction Contracts* and related interpretations on revenue. IFRS 15 establishes a single five-step model framework for determining the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from an entity’s contracts with customers. The standard is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018, with early adoption permitted. Companies can elect to use either a full or modified retrospective approach when adopting this standard. The Company has completed its assessment of the impact of IFRS 15 and does not expect the new standard to have a material impact on the Company’s financial statements.

### *IFRS 16 Leases*

On January 13, 2016, the IASB published a new standard, IFRS 16 *Leases* (“IFRS 16”), eliminating the current dual accounting model for lessees, which distinguishes between on-balance sheet finance leases and off-balance sheet operating leases. Under the new standard, a lease becomes an on-balance sheet liability that attracts interest, together with a new right-of-use asset. In addition, lessees will recognize a front-loaded pattern of expense for most leases, even when cash rentals are constant. IFRS 16 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019, with earlier adoption permitted. The Company is assessing the impact of adopting this standard on its financial statements.

## **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Commitments**

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.

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## **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 September 30, 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 September 30, 2018.

## **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.