# ARGO GOLD INC. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE THREE AND NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

# General

The following management's discussion and analysis ("**MD&A**") of the financial condition and results of the operations of Argo Gold Inc. ("**Argo Gold**", or the "**Company**") constitutes management's review of the factors that affected the Company's financial and operating performance for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 ("third quarter of 2020'). The comparative periods are for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019. This MD&A was written to comply with the requirements of National Instrument 51-102 – Continuous Disclosure Obligations. This discussion should be read in conjunction with the audited annual financial statements of the Company for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the unaudited condensed interim financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, together with the notes thereto ("the **financial statements**"). Results are reported in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise noted.

The financial statements and the financial information contained in this MD&A were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and interpretations of the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC"). Please refer to Note 4 of the annual audited financial statements as at and for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 for disclosure of the Company's significant accounting policies.

The audit committee of the Company has reviewed this MD&A and the unaudited condensed interim financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 and the Company's Board of Directors approved these documents prior to their release.

This MD&A is dated November 30, 2020 and is current to that date.

Additional information relating to the Company is available free of charge on the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval ("**SEDAR**") website at <u>www.sedar.com</u>, on the Canadian Securities Exchange ("**CSE**") website at <u>www.thecse.com</u> or on Argo Gold's website at <u>www.argogold.ca</u>.

# **Caution Regarding Forward Looking Information**

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.

# **Qualified Person**

Technical information contained in this MD&A has been prepared by or under the supervision of Bill Kerr, P. Geo., Lead Exploration Geologist for Argo Gold, who is a "Qualified Person" for the purpose of National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("**NI 43-101**"). He has verified the data comprising such technical information, including sampling, analytical and test data underlying the information or opinions contained herein.



# Overview

Argo Gold is a development stage company incorporated under the laws of Ontario on December 9, 1995. The Company is listed on the CSE under the symbol **ARQ**, the OTC under **ARBTF**, and on the FSE under **P3U**. The address of the Company's corporate office and principal place of business is 350 Bay Street, Suite 700 Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2S6.

# **Description of the Business**

Argo Gold is a Canadian mineral exploration and development company, focused on gold exploration projects in central and northwestern Ontario. Argo Gold recently added the Talbot Lake Gold Project to its portfolio. All of Argo Gold's projects are 100% owned. Argo Gold's flagship project is the Uchi Gold Project, which covers 22 square kilometres of widespread mineralization and multiple mineralized trends. High grade gold intercepts from the winter 2019 drilling program include 132 grams per tonne gold ("g/t Au") over 1.8 metres at the Woco Vein. Historic drilling by St. Jude Resources in 1993 includes 139 g/t Au over 2.1 metres, 65 g/t Au over 1.83 metres, and 62 g/t Au over 3.6 metres.

# Developments during the three months ended September 30, 2020 and up to November 30, 2020

# **Exploration and Evaluation Activities – Uchi Gold Project**

In July 2020, Argo Gold commenced field work at the Uchi Gold Project, designed to provide geological and structural mapping for a planned follow-on drilling program. During October 2020, Argo Gold completed this expanded field exploration program which included surface stripping and washing, mapping and diamond saw channel sampling at Woco, the newly identified Woco South extension, Northgate, and Raingold. Woco South was an anomaly identified by the 2019 biogeochemistry survey located 175 metres south of the known high-grade Woco Vein. The 2020 field exploration program extended the length of the locally high-grade Woco vein from the previous known length of 70 metres to the current length of 280 metres as a result of identifying the new Woco South extension.

Argo Gold has utilized the weather window to complete this expanded overburden stripping program in lieu of a planned drilling program. A follow-up drilling program is planned for 2021.

### Woco and Woco South

Detailed geological and structural mapping of the Woco and the Woco South veins has identified a shear zone with sinistral movement that contains a silica, carbonate, sericite, tourmaline, and biotite alteration halo, along with quartz veining with pyrite, sphalerite, chalcopyrite, galena and visible gold. A total of 160 linear metres of diamond saw channel sampling has been completed at Woco and the newly identified Woco South extension and assays are pending.

### Northgate

At Northgate, detailed geological and structural mapping has identified a 10 metre wide shear zone with intense carbonate, sericite and tourmaline alteration along with quartz-ankerite veining associated with disseminated pyrite, pyrrhotite, chalcopyrite, graphite and visible gold. Field work along with drill core re-logging at Northgate has determined that Argo Gold's 2019 drill hole AGN-19-13 intersected the eastern extension of the Northgate Zone expanding the known alteration halo to a strike length of 235 metres. A total of 100 linear metres of diamond saw channel sampling has been completed at Northgate and assays are pending.



# Raingold

Raingold is on the southern extension of the past-producing Grassett Mine trend, known as the HST Zone, which is a parallel mineralized trend west of the main Uchi trend. Detailed mapping shows an iron formation acting as an iron buffer, resulting in siderite-ankerite alteration, and quartz-ankerite veining with a pyrite-pyrrhotite replacement texture. The Raingold vein system was sampled in the summer 2019 field program and returned anomalous gold assays over 600 metres of strike length. During the 2020 field program, 60 linear metres of diamond saw channel sampling was completed and assays are pending.

# **Additional Exploration**

Argo Gold is currently planning a winter till and bedrock sampling program at other identified biogeochemistry anomalies and prospective sections of the known mineralized trends where there is no outcrop and bedrock is not accessible by overburden stripping. One target area is the 400 metre long biogeochemistry anomaly where float has been identified with a siliceous clastic rock with fine disseminated and hair-line fracture-controlled pyrite, pyrrhotite and carbonate. This anomaly is located a further 500 metres south of the Woco – Woco South zone.

Argo Gold's initial drilling program conducted in winter 2019, intersected high-grade gold at both the Woco Vein and the Northgate Shear Zone. The Woco Vein and the Northgate Shear Zone are 2 kilometres apart on a 5 kilometre mineralized trend that is considered highly prospective. The Summer 2019 Biogeochemistry Survey covered the main mineralized trend and identified multiple high priority anomalies proximal to the high-grade Woco vein and also identified additional new anomalies along the 5 kilometre strike length of the main mineralized trend. West of the main mineralized trend, another mineralized trend – the HST Zone continues south of the Raingold vein system and is associated with several conductive zones in the southern part of the mineralized trend.

### Sale of McVicar Lake Gold Project

On November 12, 2020, the Company announced the sale of a 100% interest in the McVicar Lake Gold Project in the Patricia Mining Division in northwestern Ontario to Cross River Ventures Corp. ("Cross River") (CSE: CRVC) for the following consideration:

i) \$200,000 cash - received November 18, 2020;

2,500,000 common shares of Cross River (the "Consideration Shares") - received November 13, 2020;

iii) 2.0% NSR royalty on commercial production, of which 1.0% can be repurchased at any time for a cash payment of \$1,000,000.

The Consideration Shares are subject to the following escrow arrangement:

- i) 625,000 shares released March 14, 2021;
- ii) 625,000 shares released June 12, 2021;
- iii) 625,000 shares released September 10, 2021; and
- iv) 625,000 shares released December 9, 2021.

The fair value of the 2,500,000 shares of Cross River was estimated at \$1,000,000 based on their market price of \$0.40 per share. The Company did not have any amounts capitalized in respect of the McVicar Lake Gold Project and has recorded a gain of \$1,200,000 on the disposition of the property. The Company intends to account for the investment in Cross River as a financial asset at fair value.



# Sale of Wawa Area Gold Projects

On November 16, 2020, the Company announced the sale of a 100% interest in the Wawa Area Gold Projects comprised of the Macassa Lake, Mishi Lake and Abbie Lake properties to Angus Gold Inc. ("Angus Gold") (TSX-V: GUS) for the following consideration:

- i) \$100,000 cash received November 26, 2020; and
- ii) 800,000 common shares of Angus Gold received November 27, 2020.

Per the terms of the Property Sale Agreement, the fair value of the 800,000 shares of Angus Gold was estimated at \$640,000 based on their market price of \$0.80 per share. The Company expects to record a gain of \$506,017 on the disposition of the property. The Company intends to account for the investment in Angus Gold as a financial asset at fair value. The 800,000 shares of Angus Gold are subject to a four month and a day hold period.

# Commencement of Trading on OTCQB

Effective November 19, 2020, the Company received approval from OTC Markets Group Inc. to begin trading on the OTCQB Venture Market in the United States under the symbol ARBTF.

### Sale of Investments

On November 23, 2020, Argo Gold sold 2,125,000 shares of Manitou Gold Inc. at \$0.045 per share for net proceeds of \$93,795. The Company recorded a net loss the sale of \$17,798. Following the sale, Argo Gold continues to hold 250,000 shares of Manitou Gold Inc.

On November 23, 2020, Argo Gold sold 35,000 shares of RT Minerals Corp. at \$0.17 per share for net proceeds of \$5,800. The Company recorded a net gain on the sale of \$2,300. Following the sale, Argo Gold no longer has an investment in RT Minerals Corp.

### Stock Options

### **Option Grants**

On August 17, 2020, the Company granted options to purchase up to 400,000 common shares of the Company to a director and consultant at an exercise price of \$0.27 per share.

On September 9, 2020, the Company granted options to purchase up to 400,000 common shares of the Company to two consultants at an exercise price of \$0.21 per share.

The options vested immediately and are exercisable for a period of 3 years in all of the option grants.

### **Option Cancellation**

On September 8, 2020, options to purchase up to 200,000 common shares of the Company at a price of \$0.15 per share, granted December 2, 2019 to a director of the Company were cancelled.



# **Corporate Developments**

On August 17, 2020, Mr. Reinhard Schu joined the Board of Directors, bringing the number of directors on the Board to six.

On September 8, 2020, Mr. Bryan Wilson resigned from the Board of Directors, bringing the number of directors on the Board to five.

# Flow-Through Commitment and Qualifying Exploration Expenditures

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020, the Company incurred Canadian qualifying exploration expenditures sufficient to complete its requirement to spend \$142,812 in connection with its December 2019 flow-through financing. The Company has incurred additional exploration expenditures during 2020, beyond its flow-through requirement.

### **Overview of Financial Results**

# Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2020 vs. September 30, 2019

	Three Months Ended September 30,						nths Ended nber 30,		
(Expressed in Canadian Dollars)		2020		2019		2020		2019	
Expenses									
Exploration and evaluation	\$	270,265	\$	146,277	\$	443,747	\$	746,698	
Management fees		39,000		22,500		106,000		61,500	
Consulting fees		28,835		11,000		83 <i>,</i> 585		12,500	
Professional fees		48,712		12,096		82,428		42,386	
Business development		17,077		7,220		46,234		27,195	
Investor relations		32,916		9,300		91,046		27,300	
General and administrative	18,718			14,341		47,309		41,072	
Listing, filing and regulatory fees		6,093		3,859		20,162		20,429	
Depreciation		188		849		926		2,548	
Share-based compensation		159,800		275,484		429,380		275,484	
Total expenses		621,604		502,926		1,350,817		1,257,112	
Loss before the undernoted		(621,604)		(502,926)	(1	1,350,817)	(1	1,257,112)	
Bank charges		(194)		(92)		(523)		(299)	
Part X11.6 taxes		-		-		(4,106)		-	
Interest income		23		11		37		32	
Flow-through share premium recovery		4,765		50,191		5,951		268,980	
Realized loss on sale of investments		(86,000)		(4,430)		(86,000)		(43 <i>,</i> 345)	
Change in unrealized gain (loss) on value									
of investments		121,025		(29 <i>,</i> 500)		104,325		47 <i>,</i> 805	
Net loss and comprehensive loss for the period	\$	(581,985)	\$	(486,746)	\$(	1,331,133)	\$	(983,939)	
Net loss per share									
Basic and diluted loss per share	\$	(0.01)		\$ (0.01)	\$	(0.03)	\$	(0.03)	
Weighted average number of shares									
Outstanding – basic and diluted	Į	52,847,349	3	7,963,215	50	),430,743	37	7,209,687	



# Three months ended September 30, 2020 vs. three months ended September 30, 2019

- Overall, the Company recorded a net loss and comprehensive loss of \$581,985 or \$0.01 per share for the quarter ended September 30, 2020 compared to a net loss and comprehensive loss of \$486,746 or \$0.01 per share for the quarter ended September 30, 2019.
- Share-based compensation recorded during the third quarter of 2020 was \$159,800 compared to \$275,484 during the third quarter of 2019. These expenses represent the grant date fair value of 800,000 stock options granted during the third quarter of 2020 and the 2,200,000 stock options granted during the third quarter of 2019, respectively. Share-based compensation is a non-cash expense.
- Exploration and evaluation expenses were \$270,265 during the third quarter of 2020 compared to \$146,277 during the third quarter of 2019. The 2020 amount includes \$178,554 in respect of the mechanical stripping and washing program at the Uchi Gold Project that began in July 2020 and was completed in October 2020. The 2019 amount includes \$94,402 in respect of a biogeochemical survey conducted at the Uchi Gold Project.
- Management fees paid in the third quarter of 2020 include \$24,000 in fees paid to the Company's CFO and 50% of the fees paid to the Company's CEO, being \$15,000. Management fees paid in the third quarter of 2019 include \$15,000 in fees paid to the Company's former CFO and 50% of the fees paid to the Company's former CFO and 50% of the fees paid to the Company's CEO, being \$7,500.
- Consulting fees were \$28,835 in the third quarter of 2020 compared to \$11,000 during the third quarter of 2019.
- Professional fees were \$48,712 during the third quarter of 2020 compared to \$12,096 during the third quarter of 2019. These amounts include legal, auditing and accounting fees. In addition, the third quarter 2020 amount includes \$31,835 in respect of advisory fees related to the Company's application for an OTCQB listing in the United States.
- Business development was \$17,077 during the third quarter of 2020 compared to \$7,220 during the third quarter of 2019. The \$10,000 increase in 2020 represents the cost of attending the Muskoka Capital Investment Conference in September 2020.
- Investor relations expenses were \$32,916 during the third quarter of 2020 compared to \$9,300 during the third quarter of 2019. 2020 costs were higher due to the addition of a Vice President overseeing the Company's social media activities.
- General and administrative costs were \$18,718 during the third quarter of 2020 compared to \$14,341 during the third quarter of 2019.
- Listing, filing and regulatory fees were \$6,093 during the third quarter of 2020 compared to \$3,859 during the third quarter of 2019. These fees include CSE monthly listing fees, filing fees, monthly transfer agent fees and fees associated with the dissemination and filing of news releases.
- The Company raised \$142,812 in flow-through funds in December 2019, compared to \$877,030 in December 2018. As a result, the Company recorded a flow-through share premium liability of \$5,951 as at December 31, 2019 compared to \$299,466 as at December 31, 2018. During the third quarter of 2020, the Company recognized \$4,765 of flow-through share premium recovery compared to \$50,191 during the third quarter of 2019, associated with the expenditure of flow-through funds. These amounts are non-cash amounts.
- During the third quarter of 2020, the Company sold 1,000,000 shares of Manitou Gold Inc., resulting in a realized loss of \$86,000. During the third quarter of 2019, the Company sold 55,000 shares of Manitou Gold Inc., resulting in a realized loss of \$4,430. This is a non-cash loss.
- The change in market value of investments resulted in a gain of \$121,025 during the third quarter of 2020, compared to a loss of \$29,500 during the third quarter of 2019. These amounts are non-cash gains and losses.



# Nine months ended September 30, 2020 vs. nine months ended September 30, 2019

- Overall, the Company recorded a net loss and comprehensive loss of \$1,331,133 or \$0.03 per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 compared to a net loss and comprehensive loss of \$983,939 or \$0.03 per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2019.
- Share-based compensation recorded during the first nine months of 2020 was \$429,380 compared to \$275,484 during the first nine months of 2019. These expenses represent the grant date fair value of 3,400,000 stock options granted during the first nine months of 2020 and the 2,200,000 stock options granted during the first nine months of 2019, respectively. Share-based compensation is a non-cash expense.
- Exploration and evaluation expenses were \$443,747 during the first nine months of 2020 compared to \$746,698 during the first nine months of 2019. See Note 7 to the condensed interim financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 for a breakdown of these amounts.
- Management fees paid in the first nine months of 2020 include \$61,000 in fees paid to the Company's CFO and 50% of the fees paid to the Company's CEO, being \$45,000. Management fees paid in the first nine months of 2019 include \$54,000 paid to the Company's former CFO and 50% of the fees paid to the Company's former CFO and 50% of the fees paid to the Company's CEO, being \$7,500.
- Consulting fees were \$83,585 in the first nine months of 2020 compared to \$12,500 during the first nine months of 2019.
- Professional fees were \$82,428 during the first nine months of 2020 compared to \$42,386 during the first nine months of 2019. These amounts include legal, auditing and accounting fees. In addition, the 2020 amount includes \$31,835 in respect of advisory fees related to the Company's application for an OTCQB listing in the United States.
- Business development was \$46,234 during the first nine months of 2020 compared to \$27,195 during the first nine months of 2019.
- Investor relations expenses were \$91,046 during the first nine months of 2020 compared to \$27,300 during the first nine months of 2019. \$45,646 of the increase is due to the addition of a Vice President overseeing the Company's social media activities and investor relations activities in Germany.
- General and administrative costs were \$47,309 during the first nine months of 2020 compared to \$41,072 during the first nine months of 2019.
- Listing, filing and regulatory fees were \$20,162 during the first nine months of 2020 compared to \$20,429 during the first nine months of 2019. These fees include CSE monthly listing fees, filing fees, monthly transfer agent fees and fees associated with the dissemination and filing of news releases.
- The Company raised \$142,812 in flow-through funds in December 2019, compared to \$877,030 in December 2018. As a result, the Company recorded a flow-through share premium liability of \$5,951 as at December 31, 2019 compared to \$299,466 as at December 31, 2018. During the first nine months of 2020, the Company recognized \$5,951 of flow-through share premium recovery compared to \$268,980 during the first nine months of 2019, associated with the expenditure of flow-through funds. These amounts are non-cash amounts.
- During the first nine months of 2020, the Company sold 1,000,000 shares of Manitou Gold Inc., resulting in a realized loss of \$86,000. During the first nine months of 2019, the Company sold 485,000 shares of Manitou Gold Inc., resulting in a realized loss of \$43,345. This is a non-cash loss.
- The change in market value of investments resulted in a gain of \$104,325 during the first nine months of 2020, compared to a gain of \$47,805 during the first nine months of 2019. These amounts are non-cash gains.



# **Selected Quarterly Financial Information**

The following table is a summary of selected financial information for the Company for the eight most recently completed financial quarters. It has been derived from the unaudited condensed interim financial statements of the Company. The information has been prepared by management in accordance with IFRS and is expressed in Canadian dollars.

	Q3	Q2	Q1	Annual	Q4
	Sept. 2020 (unaudited)	June 2020 (unaudited)	March 2020 (unaudited)	Dec. 2019 (audited)	Dec. 2019 (unaudited)
Revenue	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Loss and comprehensive loss	(\$581,985)	(\$391,010)	\$(358,138)	(\$1,225,438)	(\$241,499)
Loss per share - basic and diluted	(\$0.01)	(\$0.01)	(\$0.01)	(\$0.03)	(\$0.01)
Assets	\$1,464,083	\$1,790,522	\$1,853,439	\$1,127,662	\$1,127,662
	Q3	Q2	Q1	Annual	Q4
	Sept. 2019 (unaudited)	June 2019 (unaudited)	March 2019 (unaudited)	Dec. 2018 (audited)	Dec. 2018 (unaudited)
Revenue	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Loss and comprehensive loss	(\$486,746)	(\$110,121)	\$(387,072)	(\$502,802)	(\$423,887)
Loss per share - basic and diluted	(\$0.01)	(\$0.00)	(\$0.01)	(\$0.02)	(\$0.01)
Assets	\$1,047,553	\$1,285,646	\$1,439,417	\$2,042,116	\$2,042,116

# Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company's cash decreased by \$316,507 during the three months ended September 30, 2020, compared to a decrease of \$209,126 during the three months ended September 30, 2019. The Company's cash decreased by \$13,777 during the nine months ended September 30, 2020, compared to a decrease of \$163,891 during the nine months ended September 30, 2019. As at September 30, 2020, the ending cash balance was \$109,808 compared to \$123,585 as at December 31, 2019.

# **Working Capital**

As at September 30, 2020, the Company had a working capital surplus of \$150,817 compared to a surplus of \$48,795 as at December 31, 2019 (excluding the non-cash flow-through share premium liability). None of the cash balance at September 30, 2020 is committed to be spent on Canadian qualifying exploration expenditures. The Company completed its flow-through commitment during the third quarter of 2020.

A summary of the Company's cash position and changes in cash for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 are provided below:

		onths Ended mber 30,		iths Ended iber 30,	
	<b>2020</b> 2019		2020	2019	
Cash used in operating activities – gross	\$ (461,787)	\$ (226,674)	\$ (837,603)	\$ (967,347)	
Changes in non-cash operating working capital	97,980	9,503	(107,274)	(81,742)	
Cash used in operating activities – net	(363,807)	(217,171)	(944,877)	(1,049,089)	
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities	47,300	2,995	(87,700)	22,310	
Cash provided by financing activities	-	5,050	1,018,800	862,888	
Decrease in cash	(316,507)	(209,126)	(13,777)	(163,891)	
Cash, beginning of period	426,315	295,948	123,585	250,713	
Cash, end of period	\$ 109,808	\$ 86,822	\$ 109,808	\$ 86,822	



# Three months ended September 30, 2020 vs. three months ended September 30, 2019

## **Operating Activities**

Cash used in operating activities before changes in non-cash working capital during the three months ended September 30, 2020 was \$461,787 compared to \$226,674 for the three months ended September 30, 2019 or \$235,113 higher. \$123,988 was due to higher Q3 2020 exploration expenditures related to the stripping program compared to the cost of the biogeochemical survey in Q3 2019. The remainder of the increase was primarily the result of higher consulting, management, professional, business development and investor relations related fees during Q3 2020.

### **Investing Activities**

During the three months ended September 30, 2020, cash provided by investing activities was \$47,300 compared to \$2,995 provided by investing activities for the three months ended September 30, 2019. The Q3 2020 amount was related to the sale of 1,000,000 shares of Manitou Gold Inc. for net proceeds of \$49,000 net of the purchase of a computer for \$1,700. The 2019 amount related to net proceeds from the sale of 55,000 shares of Manitou Gold Inc. in the third quarter of 2019.

#### **Financing Activities**

During the three months ended September 30, 2020, financing activities were \$nil compared to \$5,050 provided by financing activities during the three months ended September 30, 2019 from the exercise of 50,500 stock options at \$0.10 per share.

### Nine months ended September 30, 2020 vs. nine months ended September 30, 2019

#### **Operating Activities**

Cash used in operating activities before changes in non-cash working capital during the nine months ended September 30, 2020 was \$837,603 compared to \$967,347 for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 or \$129,744 lower. During the first nine months of 2020, exploration and evaluation expenditures were \$302,951 lower, however, this was partially offset by higher consulting, management, professional, business development and investor relations related fees during 2020.

### **Investing Activities**

During the nine months ended September 30, 2020, cash used in investing activities was \$87,700 compared to \$22,310 provided by investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2019. The 2020 expenditures related to the \$135,000 cash component of the acquisition cost paid to Denison Mines Inc. in June 2020, for the purchase of the Talbot Lake Gold Project and the purchase of a computer during Q3 2020. This was offset by the sale of 1,000,000 shares of Manitou Gold Inc. during the Q3 2020 for net proceeds of \$49,000. The 2019 amount was entirely the net proceeds from the sale of 485,000 shares of Manitou Gold Inc. in the first nine months of 2019.

### **Financing Activities**

During the nine months ended September 30, 2020, cash provided by financing activities was \$1,018,800 compared to \$862,888 for the nine months ended September 30, 2019. On February 5, 2020, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement with an entity beneficially owned by Mr. Eric Sprott, through the issuance of 11,200,000 units at \$0.09 per unit, for gross proceeds of \$1,008,000. In addition,



a subscription receivable of \$10,800, part of a flow-through financing closed on December 31, 2019, was collected in January 2020. The 2019 amount relates to the collection in January 2019 of \$802,838 of subscriptions receivable from financings closed during December 2018 and proceeds of \$60,050 from the exercise of 600,500 stock options at an exercise price of \$0.10 per share, exercised during the nine months ended September 30, 2019.

# **Liquidity Outlook**

The Company began the year with \$123,585 of cash and a requirement to spend \$142,812 on Canadian qualifying exploration expenditures in 2020, which was completed by September 30, 2020. In order to address its outstanding payables, 2020 working capital needs and to add additional funding to its 2020 exploration program, the Company successfully completed a financing during the first quarter of 2020 with Mr. Eric Sprott for proceeds of \$1,008,000.

During the first nine months of 2020, Argo Gold spent approximately \$838,000 on operating expenses, including approximately \$444,000 on exploration and approximately \$299,000 on expenses related to running the business and marketing the Company. In June 2020, the Company used \$135,000 in the acquisition of the Talbot Lake Gold Project. In addition, during the first nine months of 2020, the Company used approximately \$107,000 in working capital changes.

After these uses of cash, the Company had a cash balance of \$109,808 at September 30, 2020, a decrease of \$13,777 from the balance at December 31, 2019. At present, the Company has completed the majority of its 2020 exploration program.

The Company will require additional funding going forward. As such, on November 12, 2020, the Company announced the sale of its McVicar Lake property to Cross River Ventures Corp. for \$200,000 in cash and 2,500,000 common shares of Cross River. The \$200,000 was received on November 18, 2020 and these shares will become free trading during 2021 (see Subsequent Events below).

On November 16, 2020, the Company announced the sale of its Wawa area properties to Angus Gold Inc. for \$100,000 in cash and 800,000 common shares of Angus. The \$100,000 was received on November 26, 2020 and these shares will also become free trading during 2021 (see Subsequent Events below).

In addition, on November 23, 2020, the Company sold 2,125,000 shares of its investment in Manitou Gold Inc. at \$0.045 per share for net proceeds of \$93,795 and 35,000 shares of its investment in RT Minerals Corp. at \$0.17 per share for net proceeds of \$5,800. Following these sales, the Company continues to hold 250,000 shares of Manitou. Future sales of these shares remain a possibility.

As part of that financing with Mr. Sprott, the Company issued 11,200,000 warrants, having an exercise price of \$0.12 per warrant. The warrants are outstanding for a period of 36 months and if exercised, could generate additional proceeds of \$1,344,000.

In general, completion of all of the Company's ongoing and future exploration and development initiatives and its ability to continue as a going concern are subject to successfully raising additional funding (see "Risks and Uncertainties").



# **Related Party Transactions and Key Management Compensation**

# Key Management Compensation

In accordance with IAS 24, key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company directly or indirectly, including any directors (executive and non-executive) of the Company.

	Three mor Septem		Nine months ended September 30,		
	2020	2019	2020	2019	
Management fees – paid to CEO	\$ 15,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 45,000	\$ 7,500	
Exploration and evaluation fees – paid to CEO <sup>(1)</sup>	15,000	7,500	45,000	17,500	
Management fees – paid for CFO services	24,000	15,000	61,000	54,000	
Exploration and evaluation fees – paid to President <sup>(1)</sup>	-	23,071	-	23,071	
Consulting fees – paid to an independent director	3,000	6,000	8,000	6,000	
Total fees paid to management	57,000	59,071	159,000	108,071	
Share-based payments	44,940	169,047	201,880	169,047	
	\$ 101,940	\$ 228,118	\$ 360,880	\$ 277,118	

(1) Amounts included in "Consulting fees" in exploration and evaluation expenditures.

		Three months endedSeptember 30,20202019		Nine months ended September 30,				
				2019	2020			2019
Legal fees charged by a former officer/director for								
legal and corporate secretarial services	\$	-	\$	2,796	\$	-	\$	22,026

# Related Party Transactions

Related parties include the Board of Directors, senior management, close family members and enterprises that are controlled by these individuals.

On February 13, 2020, the Company granted stock options to purchase up to an aggregate of 800,000 common shares of the Company at a price of \$0.15 per share to directors and officers of the Company.

On February 17, 2020, the Company cancelled stock options to purchase up to an aggregate of 800,000 common shares of the Company at a price of \$0.15 per share, held by a former officer and director of the Company.

On February 18, 2020, the Company settled aggregate indebtedness of \$50,000, through the issuance of 400,000 common shares at a price of \$0.125 per share, to an officer and an independent director of the Company.

On May 20, 2020, the Company granted stock options to purchase up to an aggregate of 200,000 common shares of the Company at a price of \$0.15 per share to a director of the Company.

On June 10, 2020, the Company granted stock options to purchase up to an aggregate of 400,000 common shares of the Company at a price of \$0.165 per share to two directors of the Company.



On August 17, 2020, the Company granted stock options to purchase up to an aggregate of 200,000 common shares of the Company at a price of \$0.27 per share to a director of the Company.

On September 8, 2020, the Company cancelled stock options to purchase up to an aggregate of 200,000 common shares of the Company at a price of \$0.15 per share, held by a former director of the Company.

For related party transactions subsequent to September 30, 2020, see "Subsequent Events" below.

As at September 30, 2020, \$7,693 (December 31, 2019 - \$156,972) included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities was owing to related parties. These amounts are unsecured, non-interest bearing, with no fixed terms of repayment.

### Subsequent Events

# Sale of McVicar Lake Gold Project

On November 12, 2020, subsequent to September 30, 2020, the Company announced the sale of a 100% interest in the McVicar Lake Gold Project in the Patricia Mining Division in northwestern Ontario to Cross River Ventures Corp. ("Cross River") (CSE: CRVC) for the following consideration:

- i) \$200,000 cash received November 18, 2020;
- ii) 2,500,000 common shares of Cross River (the "Consideration Shares")- received November 13, 2020;
- iii) 2.0% NSR royalty on commercial production, of which 1.0% can be repurchased at any time for a cash payment of \$1,000,000.

The Consideration Shares are subject to the following escrow arrangement:

- v) 625,000 shares released March 14, 2021;
- vi) 625,000 shares released June 12, 2021;
- vii) 625,000 shares released September 10, 2021; and
- viii) 625,000 shares released December 9, 2021.

The fair value of the 2,500,000 shares of Cross River was estimated at \$1,000,000 based on their market price of \$0.40 per share. The Company did not have any amounts capitalized in respect of the McVicar Lake Gold Project and has recorded a gain of \$1,200,000 on the disposition of the property. The Company intends to account for the investment in Cross River as a financial asset at fair value.

### Sale of Wawa Area Gold Projects

On November 16, 2020, subsequent to September 30, 2020, the Company announced the sale of a 100% interest in the Wawa Area Gold Projects comprised of the Macassa Lake, Mishi Lake and Abbie Lake properties to Angus Gold Inc. ("Angus Gold") (TSX-V: GUS) for the following consideration:

- iii) \$100,000 cash received November 26, 2020; and
- iv) 800,000 common shares of Angus Gold received November 27, 2020.

Per the terms of the Property Sale Agreement, the fair value of the 800,000 shares of Angus Gold was estimated at \$640,000 based on their market price of \$0.80 per share. The Company expects to record a gain of \$506,017 on the disposition of the property. The Company intends to account for the investment in Angus Gold as a financial asset at fair value. The 800,000 shares of Angus Gold are subject to a four month and a day hold period.



# **Commencement of Trading on OTCQB**

Effective November 19, 2020, the Company received approval from OTC Markets Group Inc. to begin trading on the OTCQB Venture Market in the United States under the symbol ARBTF.

# Sale of Investments

On November 23, 2020, Argo Gold sold 2,125,000 shares of Manitou Gold Inc. at \$0.045 per share for net proceeds of \$93,795. The Company recorded a net loss the sale of \$17,798. Following the sale, Argo Gold continues to hold 250,000 shares of Manitou Gold Inc.

On November 23, 2020, Argo Gold sold 35,000 shares of RT Minerals Corp. at \$0.17 per share for net proceeds of \$5,800. The Company recorded a net gain on the sale of \$2,300. Following the sale, Argo Gold no longer has an investment in RT Minerals Corp.

# Other

Subsequent to September 30, 2020, the outbreak of the novel strain of coronavirus, specifically identified as "COVID-19", has continued to result in governments worldwide, enacting emergency measures to combat the spread of the virus. These measures, which include the implementation of travel bans, self-imposed quarantine periods and social distancing, have caused material disruption to businesses globally resulting in an economic slowdown. Global equity markets have experienced significant volatility and weakness. Governments and central banks have reacted with significant monetary and fiscal interventions designed to stabilize economic conditions. The duration and impact of the COVID-19 outbreak is unknown at this time, as is the efficacy of the government and central bank interventions. It is not possible to reliably estimate the length and severity of these developments and the impact on the financial results and condition of the Company in future periods.

# **Outstanding Capital and Share Data**

Argo Gold's authorized capital stock consists of an unlimited number of common shares without par value. As at November 30, 2020 there were 52,847,349 common shares issued and outstanding.

As at November 30, 2020, the Company also had the following items issued and outstanding:

- 5,200,000 common share purchase options with a weighted average exercise price of \$0.16 expiring at various dates from June 13, 2021 to September 8, 2023.
- 11,200,000 common share purchase warrants at an exercise price of \$0.12, expiring February 5, 2023.

# **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

As at September 30, 2020, the Company has not entered into any off-balance sheet arrangements.

# **Proposed Transactions**

In the normal course of business, the Company evaluates property acquisition and sale transactions and, in some cases, makes proposals to acquire or sell such properties. These proposals, which are usually subject to Board and sometimes regulatory and shareholder approvals, may involve future payments, share issuances and property work commitments. These future obligations are usually contingent in



nature and generally the Company is only required to incur the obligation if it wishes to continue with the transaction.

The Company announced the sale of its McVicar Lake property on November 12, 2020 and the sale of its Wawa area properties on November 16, 2020. As of November 30, 2020, there are no material property acquisitions or possible transactions that the Company is examining.

# **Financial Instruments**

The Company manages its exposure to a number of different financial risks arising from its operations as well as its use of financial instruments including market risks (commodity prices, foreign currency exchange rate and interest rate), credit risk and liquidity risk through its risk management strategy. The objective of the strategy is to support the delivery of the Company's financial targets while protecting its future financial security and flexibility.

Financial risks are primarily managed and monitored through operating and financing activities and, if required, through the use of derivative financial instruments. The Company does not use derivative financial instruments for purposes other than risk management. The financial risks are evaluated regularly with due consideration to changes in the key economic indicators and up to date market information.

# Market Risk

Market risk is the risk or uncertainty arising from possible market price movements and their impact on the future performance of the business. The Company may use derivative financial instruments such as foreign exchange contracts and interest rate swaps to manage certain exposures. These market risks are evaluated by monitoring changes in key economic indicators and market information on an ongoing basis.

## Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk encompasses the risk that a company cannot meet its financial obligations in full. The Company's main source of liquidity is derived from its common stock issuances. These funds are primarily used to finance working capital, operating expenses, capital expenditures and acquisitions.

The Company manages its liquidity risk by regularly monitoring its cash flows from operating activities and holding adequate amounts of cash. The 2020 budget is being funded from flow-through funds raised on December 31, 2019 and with funds raised in the financing completed on February 5, 2020. There is no certainty of the Company's ability to complete additional financings.

As at September 30, 2020 the Company held cash of \$109,808 (December 31, 2019, cash and subscription receivable - \$134,385) to settle current liabilities of \$144,833 (December 31, 2019 - \$268,958, exclusive of non-cash flow-through share premium liability).

### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. Cash bears interest at market rates. In the event that the Company held interest bearing debt, the Company could be exposed to interest rate risk. The Company does not have any interest-bearing debt. Other current financial assets and liabilities are not exposed to interest rate risk because of their short-term nature.



# **Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to credit risk consist of cash and subscription receivable. The Company has reduced its credit risk by investing its cash with a Canadian chartered bank.

The Company's financial assets and liabilities as at June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019 were as follows:

	Amortized Cost		FVPL		Total
September 30, 2020					
Financial assets					
Cash	\$	109,808	\$	-	\$ 109,808
Investments	\$	-	\$	122,250	\$ 122,250
Financial liabilities					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	144,833	\$	-	\$ 144,833
December 31, 2019					
Financial assets					
Cash	\$	123,585	\$	-	\$ 123,585
Subscription receivable	\$	10,800	\$	-	\$ 10,800
Investments	\$	-	\$	152,925	\$ 152,925
Financial liabilities					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	268,958	\$	-	\$ 268,958

At September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, there were no significant concentrations of credit risk for receivables. The carrying amounts reflected above represent the Company's maximum exposure to credit risk for such receivables.

The fair values of these financial instruments approximate their carrying values because of their short-term nature and/or the existence of market related interest rates on the instruments.

# **Going Concern**

The unaudited condensed interim financial statements of the Company have been prepared on the basis that the Company will continue as a going concern, which presumes that it will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business. Due to continuing operating losses and current working capital levels, the application of the going concern basis is dependent upon the Company achieving profitable operations to generate sufficient cash flows to fund continuing operations or in the absence of adequate cash flows from operations, obtaining additional financing to support operations for the foreseeable future. It is not possible to predict whether financing efforts will be successful or if the Company will attain profitable levels of operations. These factors may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. The unaudited condensed interim financial statements do not give effect to adjustments that would be necessary should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern. If management is unsuccessful in securing capital, the Company's assets may not be realized or its liabilities discharged at their carrying amounts and these differences could be material. Changes in future conditions could require material write-downs of the carrying amounts of mineral properties.



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

The preparation of the condensed interim financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of expenses during the reporting period. Actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. A detailed summary of the Company's significant accounting policies, including the use of estimates, is included in Note 4 of the Company's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019. The accounting policies and management estimates applied in the condensed interim financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020, are consistent with those used in the Company's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019.

# Commitments

As at September 30, 2020, the Company has a remaining commitment to spend \$nil (December 31, 2019 - \$142,812) from amounts raised by flow-through financing on eligible Canadian exploration expenditures, by December 31, 2020.

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 does not incur the required exploration expenditures. No amounts have been recorded in these financial statements for potential liabilities relating to these indemnities as a triggering event has not taken place. Upon issuance of the flow-through shares in December 2019 in the amount of \$142,812 (December 2018 - \$877,030), the Company recorded a flow-through share premium liability of \$5,951 (December 2018 - \$299,466). As expenditures are incurred, the liability will be drawn down as income through the statement of loss. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020, the Company has incurred \$114,357 and \$142,812, respectively on eligible Canadian exploration expenditures related to the 2019 flow-through issuance, completing its requirement to spend all of these funds on eligible Canadian exploration expenditures. During the three months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, the Company recorded a flow-through share premium recovery of \$4,765 and \$50,191, respectively in the statement of loss. During the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, the Company recorded a flow-through share premium recovery of \$5,951 and \$268,980, respectively in the statement of loss.

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.

### **Risks and Uncertainties**

Readers of the MD&A should give careful consideration to the information included or incorporated by reference in this document and the Company's unaudited condensed interim financial statements and related notes. Argo Gold's business of exploring and developing mineral resources involves a variety of operational, financial and regulatory risks that are typical in the natural resource industry, including the limited extent of the Company's assets, the Company's state of development and the degree of reliance upon the expertise of management. The Company attempts to mitigate these risks and minimize their



effect on its financial performance, but there is no guarantee that the Company will be profitable in the future, and the Company's common shares should be considered speculative. Only those persons who can bear the risk of the entire loss of their investment should participate.

An investor should carefully consider the risks described in the Company's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019 and the "Risks and Uncertainties" discussion in the Company's MD&A for the year ended December 31, 2019, dated April 29, 2020, before investing in the Company's common shares. Readers are also encouraged to read and consider the risk factors more particularly described in Note 4 to the unaudited condensed interim financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020, which have been posted on the Company's website at <u>www.argogold.ca</u> and are available on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u>. The risks described in these documents is not an exhaustive list. Additional risks that the Company currently believes are immaterial may become important factors that affect the Company's business in the future. If any of the risks noted in the Company's financial disclosure occur, or if others occur, the Company's business, operating results and financial condition could be seriously harmed and could cause actual events to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements relating to the Company. In this event, investors may lose part or all of their investment.

Regulatory standards continue to change, making the review process longer, more complex and more costly. Even if an apparently mineable mineral 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 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.

### 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, 2020 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, 2020.

### **Other MD&A Requirements**

# Additional Disclosure for Companies Without Significant Revenue

Additional disclosure concerning Argo Gold's exploration and evaluation expenditures, mineral property costs and general and administrative expenses is provided in the Company's unaudited condensed interim financial statements and in Note 7 of the unaudited condensed interim financial statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 that are available on the Company's website at www.argogold.ca and on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

### Approval

The Board of Directors of Argo Gold approved the disclosure contained in this MD&A on November 30, 2020. A copy of this MD&A will be provided to anyone who requests it from the Company.

### Additional Information

*Officers and Directors:* Judy Baker, Chief Executive Officer and Director Michael Farrant, Chief Financial Officer

Independent Directors Jonathan Armes, Director George Langdon, Director Reinhard Schu, Director Chris Wardrop, Director

Legal Counsel and Auditors Peterson McVicar LLP, James McVicar McGovern Hurley LLP, Auditors TSX Trust Company, Transfer Agent

## **Comparative Figures**

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation. These reclassifications did not affect the results of prior periods.