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Maiden drilling program begins at Trunkey

Highlights

- **Drilling has commenced at Argent's 100%-owned Trunkey Creek Gold Project, approximately 9km by road southeast of the Company's flagship Kempfield Project in New South Wales.**
- **This first phase of drilling has been designed to test a priority target in the north of the 4.7 km gold-mineralised structural corridor, the historic Wilson's Reef.**

Argent Minerals Limited (ASX: ARD) ("Argent" or "the Company") advises that its maiden drilling campaign at its 100%-owned Trunkey Creek Gold Project commenced on Saturday 5 September.

The start of this campaign represents the culmination of a progressive exploration program that has transformed Trunkey from an historic goldfield into a series of modern, drill-ready targets.

Historic workings extend across most of the 4.7km corridor but remain untested by modern exploration work below the surface. Historic records indicate mining ceased due to high groundwater inflow rather than the exhaustion of gold-bearing structures.

Further updates will be provided as drilling progresses, and the Company looks forward to reporting the results of this first systematic test of the Trunkey goldfield as they are received. Geological logging of drill core will happen immediately, and assays will be prioritised for the most prospective core.



Figure 1. *Local contractor Chief Drilling diamond drill rig positioned on the first drill site.*

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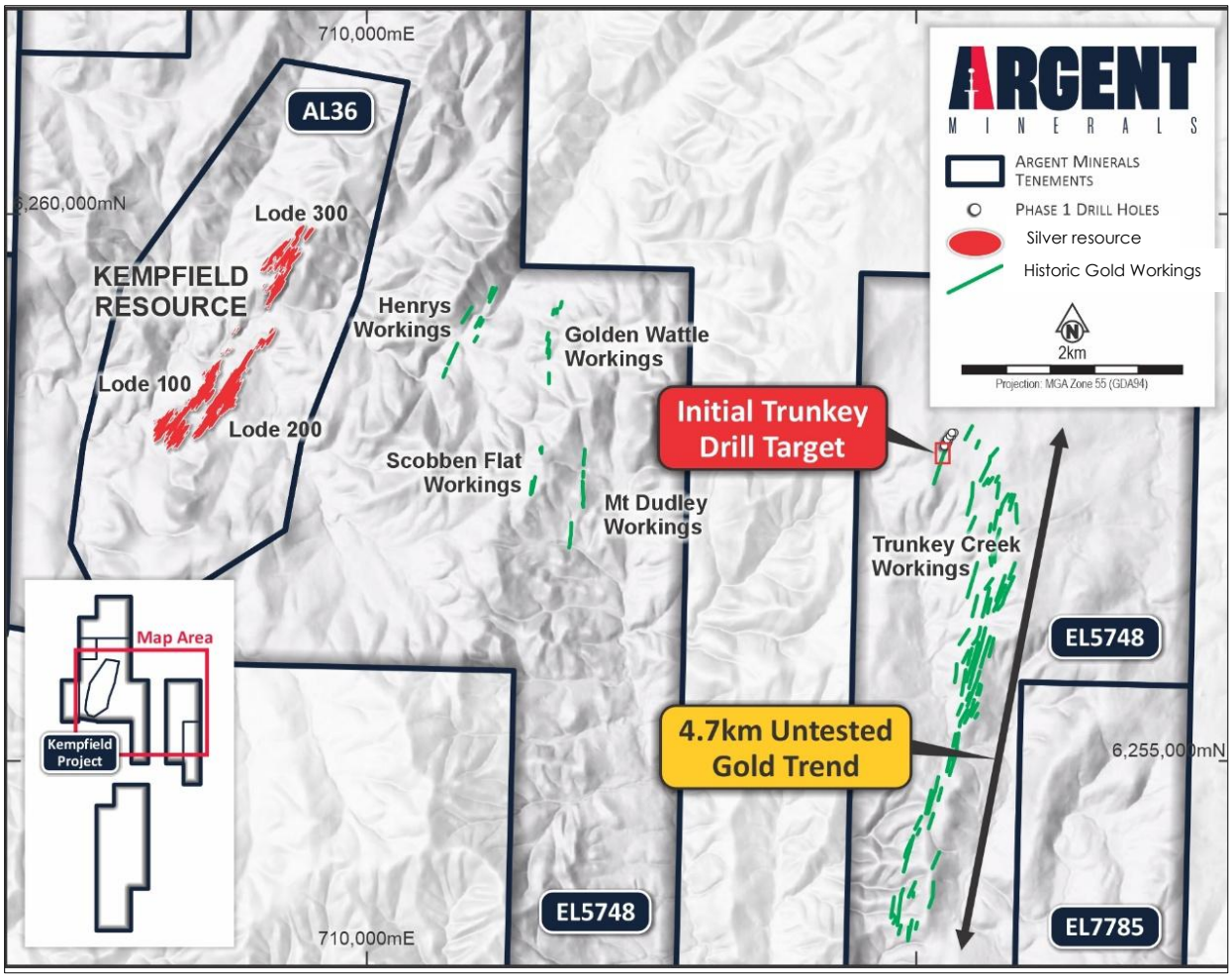


Figure 2. *The Trunkey Project is ~6km directly south, southeast of Kempfield and approximately 9km by road. The Phase 1 drilling is shown at the northern end of the workings.*

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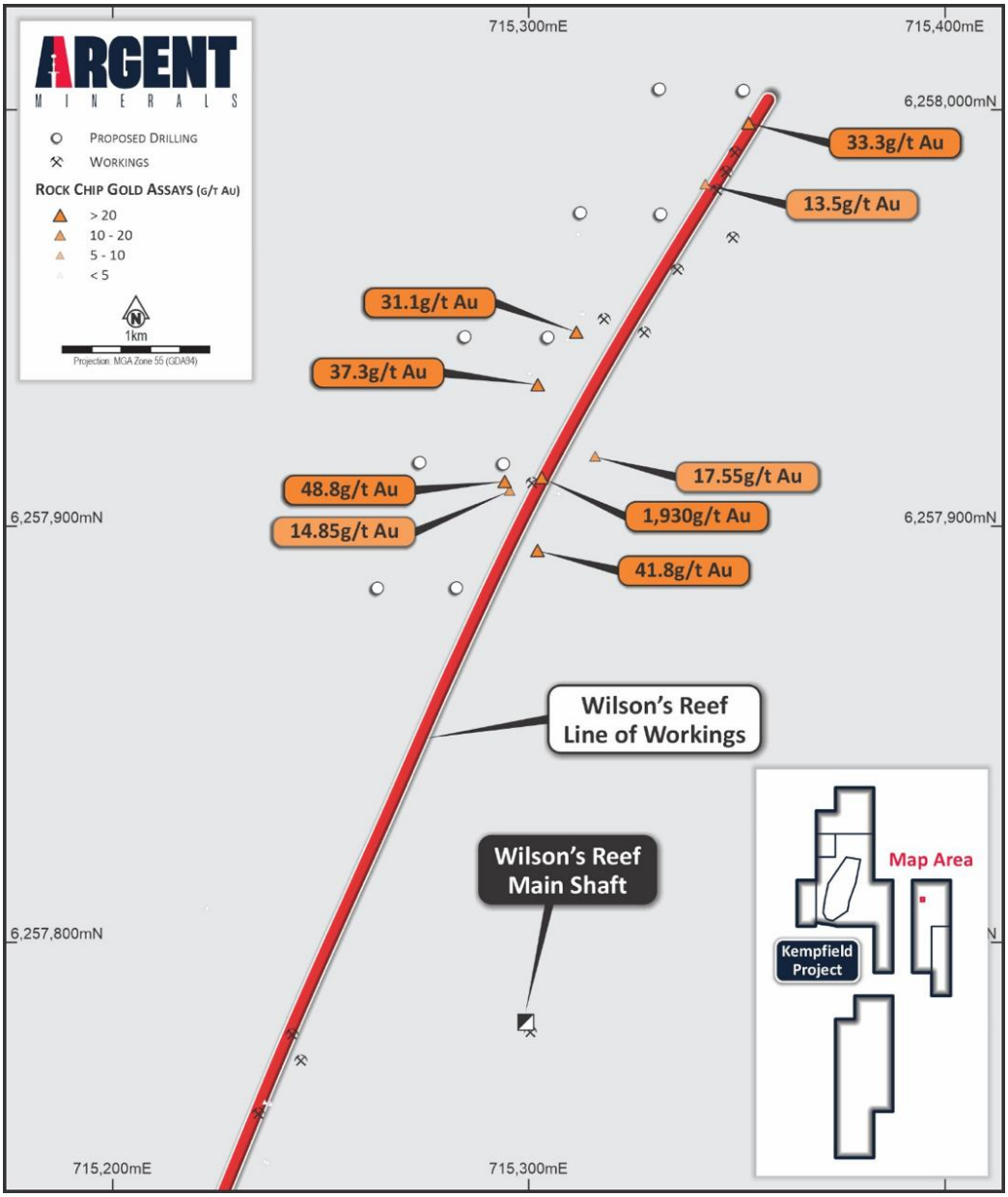


Figure 3. *Phase 1 of Argent's maiden drill campaign at Trunkey will start with 10 holes for approximately 1,000m to intersect the interpreted steeply dipping structures.*

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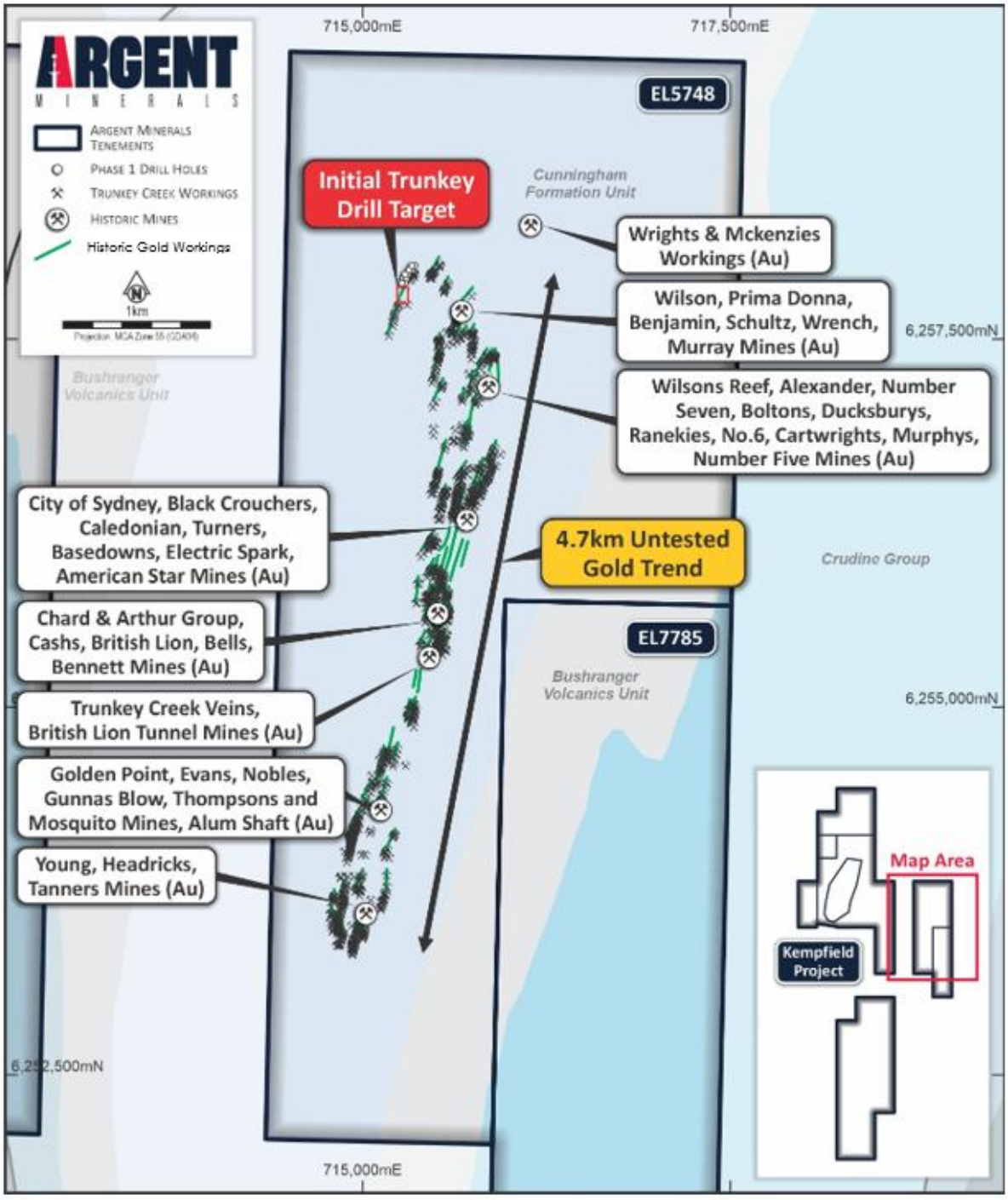


Figure 4. *Historic workings within the Trunkey tenement*

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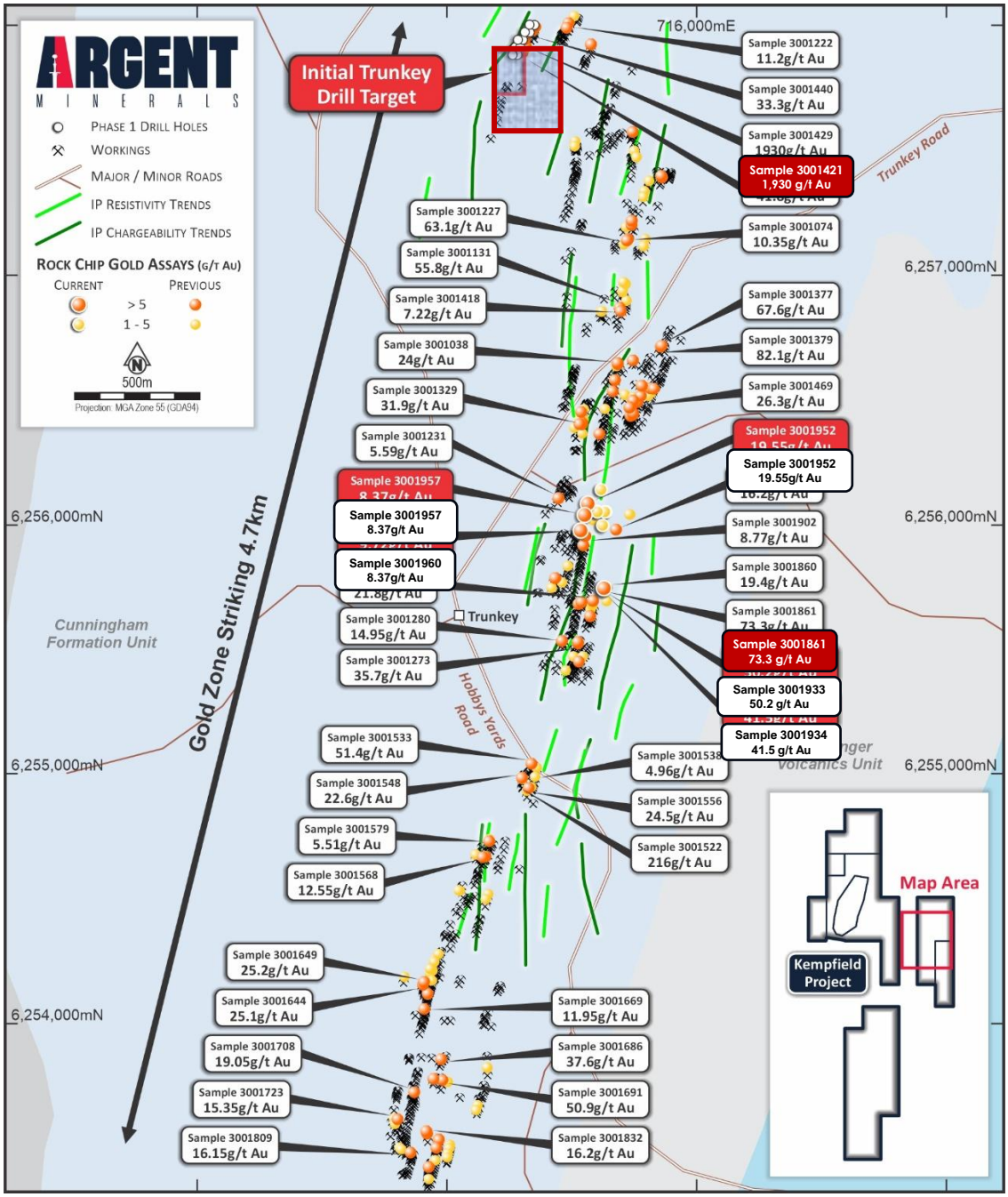


Figure 5. *Rock chip sample results from earlier program in relation to Phase 1 drilling.*

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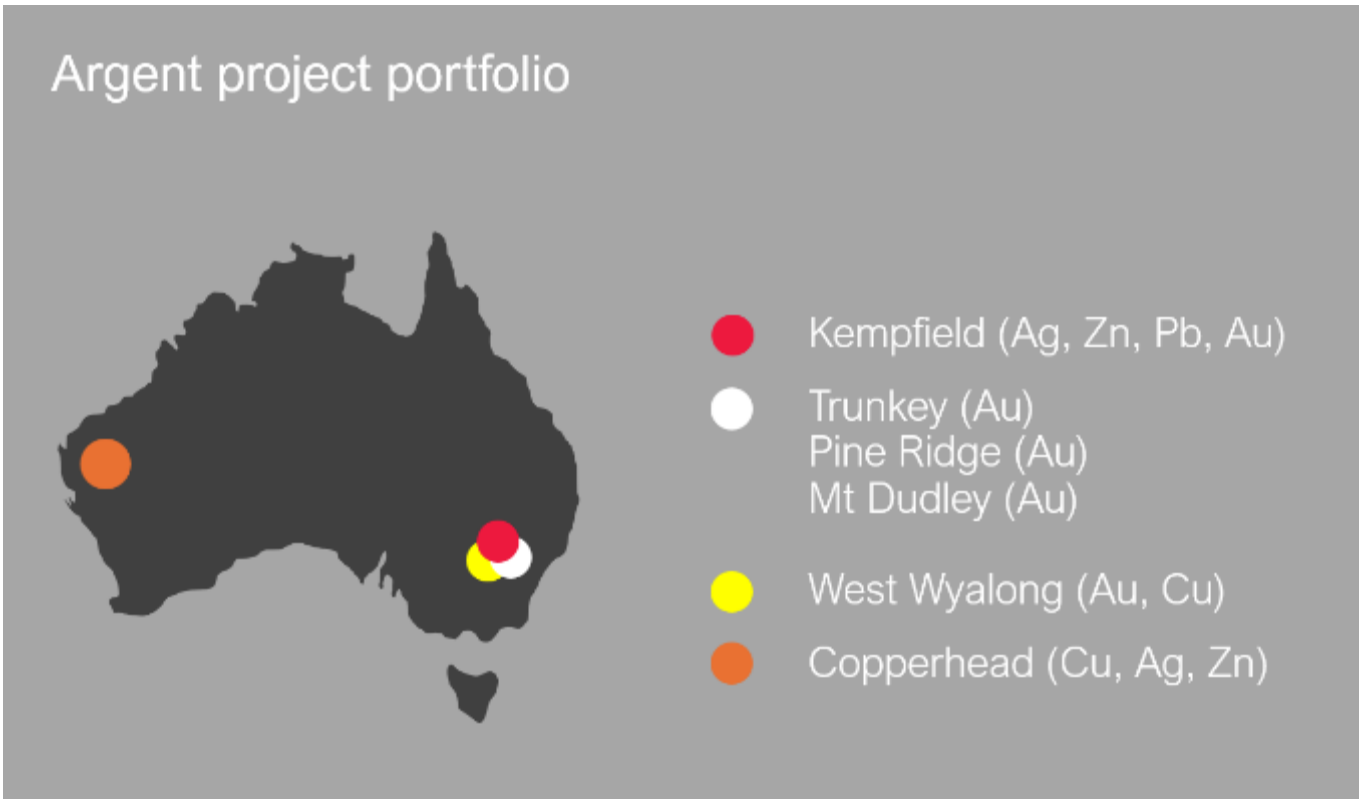
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About Argent Minerals Ltd (ASX: ARD)

Argent Minerals Limited is an ASX listed public company focused on the development of its flagship 100%-owned Kempfield Project in New South Wales which hosts a nationally significant undeveloped silver deposit - **63.7Mt @ 69.75 g/t silver** equivalent **for 142.8 million ounces Ag Eq,** containing of **65.8 Moz silver**, **125,192 oz gold**, **207,402t lead & 420,373t zinc**[1].

The project is located near Orange in one of Australia's premier mining districts and lies within the prolific Lachlan Fold Belt, host to some of Australia's largest gold and copper mines including Northparkes and Cadia. The scale and quality of the deposit support multiple potential development pathways currently being evaluated including near-surface starter production scenarios. The company's nearby Trunkey Creek, Mt Dudley and Pine Ridge projects offer major gold upside and the opportunity to establish a scalable, multi-deposit mine at Kempfield.

In Western Australia, Argent owns the Copperhead Polymetallic Project, located approximately 300km east-northeast of Carnarvon. The project hosts multiple zones of outcropping and shallow copper-rich mineralisation across the Illirie North, Barlee South and Henry East prospects. Historical exploration and Argent's sampling programs have returned high-grade copper, silver, zinc, nickel and cobalt results.



[1] ASX Announcement 25 July 2024: Significant Silver Resource Upgrade over Kempfield Deposit.

Kempfield Silver Deposit Mineral Resource Estimate by Classification as at July 2024 (at a >15 g/t Ag cut-off & >0.9% Zn)									
Category	**Million Tonnes (Mt)**	**Volume (m^3)**	**Silver Eq. (g/t)**	**Silver (g/t)**	**Gold (g/t)**	**Lead (%)**	**Zinc (%)**	**Million Ounces Silver**	**Million Ounces Silver Eq.**
Indicated	23.7	8,051,549	79.61	40.04	0.08	0.36	0.67	30.5	**60.6**
Inferred	40.0	13,589,739	63.92	27.49	0.05	0.31	0.64	35.4	**82.3**
Total	**63.7**	**21,641,287**	**69.75**	**32.15**	**0.06**	**0.33**	**0.66**	**65.8**	**142.8**

Kempfield Silver Deposit Mineral Resource Estimate by Weathering Zone as at July 2024 (>15 g/t Ag cut-off, Zn 0.9% Zn cut-off)											
Weathering Zone	**Million Tonnes (Mt)**	**Grade**					**Contained Metal**				
		Silver Eq. (g/t)	**Silver (g/t)**	**Gold (g/t)**	**Lead (%)**	**Zinc (%)**	**Million Ounces Silver**	**Thousand Ounces Gold**	**Thousand tonnes Zinc**	**Thousand tonnes Lead**	**Million Ounces Silver Eq.**
Oxide	8.3	45.14	38.48	0.08			10.3	20.9			12.1
Transitional	8.8	60.27	38.87	0.09	0.38	0.37	11.0	24.6	32.5	33.6	17.1
Fresh	46.6	75.93	29.75	0.05	0.37	0.83	44.5	79.7	387.9	173.8	113.7
Total	**63.7**	**69.75**	**32.15**	**0.06**	**0.33**	**0.66**	**65.8**	**125.2**	**420.4**	**207.4**	**142.8**

Kempfield Silver Deposit Mineral Resource Estimate by Lode as at July 2024 (>15 g/t Ag cut-off, >Zn 0.9% cut-off)								
Lode	**Million Tonnes (Mt)**	**Silver Eq. (g/t)**	**Silver (g/t)**	**Gold (g/t)**	**Lead (%)**	**Zinc (%)**	**Million Ounces Silver**	**Million Ounces Silver Eq**
100	23.9	81.13	31.19	0.12	0.49	0.79	23.9	62.3
200	28.0	66.42	36.03	0.03	0.21	0.57	32.4	59.7
300	11.8	54.62	24.93	0.01	0.26	0.61	9.50	20.8
Total	**63.7**	**69.75**	**32.15**	**0.06**	**0.33**	**0.66**	**65.8**	**142.8**

Notes:

1. The silver equivalent formulas were determined using the following metal prices based on a five-year monthly average: US$22.02/oz silver, US$1,776.93/oz gold, US$2,774.16/t zinc, US$2,066.73/t lead.
2. The silver equivalent formulas were determined using different metallurgical recoveries for each weathering zone from test work commissioned by Argent Minerals Limited. For oxide zone metallurgical recoveries of 86% silver and 90% gold. For transitional zone metallurgical recoveries of 86% silver, 67% zinc and 21% lead, 90% gold. For primary zone metallurgical recoveries of 86% silver, 92% zinc and 53% lead, 90% gold.
3. The silver equivalent formulas were determined using the metal prices and recoveries listed in Notes 1 & 2 for each weathering zone:

   Oxide Zone silver equivalent: Ag Eq (g/t) = g/t Ag + g/t Au x 85.4

   Transitional Zone silver equivalent: Ag Eq (g/t) = g/t Ag + g/t Au x 85.4 + % Zn x 30.53 + % Pb x 7.13

   Primary Zone silver equivalent: Ag Eq (g/t) = g/t Ag + g/t Au x 85.4 + % Zn x 41.92 + % Pb x 17.99
4. In the Company's opinion, the silver, gold, lead and zinc included in the metal equivalent calculations have a reasonable potential to be recovered and sold.
5. Variability of summation may occur due to rounding and refer to Appendices for full details.

The Company is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement and all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the Mineral Resource for Kempfield, announced on 25 July 2024, continue to apply and have not materially changed.

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Competent Persons Statement

The information in this report / ASX release that relates to Mineral Resources Estimation is based on information compiled and reviewed by Mr. Alfred Gillman, Director of independent consulting firm, Odessa Resource Pty Ltd. Mr. Gillman, a Fellow and Chartered Professional of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (the AusIMM) and has sufficient experience relevant to the styles of mineralisation under consideration and to the activity being reported to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Exploration Targets and Mineral Resources. Mr Gillman is a full-time employee of Odessa Resource Pty Ltd, who specialises in mineral resource estimation, evaluation, and exploration. Neither Mr Gillam nor Odessa Resource Pty Ltd holds any interest in Argent Minerals Ltd, its related parties, or in any of the mineral properties that are the subject of this announcement. Mr Gillman consents to the inclusion in this report / ASX release of the matters based on information in the form and context in which it appears. Additionally, Mr Gillman confirms that the entity is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information contained in the ASX releases referred to in this report. Mr Gillman has completed all the Mineral Resource Estimations for Kempfield, Mt Dudley and Pine Ridge.

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Targets and Exploration Results is based on information compiled by Mike McKevitt. Mr. McKevitt is the CEO of Argent Minerals Limited and is a Member of the AusIMM who has sufficient experience relevant to the styles of mineralisation under consideration and to the activity being reported to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr. McKevitt has verified the data disclosed in this release and consent to the inclusion in this release of the matters based on the information in the form and context in which it appears.

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Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended, there can be no assurance that such forward-looking information will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such information. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information. Forward looking information is made as of the date of this announcement and the Company does not undertake to update or revise any forward-looking information this is included herein, except in accordance with applicable securities laws.

References

For further information please refer to previous ASX announcements from Argent Minerals Ltd

ASX Announcement 31 March 2025: *Bonanza Gold Grades up to 1,930 g/t Gold at Trunkey*
ASX Announcement 3 April 2025: *Update – Trunkey Creek Rock Chip Results*
ASX Announcement 9 July 2025: *Gold Mineralisation Confirmed over 4.7km at Trunkey Creek*
ASX Announcement 11 February 2026: *Further Surface High-Grade Gold Results at Trunkey Creek*

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