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Argent's new CEO Mike McKevitt to start 1 July 2026

Argent Minerals Limited (ASX: ARD) ("Argent" or "the Company") advises that Mr Mike McKevitt will commence as Chief Executive Officer on 1 July 2026, earlier than the previously reported commencement date of 12 July 2026.

Mr McKevitt is a highly credentialled mining geologist and mining executive with experience across operational mining, resources, and technical consulting, together with 12 years in project finance banking and corporate advisory.

Argent Non-Executive Chairman Mr Peter Michael said:

"The Board is pleased that Mr McKevitt is able to commence as Chief Executive Officer earlier than originally planned.

"He joins Argent at a pivotal time as we focus on advancing our flagship Kempfield Silver Project in New South Wales, one of Australia's largest undeveloped silver deposits, while continuing to progress value opportunities across our broader exploration portfolio.

"Mr McKevitt brings a rare combination of mining, geology, mine operations, corporate strategy and project finance expertise. His extensive experience in resource project evaluation, operational management and international mining finance positions him well to lead the next phase of Argent's growth.

"Kempfield is a significant silver asset with scale, growth potential and exposure to a metal increasingly important to advanced electronics, renewable energy infrastructure and industrial demand. Under Mike's leadership, the Company will continue to advance Kempfield while maintaining disciplined progress across our Trunkey Creek, West Wyalong and Copperhead projects."

Incoming Chief Executive Officer Mr Mike McKevitt said:

"Argent has a highly prospective portfolio, led by Kempfield, which provides a strong foundation for future growth. The project's scale, established resource base, and exploration upside give the Company a clear platform from which to build shareholder value at a time when silver prices are strong and the market is forecast to remain in deficit for some time to come.

"I have already visited the Kempfield and Trunkey projects and look forward to working closely with the Board and technical team to set clear priorities for the Company's next phase."

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board of Argent Minerals Limited.

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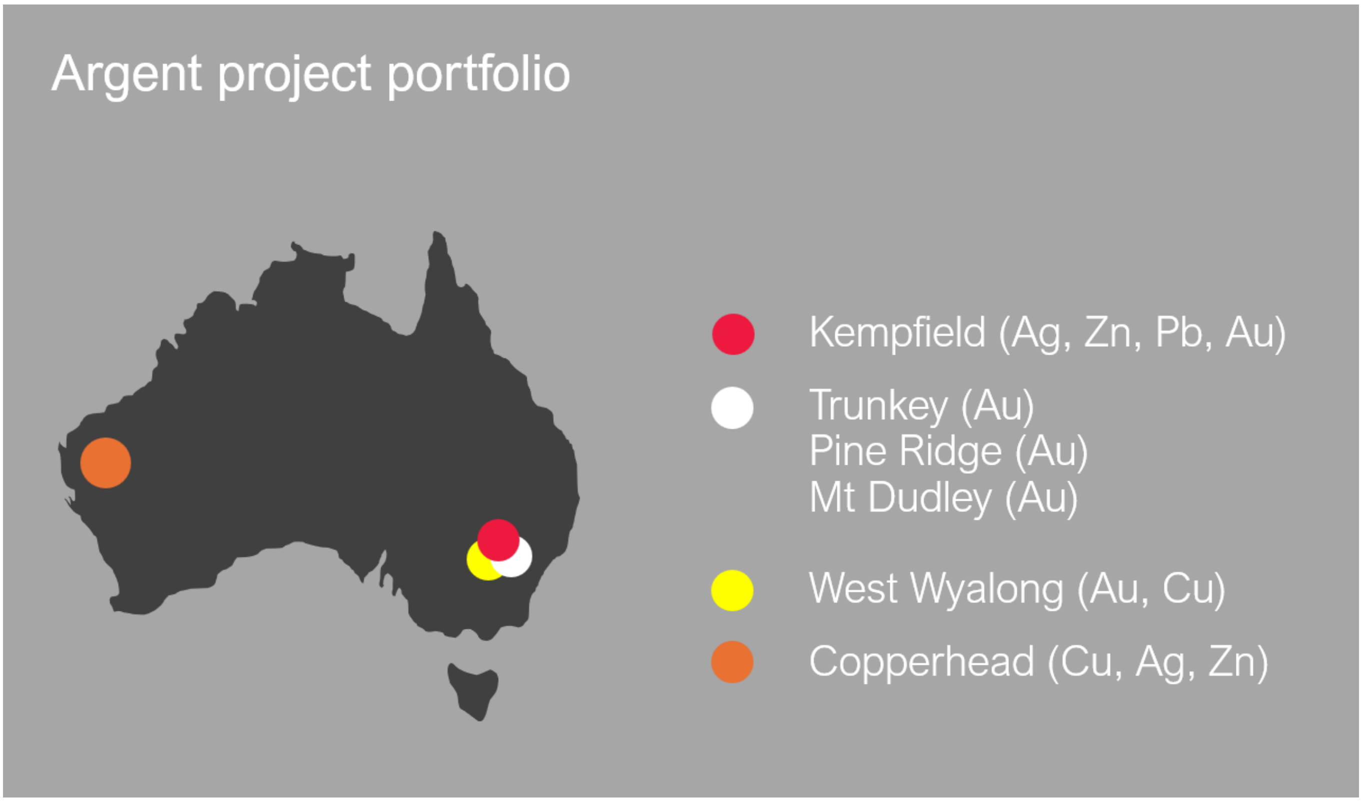
About Argent Minerals Ltd (ASX: ARD)

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.

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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.