



## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

**SIX-MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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## ARGENTUM SILVER CORP.

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*The following is management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") of Argentum Silver Corp. ("Argentum" or the "Company"), prepared as of February 26, 2024. This MD&A should be read together with the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for the three and six months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 and related notes, and the audited financial statements for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 and related notes. Financial amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars unless otherwise specified.*

*Certain information included in this MD&A may constitute forward-looking statements. Statements in this report that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements involving known and unknown risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to vary considerably from these statements. Readers are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward-looking statements.*

*The Company's unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for the three and six months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") using accounting policies consistent with IFRS as issued by the IASB and interpretations of the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee.*

*Additional information related to Argentum is available for view on SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).*

## The Company's Business

The Company was incorporated on March 21, 2007, as Silex Ventures Ltd. pursuant to the *Business Corporations Act* of British Columbia, Canada. The Company was formed as a "Capital Pool Company" as defined by policy 2.4 of the TSX Venture Exchange (the "TSX-V"). In February 2011, the Company completed a qualifying transaction and changed its name to Argentum Silver Corp. The Company's shares trade on the TSX-V under the symbol "ASL".

## Properties

### Cochavara Project – Peru

On January 15, 2020, the Company acquired all of the issued and outstanding shares of Norsemont II Resources Inc. ("**Norsemont**"). Norsemont owns a 100-per-cent interest in the Cochavara silver-lead-zinc project in northern Peru.

The transaction was executed by way of a three-cornered amalgamation under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) pursuant to which 1208350 B.C. LTD., a wholly owned subsidiary of Argentum, amalgamated with Norsemont. The amalgamated entity subsequently changed its name to Argentum Peru Holdings Limited.

Under the terms of the amalgamation, shareholders of Norsemont received 0.165343 common shares in the capital of Argentum for every common share held of Norsemont. As a result of the amalgamation, Argentum issued 2,777,778 Argentum shares. In addition, holders of convertible securities of Norsemont received 400,000 common share purchase warrants of Argentum, each Argentum warrant entitling the holder thereof to acquire one additional Argentum share at an exercise price of \$0.25 on or before the date that is three years following the closing of the amalgamation.

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The Cochavara project consists of six concessions totalling 3,479 hectares located in the department of La Libertad in northern Peru, approximately 70 kilometres east of the city of Trujillo.

On November 16, 2022 the Company announced it had received final deliverables on the property-wide remote sensing survey completed by Axiom Exploration Group Ltd. on the Cochavara Property. The remote sensing work covering 124.4 km<sup>2</sup> included the acquisition, processing, analysis, and interpretation of Synthetic Aperture Radar ("SAR") and Sentinel & Aster Multispectral data over its wholly owned Cochavara Property (the "Cochavara Property") in addition to surrounding areas to the Property with known occurrences of mineralization, including the Quiruvilca silver-lead-zinc mine deposit, located 3.5 km to the northeast. A total of twenty (20) satellite targets are interpreted to occur on the Company's mining concessions and to be associated with the major and ring fault systems, in the central northwestern part of the analyzed area. Field mapping, trenching, sampling, and localized geophysics over the target areas is anticipated.

**Financial**

All financial amounts have been determined in accordance with IFRS.

*SELECTED ANNUAL INFORMATION*

During the most recent three fiscal years, the Company has not incurred any losses from discontinued operations or extraordinary items or declared any dividends.

	June 30,		
	2023	2022	2021
	\$	\$	
Revenue	Nil	Nil	Nil
Income (loss) for the year	(533,109)	(375,529)	(306,897)
Basic and diluted loss per share	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Total assets	595,437	1,029,249	1,105,765
Long term financial liabilities	-	-	-

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*SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS*

The following is a summary of the Company's financial results for the eight most recent quarters:

Quarter Ended	Total expenses (recovery)	Income (loss) for the period	Basic and diluted loss per share
	\$	\$	\$
March 31, 2022	(322,959)	291,685	0.01
June 30, 2022	107,703	(288,025)	(0.01)
September 30, 2022	92,724	(37,290)	(0.00)
December 31, 2022	143,244	(219,852)	(0.00)
March 31, 2023	70,331	(171,468)	(0.00)
June 30, 2023	192,911	(104,499)	(0.00)
September 30, 2023	62,927	(73,355)	(0.00)
December 31, 2023	77,762	(85,517)	(0.00)

The Company has not generated any revenue.

*RESULTS OF OPERATIONS*

## Three Months Ended December 31, 2023

The Company incurred a net loss of \$85,517 for the three months ended December 31, 2023, as compared to a net loss of \$219,852 for the three months ended December 31, 2022. The primary reason for the decrease in net loss due to an unrealized loss on the value of marketable securities held of \$9,137 (2022 - \$77,664 loss) as well as a decrease in share-based payment expense of \$nil (2022 - \$67,000) from the issuance of nil options (2022 - 1,400,000) during the period.

Trends in expenses and the composition of expenses during the three months ended December 31, 2023 were:

- Management and consulting fees are fees paid for services not normally provided by employees. Management and consulting fees were comparable at \$33,750 during the three months ended December 31, 2023, (2022 - \$33,750). The amount remained consistent with the prior year.
- Exploration and evaluation expenditures resulted in an expense of \$11,470 during the three months ended December 31, 2023, (2022 - \$8,384). The amount was comparable to the prior period.
- Share-based compensation was \$nil during the three months ended December 31, 2023, compared to \$67,000 in 2022 as nil options were granted compared to 1,400,000 in the prior period.

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- Office expenses consist of costs associated primarily with maintaining the Canadian head office and office in Peru. During the three months ended December 31, 2023, office costs were \$11,981 (2022 - \$10,770). Costs were relatively consistent with the prior period.
- Professional fees comprise legal, accounting and audit fees. Professional fees were consistent at \$12,343 for the three months ended December 31, 2023, (2022 - \$12,896). The amount was comparable to the prior period.
- Shareholder communication costs include the cost of consultants hired to manage investor relations, web-based initiatives, and news releases. These costs remained consistent, amounting to \$7,069 during the three months ended December 31, 2023, (2022 - \$9,311). The amount varies based on timing of various shareholder communications and was consistent between the two periods.

## Six Months Ended December 31, 2023

The Company incurred a net loss of \$158,872 for the six months ended December 31, 2023, as compared to a net loss of \$257,142 for the six months ended December 31, 2022. The primary reason for the decrease in net loss and income in the period is related to share-based payment expense of \$nil (2022 – \$67,000) from the issuance of nil options (2022 – 1,400,000) during the period.

Trends in expenses and the composition of expenses during the six months ended December 31, 2023 were:

- Management and consulting fees are fees paid for services not normally provided by employees. Management and consulting fees were comparable at \$67,500 during the six months ended December 31, 2023, (2022 - \$67,500). The amount remained consistent with the prior year.
- Exploration and evaluation expenditures resulted in an expense of \$18,904 during the six months ended December 31, 2023, (2022 - \$46,283). The amount decreased and was minimal during the current period.
- Share-based compensation was \$nil during the six months ended December 31, 2023, compared to \$67,000 in 2022 as nil options were granted compared to 1,400,000 in the prior period.
- Office expenses consist of costs associated primarily with maintaining the Canadian head office and office in Peru. During the six months ended December 31, 2023, office costs were \$21,950 (2022 - \$19,594). Costs were consistent with the prior period.
- Professional fees comprise legal, accounting and audit fees. Professional fees were consistent at \$21,536 for the six months ended December 31, 2023, (2022 - \$22,650). The amount was comparable to the prior period.
- Shareholder communication costs include the cost of consultants hired to manage investor relations, web-based initiatives, and news releases. These costs were fairly consistent, amounting to \$8,566 during the six months ended December 31, 2023, (2022 - \$10,803).

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The amount varies based on timing of various shareholder communications and remained consistent between the two periods.

**Year Ended June 30, 2023**

The Company incurred a net loss of \$533,109 for the year ended June 30, 2023, as compared to a net loss of \$375,529 for the year ended June 30, 2022. The primary reason for the increase in net loss in the current year is related to share-based payment expense of \$67,000 (2022 – \$370,000) from the issuance of 1,400,000 options (2022 – 2,400,000) during the period, offset by a decrease in exploration and evaluation expenditures of \$188,855 (recovery of \$396,314) from the Company having received \$150,000 in cash and 835,564 shares in settlement of the remaining share commitments due under the Vanadium Ridge project sale, with a value of \$350,000 during the prior period.

Trends in expenses and the composition of expenses during the year ended June 30, 2023 were:

- Management and consulting fees are fees paid for services not normally provided by employees. Management and consulting fees were comparable at \$135,000 during the year ended June 30, 2023, (2022 - \$135,000). The amount remained consistent with the prior year.
- Exploration and evaluation expenditures resulted in an expense of \$188,855 during the year ended June 30, 2023, (2022 - a recovery of \$396,314). The recovery in the prior period is related to the sale of the Vanadium Ridge Project as described above, and the receipt of the second cash payment of \$150,000 and 835,564 shares in settlement of the remaining share commitments due under the Vanadium Ridge project sale, with a value of \$350,000, offset by expenditures during the period.
- Share-based compensation was \$67,000 during the year ended June 30, 2023, compared to \$370,000 in 2022 as 1,400,000 options were granted compared to 2,400,000 in the prior year.
- Office expenses consist of costs associated primarily with maintaining the Canadian head office and office in Peru. During the year ended June 30, 2023, office costs were \$38,106 (2022 - \$35,381). Costs were consistent with the prior year.
- Professional fees comprise legal, accounting and audit fees. Professional fees were consistent at \$45,003 for the year ended June 30, 2023, (2022 - \$44,589). The amount was comparable to the prior year.
- Shareholder communication costs include the cost of consultants hired to manage investor relations, web-based initiatives and news releases. These costs were fairly consistent, amounting to \$20,477 during the year ended June 30, 2023, (2022 - \$23,654). The amount varies based on timing of various shareholder communications and remained fairly consistent between the two periods.

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*LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES*

As at December 31, 2023, the Company had cash of \$231,529 (June 30, 2023 - \$373,511) and working capital of \$352,117 (June 30, 2023 - \$514,564). Some of the factors affecting the Company's liquidity are:

- The Company will have to incur ongoing costs to maintain its properties and plans to undertake exploration programs that will consume cash.

Based on its current operating plan, management estimates that the Company has enough cash to support operations for at least 12 months. Since there is no assurance that the Company will be able to generate cash from its operations in the foreseeable future, the Company will have to rely on the issuance of shares or debt to fund ongoing operations and investment. There are options and warrants outstanding to purchase common shares that could be exercised in the near term; however, their exercise cannot be guaranteed and therefore the Company cannot rely solely on this as a means of generating cash. The ability of the Company to raise capital will depend on market conditions and it may not be possible for the Company to raise money on acceptable terms or at all.

*RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND DISCLOSURES*

Certain corporate entities and consultants that are related to the Company's officers and directors provide consulting and other services to Argentum. All transactions were conducted in the normal course of operations and are measured as follows:

<b>As at,</b>	<b>December 31, 2023</b>	<b>June 30, 2023</b>
Amount included in trade and other payables, due to companies controlled by directors and/or officers	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Amounts due to companies controlled by directors and officers are unsecured, non-interest bearing and have no set terms of repayment.

**Compensation of Key Management Personnel**

<b>Transactions during the six-month periods ended December 31,</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Short-term benefits	<b>\$ 67,500</b>	<b>\$ 67,500</b>
Share-based payments	<b>-</b>	<b>55,000</b>
Total compensation paid to key management	<b>\$ 67,500</b>	<b>\$ 122,500</b>

The Company considers its President, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer to be key management.

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The Company issued options with a Black-Scholes value of \$nil (2022 - \$55,000) to key management and directors during the six-month period ended December 31, 2023.

*Financial Instruments*

Information about the Company's financial instruments and risk management is included in Note 3 of the Company's December 31, 2023 unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

**Risks and Uncertainties**

The Company's business may be affected by changes in political and market conditions, such as interest rates, availability of credit, inflation rates, changes in laws, and national and international circumstances. Recent geopolitical events and potential economic global challenges, such as the risk of higher inflation and energy crises, may create further uncertainty with respect to the prospects of the Company's business.

**Financing Risk**

The Company will need to continue raising funds to finance its operations and exploration activities. There is no certainty that the Company will be able to raise money on acceptable terms or at all.

**Exploration Risk**

Exploration for mineral resources involves a high degree of risk. The cost of conducting exploration programs may be substantial and the likelihood of success is difficult to assess. Few explored properties are ultimately developed into producing mines. The Company attempts to mitigate its exploration risk by maintaining a diversified portfolio that includes several different exploration prospects in a number of favourable geologic environments.

**Metal Price Risk**

Even if the Company's exploration programs are successful in locating economic deposits of minerals or precious metals, factors beyond the Company's control may affect the value and marketability of such deposits. Natural resource prices have wide historic fluctuations due to many factors, including inflation, currency fluctuations, interest rates, consumption trends and local and worldwide financial market conditions. The prices of such natural resources greatly affect the value of the Company and the potential value of its properties. This, in turn, greatly affects its ability to form joint ventures and the structure of any joint ventures formed.

**Environmental Risk**

The Company seeks to operate within environmental protection standards that meet or exceed existing requirements in the countries in which the Company operates. Present or future laws and regulations, however, may affect the Company's operations. Future environmental costs may increase due to changing requirements or costs associated with exploration and the developing, operating and closing of mines. Programs may also be delayed or prohibited in some areas. Although minimal at this time, site restoration costs are a component of exploration expenditures.

**New Accounting Policies and Significant Judgements and Estimates**



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Information about the Company's new accounting policies and significant judgements and estimates is included in Notes 2 and 3 of the Company's June 30, 2023, consolidated financial statements.

**Share Capital***STOCK OPTIONS*

The Company has a rolling 10% stock option plan that allows for the issuance of options equal to 10% of the number of issued shares. Option grants are subject to the policies of the TSX-V. Options are exercisable for a period of up to ten years from the date of grant but must generally be exercised within 90 days of the optionee ceasing to hold a position with the Company.

*OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA*

As at the date of this MD&A there were:

- A total of 51,598,543 common shares issued and outstanding;
- Stock options authorizing the purchase of 2,400,000 shares at a price of \$0.175 per share expiring December 14, 2026.
- Stock options authorizing the purchase of 1,400,000 shares at a price of \$0.06 per share expiring December 9, 2027.