



**ARIAN SILVER CORPORATION**

**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
**of the Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

**Three Months ended 31 March 2010**  
**(In thousands of U.S. dollars)**

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### **STOCK EXCHANGES**

AIM Market of the London Stock Exchange  
TSX Venture Exchange  
Frankfurt Stock Exchange  
London's PLUS Market

### **TRADING SYMBOLS**

AIM/PLUS: AGQ (stock is quoted in Pounds Sterling)  
TSX-V: AGQ (stock is quoted in Canadian Dollars)  
Frankfurt: I3A (stock is quoted in Euros)

## **Arian Silver Corporation – Management’s Discussion and Analysis**

*This Management’s Discussion and Analysis (“MD&A”) has been prepared based on information available to Arian Silver Corporation (“Arian” or the “Company”) as at 26 May 2010 and compares its financial results for the first quarter ended 31 March, 2010 with the equivalent period of the previous year. This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the Company’s 31 March, 2010 unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements and the related notes. The unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements and the related notes have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. All dollar amounts referred to in this MD&A are expressed in United States dollars, unless specifically stated otherwise.*

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### **MANAGEMENT’S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING AND CONTROLS**

The unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company for the three month ended 31 March, 2010 (the “unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements”) and the comparative amounts for 2009 have been prepared by management of the Company (“Management”) in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) and have been approved by the Company’s Board of Directors (the “Board”). The integrity and objectivity of the unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements are the responsibility of Management. In addition, Management is responsible for ensuring that the information contained in this MD&A is consistent, where appropriate, with the information contained in the unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements.

In support of this responsibility, Management maintains a system of internal accounting and administrative controls to provide reasonable assurance that the financial information is relevant, reliable and accurate and that the Company’s assets are appropriately accounted for and adequately safeguarded. When alternative accounting methods exist, Management has chosen those methods it deems most appropriate in the circumstances. The unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements may contain certain amounts based on estimates and judgments. Management has determined such amounts on a reasonable basis to ensure that the unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements are presented fairly in all material respects.

The Board is responsible for ensuring that Management fulfils its responsibilities for financial reporting and internal controls. The Board carries out this responsibility principally through its audit committee. The audit committee is appointed by the Board and its members are not involved in the Company’s daily operations. The audit committee meets periodically with Management and the external auditor to discuss internal controls over the financial reporting process, auditing matters and financial reporting issues, to satisfy itself that each party is properly discharging its responsibilities.

### **INTRODUCTION**

The following discussion is Management’s assessment and analysis of the results and financial condition of the Company and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements and the Company’s 2009 Annual MD&A, both of which can be accessed on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) or the Company’s website at [www.ariansilver.com](http://www.ariansilver.com).

The Company is engaged in the acquisition and exploration of mineral resource properties in Mexico.

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### REVIEW OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

In the quarter ended 31 March 2010, the Company incurred an operating loss of \$0.3 million (2009 - \$0.5 million) which includes expensing the fair value of options vesting of \$8,000 (2009 - \$16,000), and other administrative expenses \$0.3 million (2009 - \$0.5 million). The Company does not yet generate any income from its operations. Interest income from cash resources was \$4,000 (2009 - \$1,000). An investment expense was incurred of \$0.1 million (2009 - nil) which relates to the fair value adjustment of the Geologix Shares that the Company received in part settlement of the first instalment of the consideration for the grant of the Tepal Option (see *Review of Operations - Tepal Project, Michoacán State and also Liquidity, Capital Resources and Going Concern*).

As at 31 March 2010 the Company had working capital of approximately \$4.1 million (31 December 2009 - \$4.0 million). The principal components of current assets are (i) cash balances of approximately \$2.1 million (31 December 2009 - \$0.1 million), (ii) other financial assets at fair value through profit and loss, which comprises the Geologix Shares valued at \$0.6 million (31 December 2009 - \$nil) and (iii) non-current assets held for sale, which represents the carrying value of the Tepal project which has been transferred from intangible assets as a result of the grant of the Tepal Option, valued at \$2.9 million (31 December, 2009 - \$nil). Intangible assets amounted to \$6.0 million (31 December 2009 - \$7.7 million) which relate to deferred exploration and evaluation costs in respect of the Company’s Mexican projects excluding the Tepal project. During the period the Company repaid all current borrowings from new funds received. The first instalment of the Tepal Option consideration of \$1.5 million (31 December, 2009 - \$nil) is accounted for as deferred income in current liabilities pending exercise of the Tepal Option. Share capital reduced by \$1.0 million to \$37.2 million (31 December, 2009 - \$38.2 million) reflecting the redemption and cancellation of the common shares issued in 2009 to Grafton Resource Investments Ltd (“Grafton”), the issue to Grafton of common shares for debt and the issue of common shares in connection with the Placement. See *Liquidity, Capital Resources and Going Concern*.

### REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

The Company currently owns, or has rights or options to purchase, 33 mineral concessions in Mexico totalling 7,847.8 hectares (“Ha”) as set out in the Property Summary below.

#### Property Summary

Project Name	No. Concessions	Size (Ha)
San José	11	6,279.5
Calicanto	7	75.5
Others	15	1,492.8

The Property Summary excludes the mineral concessions relating to the Tepal project, which are subject to the Tepal Option.

#### Qualified Person

Mr. Jim Williams, Eur Ing, Eur Geol, BSc, MSc, D.I.C., FIMMM, the Chief Executive Officer of Arian, a "Qualified Person" as defined in the AIM guidelines of the London Stock Exchange, and a "Qualified Person" as such term is defined in Canadian National Instrument 43-101 (“NI 43-101”), has reviewed and approved the technical information in this Review of Operations other than the mineral resource estimates referred to below.

#### San José Project, Zacatecas State

The San José property lies 55 kilometres to the South-East of Zacatecas and covers 11 mining concessions totalling approximately 6,300Ha. The property has significant infrastructure,

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including a 4 x 4 metre ramp, which extends for nearly 3km along the footwall of the San José Vein (“SJV”) system, and a 350m deep, 500 tonne per day, vertical shaft with hoist.

During the period Arian paid the final instalment of \$500,000, to acquire the remaining 33.33% interest in the San José mineral concessions, to give it 100% control of the San José Project.

In relation to the proposed contract mining and toll milling operation, results from the final bulk metallurgical testwork from the proposed custom mill operator, anticipated for early May, are still to be delivered. This has delayed final contract negotiations in relation to the milling operation. However, given the preparatory work already completed on site and the relative short lead time for the mine contractor to mobilise on site, Arian’s management believes that commencement of the initial 500 tpd mining operation during Q2 of 2010 remains on target. In addition, the expectation remains that the operation will generate positive cash flows during the second half of 2010.

During Q1 of 2010 operational activity was focussed on preparation for production at the San José mine site including laying a new access road and refurbishment of mine buildings to accommodate additional offices and to house the mining personnel.

In April 2010 the Company released a further batch of drillhole assay results from the Phase-2 drill programme that was completed in 2008 at the San José Project (see the Company’s press release dated 21 April 2010 entitled “Arian Silver Reports on Progress at San José”). Arian’s past drill programmes along the SJV have so far only delineated some 10% of the known strike length of the SJV and Arian’s management considers the upside for material additional resources along the SJV to be significant. A new drill programme will proceed in due course, largely financed by revenue generated from the planned contract mining operation at the San José Project. Its objective will be to further define areas of high-grade mineralization by infill drilling and to continue the exploration of the SJV along its extensive westerly strike direction.

The current NI 43-101 Resources at San José contained in the Report dated 15 August, 2008 are set out below:

Resource Category	Tonnes	Grade			Contained Metal		
		Ag	Pb	Zn	Ag	Pb	Zn
		g/t	%	%	(Moz)	(t)	(t)
Indicated	2,196,000	127.7	0.51	0.88	9.02	11,200	19,200
Inferred	11,190,000	93.8	0.39	0.83	33.76	43,400	93,200

1. Geological characteristics and +30 ppm grade envelopes used to define resource volumes
2. The mineral resource estimates are in accordance with CIM and JORC standards
3. The effective date of the mineral resource estimates is 15 August, 2008
4. The estimates are based on geostatistical data assessment and computerised IDW<sup>3</sup>, Ag grade wireframe restricted, linear block modelling.

The “Qualified Person” as such term is defined in NI 43-101 who prepared the above mineral resource estimates is Mr. Galen R White. Mr White was at the time these estimates were prepared an employee of A.C.A. Howe International Limited.

The following reports prepared by A.C.A. Howe International Limited relating to the San José project are available on the Company’s website [www.ariansilver.com](http://www.ariansilver.com) or on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) :-

- a) Report dated 22 June, 2009 and entitled “Preliminary Economic Assessment Report (PEAR) on the San José Silver-Lead-Zinc Deposit, Zacatecas, Mexico”

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b) Report dated 15 August, 2008 and entitled “Resource Estimation Update for the San José Silver-Lead-Zinc Deposit, Zacatecas, Mexico”.

The following schedule shows project expenditure during the periods:

	3 months ended 31 March	
	2010	2009
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>San José</b>		
Mining & option rights	514	273
Drilling & exploration	2	2
Geology – logging & sampling	12	1
Administration	20	1
Total	<u>548</u>	<u>277</u>

The above expenditure has been capitalised as an intangible asset.

### Calicanto Project, Zacatecas State

Arian owns 100% of the Calicanto Project which consists of seven adjacent mining concessions totalling 75.5Ha, namely: Calicanto, Vicochea I, Vicochea II, Misie 1 and Misie 2, and Missie 1 and Missie 2 properties, collectively known as the “Calicanto Group”. The concessions are located in the historic mining district of Zacatecas. The Calicanto Group of concessions comprises at least four main mineralised vein systems.

During the period under review there was no material operational activity in relation to this project.

The following schedule shows project expenditure during the periods:

	3 months ended 31 March	
	2010	2009
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Calicanto Group: Zacatecas</b>		
Mining & option rights	-	-
Drilling & exploration	-	-
Geology – logging & sampling	2	3
Administration	4	6
Total	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>

The above expenditure has been capitalised as an intangible asset.

Additional information in respect of the Calicanto Project is contained in a technical report prepared by A.C.A. Howe International Limited dated 20 March, 2006 and entitled “Technical Report on the Calicanto and San Celso Projects, Zacatecas, Mexico”. A copy of this report is available on the Company’s website [www.ariansilver.com](http://www.ariansilver.com) or on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)

### Tepal Project, Michoacán State

In January 2010 Arian and Geologix entered into a definitive option agreement (the “Tepal Option”) whereby Geologix may acquire the Tepal property. Pursuant to the terms of the Tepal Option, Geologix is responsible for the balance of Arian’s obligations under the original option agreement with the vendor of the property and, amongst other things, will be responsible for completing the remaining option payments, including the instalment of \$900,000 due in June 2010. Geologix may at any time terminate the Tepal Option prior to the expiry date of 23 February 2011 by giving notice to Arian in which event it shall only be liable to pay the amounts due up to

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the date of termination. In the event of such termination, Geologix shall be responsible for returning the Tepal property to Arian in good standing.

A first instalment of \$1.45 million was paid by Geologix following the grant of the Tepal Option. In the event that Geologix exercises the Tepal Option a second instalment of \$1.55 million is payable. See *Liquidity, Capital Resources and Going Concern*.

### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS

Unaudited	2010	2009	2009	2009
	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total Revenues	4	-	-	-
Net loss before exceptional items	270	552	588	446
Basic and diluted loss per share	\$(0.00)	\$(0.00)	\$(0.00)	\$(0.00)
Net loss for the period	371	356	588	446
Basic and diluted loss per share	\$(0.00)	\$(0.00)	\$(0.00)	\$(0.00)
Total assets	11,932	13,876	14,042	12,993
Shareholders' equity	10,010	11,743	11,643	12,045
Cash dividend declared per share	-	-	-	-

Unaudited	2009	2008	2008	2008
	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total Revenues	-	11	-	2
Net loss before exceptional items	482	399	1,757	643
Basic and diluted loss per share	\$(0.00)	\$(0.02)	\$(0.01)	\$(0.01)
Net loss for the period	481	388	1,757	641
Basic and diluted loss per share	\$(0.00)	\$(0.02)	\$(0.01)	\$(0.01)
Total assets	8,198	7,551	8,829	9,750
Shareholders' equity	7,631	7,296	8,192	9,567
Cash dividend declared per share	-	-	-	-

#### **First quarter 2010 vs. fourth quarter 2009**

Revenues were from bank deposit interest. The net loss in the period was \$0.3 million lower than for the previous quarter mainly due to a \$0.2 million exchange rate gain on cash balances held. Cash increased by \$2.0 million to \$2.1 million largely as a result of the Placement. Intangible assets decreased by \$1.8 million mainly due to the reclassification of the Tepal project to non-current assets held for sale, partly offset by a \$0.5 million property payment made in respect of the San José property. The decrease in shareholders' equity is largely attributable to the redemption and cancellation of common shares issued in 2009 to Grafton offset by the common shares issued in connection with a debt settlement and the Placement that took place in the period.

#### **Fourth quarter 2009 vs. third quarter 2009**

The net loss in the period was \$0.2 million lower than the previous quarter largely due to a tax adjustment relating to the available for sale asset. Cash decreased by \$0.7 million to \$0.1 million mainly due to the Tepal property payment of \$0.5 million. Intangible assets increased by \$0.4

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million, of which \$0.3 million related to exchange rate fluctuations. The decrease in shareholders’ equity is largely attributable to the loss incurred in the period.

### ***Third quarter 2009 vs. second quarter 2009***

The net loss in the period was \$0.2 million higher than the previous quarter largely due to \$0.3 million expensing of the fair value of options offset by \$0.1 million writeback of the fair value of lapsed options in the period. Cash increased by \$0.6 million to \$0.8 million mainly due to a \$0.5 million loan from Geologix for the Tepal property payment. Intangible assets increased by \$0.4 million mainly due to an accrual made for the Tepal property payment of \$0.5 million. The decrease in shareholders’ equity is largely attributable to the loss incurred in the period.

### ***Second quarter 2009 vs. first quarter 2009***

The net loss in the period was \$0.1 million lower than the previous quarter largely due to a reduction in legal fees which in the first quarter were higher due to the Grafton transaction. Cash remained at \$0.2 million. Intangible assets increased by \$0.7 million, with \$0.5 million of this increase a result of exchange rate fluctuations. The increase in shareholders’ equity is largely attributable to the increased share capital as a result of completion of the second part of the share exchange transaction with Grafton that took place in the period.

### ***First quarter 2009 vs. fourth quarter 2008***

The net loss in the period was \$0.1 million higher than for the previous quarter due to increased legal fees in respect of the Grafton transaction. Cash decreased by \$0.6 million to \$0.2 million and intangible assets increased by \$0.2 million mainly due to a property payment made on the San Jose property. The increase in shareholders’ equity is largely attributable to the increased share capital as a result of the share exchange transaction with Grafton that took place in the period.

### ***Fourth quarter 2008 vs. third quarter 2008***

Revenues were from bank deposit interest. The net loss in the period was \$1.4 million lower than for the previous quarter due to a reversal of a \$0.6 million foreign exchange charge and a \$0.2 million reduction in expenditure due to a reduction in corporate overheads. Cash increased by £0.6 million to £0.8 million and intangible assets decreased by \$1.4 million. This reduction is due to \$1.6 million foreign exchange adjustment and a change of \$0.1 million in respect of exploration expenses, offset by \$0.3 million incurred in respect of exploration work undertaken in Mexico. The decrease in shareholders’ equity is largely attributable to the loss incurred for the period.

### ***Third quarter 2008 vs. second quarter 2008***

The net loss in the period was \$1.1 million higher than for the previous quarter. This was largely due to a \$0.9 million foreign exchange difference (Q3 foreign exchange charge of \$0.6 million compared to a foreign exchange credit of \$0.3 million in Q2) and \$0.2 million for expensing the fair value of share options vesting (Q3 expense of \$0.3 million compared to an expense of \$0.1 million in Q2). Cash decreased by £0.7 million to £0.2 million and intangible assets increased by \$0.3 million in respect of exploration work undertaken in Mexico. The decrease in shareholders’ equity is largely attributable to the loss incurred for the period.

## **LIQUIDITY, CAPITAL RESOURCES AND GOING CONCERN**

In management’s view, the most meaningful information concerning the Group relates to its current liquidity and solvency since it is not currently generating any income from its mineral projects.

The Group continues to operate under tight expenditure controls in order to preserve cash resources.

During the period the Group received new funding from:-



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- a private placement financing of units (“Units”) each consisting of one common share of the Company and one-half of a common share purchase warrant (the “Placement”). The Placement raised Cdn\$3,499,857 through the issue of 69,997,139 Units at Cdn\$0.05 per Unit. In addition 600,000 Units were issued in satisfaction of Cdn\$30,000 of finder’s fees payable in connection with the Placement. As part of the Placement, 35,298,569 “F” share purchase warrants were issued.
- the first instalment of \$1.45 million under the Tepal Option granted to Geologix. Settlement was effected by way of a cash payment of \$725,000 and the balance of \$725,000 through the issue of 3,434,193 Geologix shares (the “Geologix Shares”) at a price of Cdn\$0.22 per share. The Geologix Shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and are subject to a hold period expiring in July 2010.

Also during the period:-

- the share exchanges in 2009 with Grafton were reversed and the Company redeemed and cancelled the 109,090,909 common shares issued to Grafton at the original issue price of Cdn\$0.055 per share in consideration for the redemption of the 128,591 Grafton participating shares (the “Grafton Shares”) issued to the Company.
- the Company issued to Grafton 15,762,000 common shares at Cdn\$0.05 per common share in settlement of \$750,000 of outstanding loans and repaid to Grafton the \$300,000 balance of the loans.
- following receipt of the first instalment under the Tepal Option, the Company repaid to Geologix a loan of \$517,500.

The following share purchase warrants and options are currently outstanding each entitling the holder to acquire one common share of the Company:

- 34,995,453 “F” share purchase warrants at an exercise price of Cdn\$0.10 per common share expiring 22 January 2011.
- 15,175,000 share purchase options with exercise prices of between Cdn\$0.10 and Cdn\$0.60 (with Pounds Sterling equivalents) and expiry dates of between June 2010 and July 2014.

It is anticipated the Group’s requirement for additional funding in the next 12 months will be met from cash flow generated from the proposed initial contract mining operation at the San José Project, proceeds from disposal of the Geologix Shares, through the issue of equity capital, the exercise of outstanding share purchase warrants and options, the sale of its interests in one or more of its projects, by way of project joint ventures or business combinations. In addition, on full exercise of the Tepal Option, a second instalment amounting to \$1.55 million is due from Geologix in February 2011, which, at Geologix’s election, may be made in cash, or up to 50% in Geologix’s shares valued at the 10-day average closing price immediately prior to the time of payment.

Based on current expectations the directors believe that the Group will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. They therefore believe it appropriate to prepare the Group’s financial statements on a going concern basis. However, if these expectations are not fulfilled the Group may not be able to meet its currently projected working capital and project expenditure requirements without additional finance. If these circumstances arose and other sources of finance were not made available to the Group as needed, then there would be significant concerns regarding the Group’s ability to continue as a going concern.

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### ***Working Capital – three months ended 31 March, 2010***

As at 31 March, 2010, the Company had working capital of approximately \$4.1 million (31 December, 2009 – \$4.0 million). The principal changes in working capital compared to the 31 December 2009 (amounts) are as follows:-

#### *Current assets*

- cash \$2.1 million (\$0.1 million) – increase has largely arisen through funds from the Placement.
- investments - available for sale assets \$nil (\$5.6 million) – decrease due to the redemption of the Grafton Shares.
- other financial assets at fair value through profit and loss \$0.6 million (\$nil) – relates to the fair value of the Geologix Shares.
- non-current assets held for sale \$2.9 million (\$nil) – relates to the carrying value of the Tepal project reclassified from intangible assets as a result of the grant of the Tepal Option.

#### *Current liabilities*

- current borrowings \$nil (\$1.6 million) – decrease arises from repayment of loans from Grafton and Geologix.
- deferred income \$1.5 million (\$nil) – relates to the value of the first instalment of the Tepal Option consideration pending exercise of the Tepal Option.

#### ***Off-balance sheet arrangements***

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

### **TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES**

During the three months ended 31 March, 2010 and 2009 the Company entered into the following transactions involving related parties:

#### ***Transactions with key management personnel***

(a) Companies in the Dragon Group charged the Company a total of \$30,319 (2009 – \$42,838). This includes reimbursement of \$30,319 (2009 – \$27,600) in respect of Tony Williams’ remuneration paid on behalf of the Company with the balance relating to the provision of support services, office accommodation and other reimbursable expenses incurred on behalf of the Company. Tony Williams, Chairman and a director of the Company, beneficially owns the Dragon Group. At 31 March, 2010 \$32,576 (2009 - \$14,462) was outstanding.

(b) Kopane Diamond Developments PLC (“KDD”) charged the Company a total of \$6,761 (2009 – \$23,316). This includes reimbursement of \$6,605 (2009 – \$12,025) in respect of James Cable’s remuneration paid on behalf of the Company with the balance relating to the provision of office accommodation and reimbursable expenses incurred on behalf of the Company. The Company charged KDD \$8,113 (2009 – \$10,501) for the provision of accounting support services. James Cable and Tony Williams are Directors of the Company. James Cable is a Director of KDD and Tony Williams is a former Director of KDD. At 31 March, 2010 \$6,526 (2009 - \$6,317) was outstanding due to KDD and \$7,892 (2009 - \$10,991) was outstanding due from KDD.

#### ***Transactions with subsidiaries***

The Company made loans to Arian Silver de Mexico S.A. de C.V. of \$nil (2009 - \$312,825).

### **PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS**

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See *Liquidity, Capital Resources and Going Concern* for details of proposed transactions.

### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the Company to select from possible alternative accounting principles and to make estimates and assumptions that determine the reported amount of assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date and reported costs and expenditures during the reporting period. Estimates and assumptions may be revised as new information is obtained and are subject to change. The Company’s accounting policies are considered appropriate in the circumstances, but are subject to judgements and uncertainties inherent in the financial reporting process.

#### ***Resource Properties, Deferred Exploration and Development Costs***

All costs related to the exploration of mineral properties are capitalised until either the properties are brought into production, at which time they are depleted on a unit of production basis, or until the properties are sold, or title rights allowed to lapse, or are abandoned or determined not to be commercially viable, at which time they are charged to the income statement.

The amounts capitalised at any time represent costs to be charged to operations in future and do not necessarily reflect the present or future values of particular properties. The recoverability of the carrying values of exploration properties is dependent upon the discovery of economically recoverable reserves, the ability of the Company to obtain necessary financing to complete development and future profitable production therefrom, or alternatively, upon the Company’s ability to dispose of its interests on an advantageous basis.

Management is of the view that the current policy is appropriate for the Company at this time and is consistent with many other public mineral exploration and development companies in the UK and Canada. Shareholders are advised that carrying values are not necessarily indicative of present or future values. The Company assesses whether impairment exists in any of its exploration projects and writes down that project to its estimated recoverable value when such impairment is found to exist. Any write down is recorded as an expense in the Company’s income statement in the financial statements for the relevant period.

#### ***Share based payments***

The share option programme allows Group directors, officers, employees and consultants to acquire shares of the Company. The fair value of options granted is recognised as an expense with a corresponding increase in equity. The fair value is measured at the grant date and spread over the period until the options vest unconditionally. The fair value of the options granted is measured using the Black-Scholes model, taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the options were granted. The amount recognised as an expense is adjusted to reflect the actual number of share options that vest, except if the change is due to market based conditions not being satisfied.

### **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The operations of the Company are speculative due to the high-risk nature of its business, which is the acquisition, financing, exploration and development of mining properties. The risks below are not the only ones facing the Company. Additional risks not currently known to the Company, or that the Company currently deems trivial, may also impair the Company’s operations. If any of the following risks actually incur, the Company’s business, financial condition and operating results could be adversely affected.

The Company will require additional financing for working capital and for any future exploration of

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its projects. Failure to obtain such financing may result in a suspension of, or delay or reduction in, the exploration and development of the Company’s projects and/or even a loss of one or more property interests.

There can be no assurance that the funding required by the Company will be made available to it when needed or, if such funding were to be available, that it would be offered on reasonable terms. The terms of such financing might not be favourable to the Company and might involve substantial dilution to existing shareholders. If the Company is unable to raise such financing, it may not be able to meet its ongoing working-capital and other capital and/or exploration expenditure commitments, which may have a material adverse effect on the Company.

The Company is subject to a number of risk factors due to the nature of the mining business in which it is engaged, not least adverse are movements in commodity prices, which are impossible to forecast. The Company seeks to counter this risk, as far as possible, by selecting exploration areas on the basis of their recognised geological potential to host economic deposits.

**Risk factors, including those regarding resources, reserves, production, requirement of additional financing and currency risks have been detailed in the Company’s 2009 Annual MD&A. Such risks have not changed during the reporting period of 2010.**

### ***Forward Looking Statements***

This MD&A contains certain "forward-looking statements". All statements, other than statements of historical fact, that address activities, events or developments that the Company believes, expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future (including, without limitation, funding from the disposal of assets or from other sources, the mineral resource estimates contained in this MD&A, statements regarding exploration results, potential mineralisation, potential mineral resources, future production and the Company’s exploration and development plans and objectives) are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements reflect the current expectations or beliefs of the Company based on information currently available to the Company. Forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that may cause the actual results of the Company to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements, and even if such actual results are realised or substantially realised, there can be no assurance that they will have the expected consequences to, or effects on the Company. Factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from current expectations include, among other things, failure to establish estimated mineral reserves, the possibility that future exploration results will not be consistent with the Company’s expectations, uncertainties relating to the availability and costs of financing needed in the future, changes in commodity prices, changes in equity markets, political developments in Mexico, changes to regulations affecting the Company’s activities, delays in obtaining or failures to obtain required regulatory approvals, the uncertainties involved in interpreting exploration results and other geological data, and the other risks involved in the mineral exploration and development industry. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made and, except as may be required by applicable securities laws, the Company disclaims any intent or obligation to update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or results or otherwise. Although the Company believes that the assumptions inherent in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and accordingly undue reliance should not be put on such statements due to the inherent uncertainty therein.

The mineral resource figures disclosed in this MD&A are estimates and no assurances can be given that the indicated levels of minerals will be produced. Such estimates are expressions of judgment based on knowledge, mining experience, analysis of drilling results and industry practices. Valid estimates made at a given time may significantly change when new information becomes available. While the Company believes that the resource estimates included in this MD&A are well established, by their nature resource estimates are imprecise and depend, to a certain extent, upon statistical inferences, which may ultimately prove unreliable. If such

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estimates are inaccurate or are reduced in the future, this could have a material adverse impact on the Company.

Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. There is no certainty that mineral resources can be upgraded to mineral reserves through continued exploration.

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

#### ***Additional Information***

Additional information relating to the Company may be accessed through SEDAR on the internet at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) or the Company’s website on [www.ariansilver.com](http://www.ariansilver.com).

#### ***Disclosure of Outstanding Share Data***

The following table sets out the outstanding securities of the Company as at 25 May, 2010:-

	<b>Number in issue</b>
Common shares of no par value	263,264,224
Share options	15,175,000
Share purchase warrants	34,995,453

Each share option and share purchase warrant entitles the holder thereof to purchase one common share of the Company.