

Operations Update – COVID-19

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Issued Capital

Fully Paid Ordinary Shares
117,300,435

Directors/Employee
Performance Rights
4,476,000

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Ardea Resources Limited (ASX Code: **ARL** – Ardea or the Company) provides the following update on its activities at its 100%-owned Western Australian projects in light of the evolving COVID-19 situation.

Ardea has been closely monitoring the situation and in mid-March implemented formal Company policy, including self-isolation for personnel returning from overseas, stopping interstate travel ahead of the Government mandated policy and tele-conferencing all Company meetings. This proactive approach will be maintained.

Following discussion and agreement with all personnel during March 2020, the Ardea Board have agreed to a 20% Director's Fee reduction and full-time staff have agreed to a 20% reduction in working hours and consequent remuneration from 1 April, to help minimise expenditure. Other cost minimisation strategies are also being pursued to protect Ardea's tight capital structure and maintain a strong cash position.

Ardea reported a cash position of \$10.7M in the December 2019 Quarterly Report, (ASX release 14 January 2020) and will provide a more detailed operations update within the next two weeks in the March 2020 Quarterly Report.

Field based activities, including drilling operations, are continuing until otherwise advised by the Government to cease such activities.

Having an operations office and locally-based team in Kalgoorlie has greatly assisted in this regard, to ensure value-adding programs are maintained. The situation will continue to be monitored to ensure the wellbeing of Ardea's personnel, consultants and the communities within which the team operate.

Target generation activities continue apace utilising Ardea's geophysical datasets and extensive historic drill database to identify and refine nickel sulphide and gold targets for future exploration, to complement the extensive nickel-cobalt resources defined within the Kalgoorlie Nickel Project tenements.

The strict border control measures implemented by the State Government of Western Australia are not expected to impact Ardea's ability to continue to operate.

Shareholders are welcome to contact the Company to discuss any matters.

Authorised for lodgement by Andrew Penkethman, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.

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