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**Issued Capital**

Fully Paid Ordinary Shares  
117,300,435

Directors/Employee  
Performance Rights  
3,711,000

**ABN 30 614 289 342**

## Successful A\$3.5M Capital Raising to support Gold Work Programs, SPP to follow

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### Highlights

- Commitments received from existing and new institutional and sophisticated investors for a A\$3.5 million Placement, at A\$0.47 per share
- Raising was upsized in response to very strong market demand
- Funds raised will be used to support Ardea's exciting gold exploration and appraisal work programs, including further drilling, metallurgical test work, geological studies and working capital
- Ardea will also conduct a Share Purchase Plan (**SPP**) to raise up to A\$2.5 million at the same A\$0.47 price as the Placement

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Ardea Resources Limited (**Ardea** or the **Company**) is pleased to announce that it has received binding commitments for a share placement to institutional, sophisticated and professional investors to raise A\$3.5 million before costs. The placement was very well supported and Ardea received bids exceeding A\$3.5 million.

amicaa and MST Financial acted as Joint Lead Managers to the placement.

### Use of Funds

The raising puts Ardea in a strong position to continue to execute on its highly successful gold exploration and appraisal plans.

The Company will have more than A\$12 million cash upon settlement of the Placement, with the new funds raised under the Placement and SPP to be used to progress gold exploration, project appraisal and working capital.

As announced on 9 September 2020, drilling has resumed at Ardea's Bardoc Tectonic Zone (BTZ) gold targets, most of which are located on granted Goongarrie Nickel Cobalt Project (GNCP) mining leases. Two rigs will target a total of five different gold targets during September and October, including the Aphrodite North area and Lady Charlotte in the Grafter area. The Company looks forward to sharing results from these exciting targets as exploration work progresses.

### Placement Structure and Pricing

Due to the strong demand for the Placement, the Company elected to accept bids of A\$500,000 over the initial target of A\$3.0 million.

The new shares will be issued at a price of A\$0.47 per share, being a 9.3% discount to the 5-day VWAP.

Under the placement, the Company will issue an estimated 7,446,808 new fully paid ordinary shares to institutional, sophisticated and professional investors using its existing placement capacity under ASX Listing Rule 7.1. It is anticipated settlement will occur on or about 23 September 2020. The new shares will rank equally in all respects with existing ordinary shares in the Company.

### **Share Purchase Plan**

Ardea is pleased to announce that Shareholders will be able to participate in a Share Purchase Plan at the same A\$0.47 per share price as the Placement. The Board intends to raise up to A\$2.5 million under the SPP. Ardea will separately release an announcement in relation to the SPP. The final terms of the SPP Offer Document will be settled by the Ardea Board for its dispatch to Eligible Shareholders on the indicative date of 23 September 2020.

Ardea thanks all shareholders for their strong and continued support, and welcomes the new institutional and sophisticated investors to its register.

### **Company Update**

Ardea has received several indicative offers from third parties seeking to acquire or farm into non-core projects. At this stage, the offers are non-binding and early stage and there is no guarantee that such offers will result in binding agreements.

### **Comments from Managing Director Andrew Penkethman**

*“Ardea is pleased with the strong support shown in the placement and welcomes new sophisticated and professional investors to the Company. The proceeds of the placement ensure Ardea is well funded to maintain momentum on drilling out its emerging gold discoveries on the Bardoc Tectonic Zone.*

*We have an RC rig currently drilling on our emerging gold discovery in the Aphrodite North area and a second RC rig booked to arrive on site in late September. The second rig will test another four gold targets, starting with follow up on the promising start to exploration at Lady Charlotte.*

*Work flows also continue apace on completing the Goongarrie and Highway nickel-cobalt resource updates, along with nickel sulphide exploration at Emu Lake, where a number of outstanding targets have been defined.*

*I look forward to keeping all stake holders informed as Ardea progresses multiple work streams on its strategic Eastern Goldfields of Western Australia project portfolio.”*

An Appendix 3B for the proposed issue of securities will follow this announcement.

Authorised for lodgement by the Board of Ardea Resources Limited.

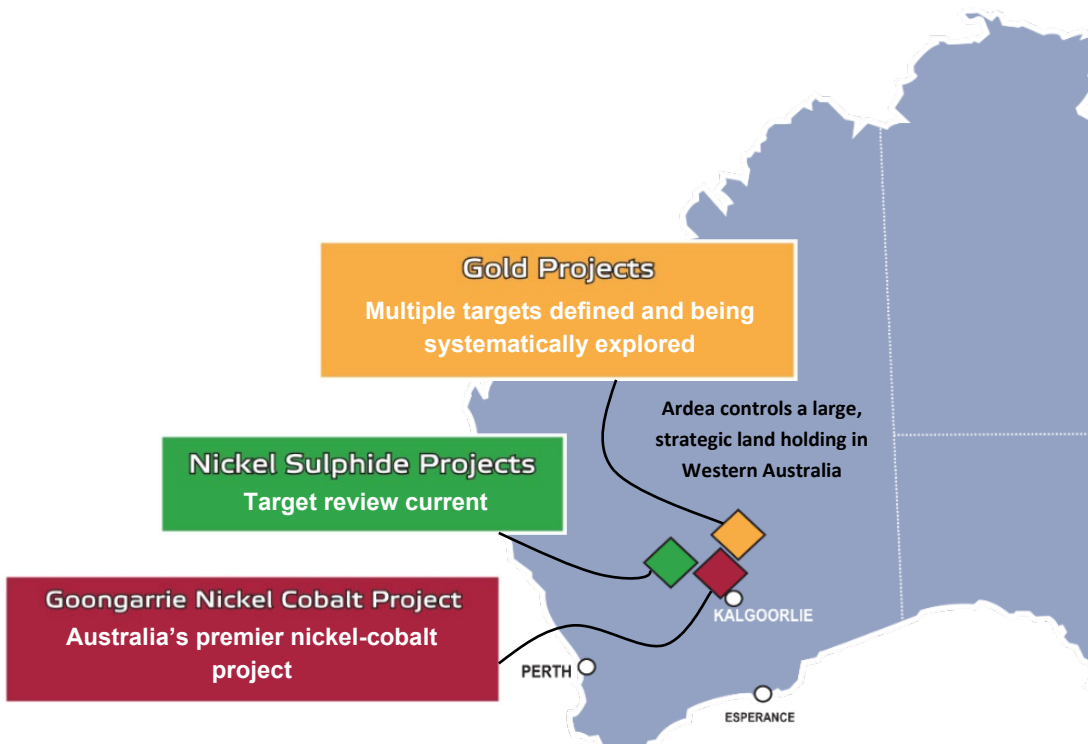
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## About Ardea Resources

Ardea Resources (ASX:ARL) is an ASX-listed resources company, with a large portfolio of 100% controlled West Australian-based projects, focussed on:

- Development of the Goongarrie Nickel Cobalt Project, which is part of the Kalgoorlie Nickel Project, a globally significant series of nickel-cobalt deposits which host the largest nickel-cobalt resource in the developed world, coincidentally located as a cover sequence overlying fertile orogenic gold targets; and
- Advanced-stage exploration within its WA nickel sulphide and gold exploration tenure located on crustal-scale Tectonic Zone structures in lake settings within the Eastern Goldfields world-class nickel-gold province.



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