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January 2022 Operational Update

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Argo Blockchain plc, a global leader in cryptocurrency mining (LSE: ARB; NASDAQ: ARBK), is pleased to provide the following operational update for January 2022.

During the month of January, Argo mined 172 Bitcoin or Bitcoin Equivalent (together, BTC) compared to 214 BTC in December 2021. This reduction during January is primarily due to an increase in network difficulty.

Based on daily foreign exchange rates and cryptocurrency prices during the month, mining revenue in January amounted to £5.26 million [$7.10 million*] (December 2021: £7.82 million [$10.55 million*]).

Argo generated this income at a Bitcoin and Bitcoin Equivalent Mining Margin of approximately 74% for the month of January (December 2021: 83%).

At the end of January, the Company owned 2,748 Bitcoin of which 262 were BTC equivalents.

Peter Wall, Chief Executive of Argo and interim Chairman, said: "As our mining operations continue to develop and the completion date of Helios, our new mining facility, approaches, this month we have laid the foundations for executing our growth strategy for 2022 and achieving the objectives we have set for the Company in the year ahead".

Non-IFRS Measures

Bitcoin and Bitcoin Equivalent Mining Margin is a financial measure not defined by IFRS. We believe Bitcoin and Bitcoin Equivalent Mining Margin has limitations as an analytical tool. In particular, Bitcoin and Bitcoin Equivalent Mining Margin excludes the depreciation of mining equipment and so does not reflect the full cost of our mining operations, and it also excludes the effects of fluctuations in the value of digital currencies and realized losses on the sale of digital assets, which affect our IFRS gross profit. This measure should not be considered as an alternative to gross margin determined in accordance with IFRS, or other IFRS measures. This measure is not necessarily comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies. As a result, you should not consider this measure in isolation from, or as a substitute analysis for, our gross margin as determined in accordance with IFRS.

The following table shows a reconciliation of gross margin to Bitcoin and Bitcoin Equivalent Mining Margin, the most directly comparable IFRS measure, for the months of December 2021 and January 2022.

	Month Ended 31 December 2021		Month Ended 31January 2022	
	£	$	£	$
Gross (loss)	**(12,593,995)**	**(17,008,110)**	**(13,204,218)**	**(17,832,213)**
Gross Margin[1]	(161%)	(161%)	(251%)	(251%)
Depreciation of mining equipment	1,444,614	1,950,942	1,284,142	1,734,226
Charge in fair value of digital currencies	18,271,429	24,675,448	15,460,310	20,879,050
Realised loss on sale of digital currencies	740,713	1,000,328	331,171	447,244
Cryptocurrency management fees[2]	(1,388,635)	(1,875,343)	-	-
Mining Profit	**6,474,126**	**8,743,265**	**3,871,405**	**5,228,308**
Bitcoin and Bitcoin Equivalent Mining Margin	83%	83%	74%	74%

(1) Due to unfavourable changes in fair value of Bitcoin and Bitcoin Equivalents in December 2021 and January 2022 there was a loss on change in fair value of digital currencies.
(2) The cryptocurrency management fees include the settlement amount with Celsius and as such are higher than normal in December 2021.
*Dollar values translated from pound sterling into U.S. dollars using the noon buying rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as at the applicable dates.

Forward-Looking Information

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otherwise. For a more complete discussion of factors that could cause our actual results to differ from those described in this announcement, please refer to the filings that Company makes from time to time with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority, including the section entitled "Risk Factors" in the Company's Registration Statement on Form F-1.

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About Argo:

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