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FORM S-1/A

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Amendment No. 1

Ardent Mines Limited

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) **1040** (Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number) 88-0471870 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

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If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering."

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Large accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Accelerated filer " Smaller reporting company x

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

		Proposed	Proposed	
		maximum	maximum	
	Amount to	offering	aggregate	Amount of
	be	price per	offering	registration
Title of securities to be registered	registered	unit (1)(2)	price	fee (3)(4)
Common Stock for sale by selling stockholders	519,482	\$ 3.75	\$ 1,948,058	\$ 226.17

- (1) The 519,482 shares to be registered include 259,741 shares of the Company's Common Stock which were sold pursuant to a private placement and 259,741 shares of the Company's Common Stock which underlie warrants sold pursuant to a private placement.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act on the basis of \$3.75 per share as the last price of the Registrant's common stock on September 27, 2011, as quoted on the Over-the-Counter-Bulletin-Board quotation system. The closing price of the Registrant's common stock on December 19, 2011 as quoted on the Over-the-Counter-Bulletin-Board quotation system was \$.18 per share.
- (3) We will not receive proceeds from the sale of shares by the selling stockholders.
- (4) The registration fee in respect of the securities registered herein was previously paid in the Registration Statement filed by the Registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 29, 2011.

The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

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The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. The selling stockholders may not sell these securities until the registration statement is filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and becomes effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the sale is not permitted.

Subject to completion, dated _____, 2011

ARDENT MINES LIMITED

519,482 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK

This prospectus relates to the sale of up to 519,482 shares of common stock by certain shareholders of the Company. The 519,482 shares to be registered include 259,741 shares of the Company's Common Stock which were sold pursuant to a private placement and 259,741 shares of the Company's Common Stock which underlie warrants sold pursuant to a private placement.

The resale of these shares is not being underwritten. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of those shares being sold by the selling stockholders. The selling stockholders may sell or distribute the shares, from time to time, depending on market conditions and other factors, through underwriters, dealers, brokers or other agents, or directly to one or more purchasers. The selling stockholders will offer their shares at prevailing market prices or privately negotiated prices. Pursuant to certain registration rights granted by us to the selling stockholders, we are obligated to register the shares held by the selling stockholders. We are paying substantially all expenses incidental to the registration of the shares.

Our common stock is quoted for trading on the over-the-counter bulletin board under the symbol ADNT.

Our principal executive offices are located at 100 Wall Street, 21st Floor, New York, NY 10005 and our telephone number is (855) 273-3686.

Your investment involves a high degree of risk. See "Risk Factors" starting on page 3 for certain

information you should consider before you purchase the shares.

NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THESE SECURITIES OR DETERMINED IF THIS PROSPECTUS IS TRUTHFUL OR COMPLETE. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

The date of this prospectus is _____, 2011.

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information different from the information contained in this prospectus. We will not make an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where offers and sales are not permitted. The information contained in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus, regardless of when this prospectus is delivered or when any sale of our common stock occurs.

SUMMARY OF OUR OFFERING

Prospectus Summary

The following summary highlights selected information contained in this prospectus. This summary does not contain all the information you should consider before investing in our securities. Before making an investment decision, you should read the entire prospectus carefully, including the "risk factors" section, the financial statements and the notes to the financial statements.

Ardent Mines Limited is a Nevada Corporation involved in the Exploration and Development of Gold Mining resources. In May of 2011, we acquired Gold Hills Mining Ltda., a Brazilian corporation which possesses rights for mineral extraction on properties located in Northeastern Brazil. We are presently exploring other opportunities as well, as described in further detail herein.

On September 7, 2011, pursuant to a securities purchase agreement, dated September 1, 2011, we completed the closing of an offering of our securities (the "Offering") for a total subscription proceeds of \$1,000,003.50 through the issuance of 259,741 shares of the Company's Common Stock at a purchase price of \$3.85 per share (the "Shares") to certain accredited investors (the "Investors"). In connection with the issuance of the Shares, the Investors received common stock purchase warrants to purchase up to 259,741 additional shares of our common stock (the "Warrants"). The initial exercise price of the Warrants is \$4.15 per share, subject to adjustment therein, with a term of exercise equal to 5 years.

In connection with the Offering, we granted the Investors registration rights pursuant to a registration rights agreement, dated September 1, 2011 (the "Registration Rights Agreement"). We are required to file a registration statement in order to register the Shares and the Warrant Shares. Pursuant to the terms of the Registration Rights Agreement, we are required to file a registration statement within 30 days following the date of the Securities Purchase Agreement and will cause the registration statement to be declared effective within 90 days of the date of the Securities Purchase Agreement (120 days in the event the SEC reviews the registration statement).

Net proceeds from the private placement will be used primarily to support our current exploration and development plans in Brazil together with our ongoing general corporate and working capital requirements.

The shares to be registered pursuant to this prospectus include the Shares and the Warrant Shares described above.

[The Summary of Our Offering Continues on the Following Page]

The Offering

Total shares of common stock outstanding	16,320,191 as of December 19, 2011.	
Common stock being registered for sale by stockholders	519,482 shares, of which:	
	259,741 shares of the Company's Common Stock were sold pursuant to a private placement.	
	259,741 shares of the Company's Common Stock which underlie warrants sold pursuant to a private placement.	
Risk factors	The shares involve a high degree of risk. Investors should carefully consider the information set forth under "RISK FACTORS" beginning on page 3.	
Use of proceeds	We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of our common stock offered through this prospectus by the selling stockholders. All proceeds from the sale of our common stock sold under this Prospectus will go solely to the selling stockholders.	

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RISK FACTORS

An investment in our Company involves a risk of loss. You should carefully consider the risks described below, before you make any investment decision regarding our Company. Additional risks and uncertainties may also impair our business. If any such risks actually materialize, our business, financial condition and operating results could be adversely affected. In such case, the trading price of our common stock could decline.

Risks Related to Our Company

We have not yet commenced revenue generating operations under our business model and we have no past performance which can serve as an indicator of our future potential.

We are presently at the early stages of the implementation of our business plan. Our most recent financial statements will therefore not provide sufficient information to assess our future prospects. Our likelihood of success must be considered in light of all of the risks, expenses and delays inherent in establishing a new business, including, but not limited to unforeseen expenses, complications and delays, established competitors and other factors.

Our Auditors have issued an opinion expressing uncertainty regarding our ability to continue as a going concern. If we are not able to continue operations, investors could lose their entire investment in our Company.

We have a history of operating losses, and may continue to incur operating losses for the foreseeable future. This raises substantial doubts about our ability to continue as a going concern. Our auditors issued an opinion in their audit report dated August 19, 2011 expressing uncertainty about our ability to continue as a going concern. This means that there is substantial doubt whether we can continue as an ongoing business without additional financing and/or generating profits from our operations. If we are unable to continue as a going concern and our Company fails, investors in our Company could lose their entire investment.

We need to raise additional capital which may not be available to us or might not be available on favorable terms.

We will need additional funds to implement our business plan as our business model requires significant capital expenditures. We will need substantially more capital to execute our business plan. Our future capital requirements

will depend on a number of factors, including our ability to grow our revenues and manage our business. Our growth will depend upon our ability to raise additional capital, possibly through the issuance of long-term or short-term indebtedness or the issuance of our equity securities in private or public transactions. If we are successful in raising equity capital, because of the number and variability of factors that will determine our use of the capital, our ultimate use of the proceeds may vary substantially from our current plans.

We were incorporated in July 2000 and have yet to generate any revenues. We have losses which we expect to continue into the future. As a result, we may have to suspend or cease operations.

We were incorporated on July 27, 2000, and have not generated any revenues. Our net loss since inception is significant. To achieve and maintain profitability and positive cash flow we are dependent upon our ability to generate revenues and control exploration costs.

Based upon current plans, we expect to incur operating losses in future periods. This will happen because there are expenses associated with the exploration of our mineral properties. As a result, we may not generate revenues in the future. Failure to generate revenues will cause us to suspend or cease operations.

We will have to hire additional qualified personnel. If we cannot locate qualified personnel, we may have to suspend or cease operations.

We will have to hire additional qualified persons to perform surveying, exploration, and excavation of the Gold Hills property and properties we may acquire in the future. If we are unable to hire additional skilled employees, our operations will not succeed.

Indebtedness may burden us with high interest payments and highly restrictive terms which could adversely affect our business.

As a matter of Company policy, our financial plans will limit our debt exposure to a reasonable level. However, a significant amount of indebtedness could increase the possibility that we may be unable to generate sufficient revenues to service the payments on indebtedness, when due, including principal, interest and other amounts.

We may be exposed to tax audits.

Our U.S. federal and state tax returns may be audited by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS"). An audit may result in the challenge and disallowance of deductions claimed by us. We are unable to guarantee the deductibility of any item that we acquire. We will claim all deductions for federal and state income tax purposes which we reasonably believe that we are entitled to claim. In the event the IRS should disallow any of our deductions, the directors, in their sole discretion, will decide whether to contest such disallowance. No assurance can be given that in the event of such a contest the deductions would be sustained by the courts.

Because we intend to conduct our mineral exploration and development activities outside of the United States, we will be required to obtain approvals from foreign national and local governments.

We intend to pursue projects outside of the United States, which may require us to seek the approval of various foreign governments. Seeking such approvals may be expensive, complex, time consuming and uncertain.

Risks related to our Stock

We do not anticipate paying cash dividends.

We do not anticipate paying cash dividends in the foreseeable future. We intend to retain any cash flow we generate for investment in our business. Accordingly, our common stock may not be suitable for investors who are seeking current income from dividends. Any determination to pay dividends on our common stock in the future will be at the discretion of our board of directors.

Because the market for our common shares is limited, investors may not be able to resell their common shares.

Our common shares trade on the Over-the-Counter-Bulletin-Board quotation system. Trading in our shares has historically been subject to very low volumes and wide disparity in pricing. Investors may not be able to sell or trade their common shares because of thin volume and volatile pricing with the consequence that they may have to hold your shares for an indefinite period of time.

There are legal restrictions on the resale of the common shares offered, including penny stock regulations under the U.S. Federal Securities Laws.

Our common stock may continue to be subject to the penny stock rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These rules regulate broker/dealer practices for transactions in "penny stocks." Penny stocks are generally equity securities with a price of less than \$5.00. The penny stock rules require broker/dealers to deliver a standardized risk disclosure document that provides information about penny stocks and the nature and level of risks in the penny stock market. The broker/dealer must also provide the customer with current bid and offer quotations for the penny stock, the compensation of the broker/dealer and its salesperson and monthly account statements showing the market value of each penny stock held in the customer's account. The bid and offer quotations and the broker/dealer and salesperson compensation information must be given to the customer orally or in writing prior to completing the transaction and must be given to the customer in writing before or with the customer's confirmation. In addition, the penny stock rules require that prior to a transaction, the broker and/or dealer must make a special written agreement to the transaction. The transaction costs associated with penny stocks are high, reducing the number of broker-dealers who may be willing to engage in the trading of our shares. These additional penny stock

disclosure requirements are burdensome and may reduce all of the trading activity in the market for our common stock. As long as the common stock is subject to the penny stock rules, our shareholders may find it more difficult to sell their shares.

If we raise additional funds through the issuance of equity or convertible debt securities, your ownership will be diluted.

If we raise additional funds through the issuance of equity or convertible debt securities, the percentage ownership held by existing shareholders will be reduced. New securities may contain certain rights, preferences or privileges that are senior to those of our common shares. Furthermore, any additional equity financing may be dilutive to shareholders, and debt financing, if available, may involve restrictive covenants, which may limit our operating flexibility with respect to certain business matters.

Grants of stock options and other rights to our directors, officers and employees may dilute your stock ownership.

We plan to attract and retain our directors, officers and employees in part by offering stock options and other purchase rights for a significant number of common shares. The issuance of common shares pursuant to such options, and additional options which may be issued in the future, will have the effect of reducing the percentage of ownership of our shareholders.

Our stock price may be volatile and market movements may adversely affect your investment.

The market price of our stock may fluctuate substantially due to a variety of factors, many of which are beyond our control. The stock markets in general have experienced substantial volatility that has often been unrelated to the operating performance of particular companies. These broad market fluctuations may adversely affect the market price of our stock. Future sales of our common shares by our shareholders could depress the price of our stock.

Risks Related to the Exploration of Minerals

Mining involves financial risk and uncertainty related to hazardous operations.

The operations we will carry out will be subject to all the hazards and risks normally encountered in the exploration and development of gold mineral reserves and mining operations generally, including unusual and unexpected

geologic formations, seismic activity, cave-ins, flooding and other conditions involved in the drilling and removal of material, any of which could result in damage to, or destruction of, producing facilities, damage to life or property and environmental damage, all of which may result in possible legal liability. The exploration for and development of mineral deposits involves significant risks, which even a combination of careful evaluation, experience and knowledge may not eliminate.

We may not be able to adequately insure against risk.

Although we intend to maintain insurance to protect against certain risks in such amounts as we consider being reasonable, our insurance will not cover all the potential risks associated with our development, exploration and mining activities. We may also be unable to maintain insurance to cover these risks at economically feasible premiums. Insurance coverage may not continue to be available or may not be adequate to cover any resulting liability. We may also become subject to liability for pollution or other hazards that may not be insured against or that we may elect not to insure against because of premium costs or other reasons. Losses from these events may cause us to incur significant costs that could have a material adverse effect upon our financial performance and results of operations.

The financial success of a mining operation is difficult to predict.

Major expenses may be required to locate and establish mineral reserves. The same is true for the development of mining facilities at a particular site once such mineral reserves have been established. It is impossible to ensure that the exploration or development of the gold mineral reserves by us will result in a profitable commercial mining

operation. Whether a mineral deposit will be commercially viable depends on a number of factors, some of which are: the particular attributes of the deposit, such as size, grade and proximity to infrastructure; metal prices; and government regulations, including regulations relating to prices, taxes, royalties, land tenure, land use, importing and exporting of minerals and environmental protection. The exact effect of these factors cannot be accurately predicted, but the combination of these factors may result in us not receiving an adequate return on invested capital.

The success of the exploration and development of gold mineral reserves by us will also be subject to a number of factors including the availability and performance of engineering and construction contractors, suppliers and consultants, the receipt of required governmental approvals and permits (including environmental permits). There can be no assurance that personnel and equipment will be available in a timely manner or on reasonable terms to successfully complete our activities as planned; that we will be able to obtain all necessary governmental approvals and permits if necessary; and that the ongoing operating costs associated with the exploration or development of the gold mineral reserves will not be significantly higher than anticipated by us. Any of the foregoing factors could adversely affect our operations and financial condition.

There is no certainty that the expenditures which will be made by us towards the search and evaluation of mineral deposits will result in discoveries or development of commercial quantities of gold ore.

Environmental risks and hazards may adversely impact the profitability of our Company.

All phases of our Gold Hills operations will be subject to environmental regulation in Brazil. Other mines that we may develop will also be subject to regulation in any other jurisdiction where we operate. These regulations may mandate, among other things, water quality standards and land reclamation. These standards may also regulate the generation, transportation, storage and disposal of hazardous waste. This will require a high degree of responsibility for us and our officers, directors and employees. There is no assurance that existing or future environmental regulation will not materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Inadequate infrastructure could adversely impact our profitability.

Development and exploration activities depend, to one degree or another, on adequate infrastructure. Reliable roads, bridges, power sources and water supply are important determinants, which affect capital and operating costs. Unusual weather phenomena, sabotage, government or other interference in the maintenance or provision of such infrastructure could adversely affect our operations, financial condition and results of operations.

Adverse weather conditions could temporarily slow or stop our operations and impact our profitability.

Development and exploration activities may be adversely impacted by storms, flooding and other weather events.

We will require certain permits to commence operations.

Our development and exploration activities are subject to receiving and maintaining permits from appropriate governmental authorities. There is no assurance that delays will not occur in connection with obtaining all necessary renewals of permits, additional permits for any possible future changes to operations, or additional permits associated with new legislation. Prior to any development on any of our properties, we must receive permits from appropriate governmental authorities. There can be no assurance that we will continue to hold all permits necessary to develop or continue operating at any particular property.

There are risks of economic and political instability in Brazil.

The Gold Hills property where we have rights for mineral extraction is located in Brazil. There are risks relating to an uncertain or unpredictable political and economic environment in Brazil.

Certain political and economic events, such as acts or failures to act by a government authority in Brazil and political and economic instability in Brazil could have a material adverse effect on our ability to start or continue our development and exploration activities in Brazil.

These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: terrorism; hostage taking; extreme fluctuations in currency exchange rates; high rates of inflation; labor unrest; the risks of war or civil unrest; expropriation and nationalization; renegotiation or nullification of existing concessions, licenses, permits and contracts; changes in taxation policies; restrictions on foreign exchange and repatriation; and changing political conditions, currency controls and governmental regulations that favor or require the awarding of contracts to local contractors or require foreign contractors to employ citizens of, or purchase supplies from, a particular jurisdiction.

The occurrence of these various factors and uncertainties cannot be accurately predicted and could have an adverse effect on our operations or profitability.

Strikes by our employees or the employees of our suppliers could temporarily halt operations.

The Company's results of operations could be detrimentally impacted by strikes and similar disruptions to our business.

Changes in policy by the Brazilian Government could adversely impact the Company.

Changes, if any, in mining or investment policies or shifts in political attitude in Brazil where Gold Hills operates may adversely affect its operations or profitability. Operations may be affected in varying degrees by government regulations with respect to, but not limited to, price controls, export controls, currency remittance, income and other taxes, expropriation of property, foreign investment, maintenance of claims, environmental legislation, land use, land claims of local people and water use. Failure to comply strictly with applicable laws, regulations and local practices relating to mineral right applications and tenure, could result in loss, reduction or expropriation of entitlements, or the imposition of additional local or foreign parties as joint venture partners with carried or other interests.

We could experience problems with title to its current property or to future properties.

Although we believe that we have taken reasonable measures to ensure proper title in all the issued and outstanding equity interests of Gold Hills and have carried out a reasonable due diligence as to the proper title of Gold Hills in the rights for mineral extraction on the property, there is no guarantee that any such title or interest will not be challenged or impaired. Third parties may have valid claims underlying portions of our Gold Hills interests, including prior unregistered liens, agreements, transfers or claims, and title may be affected by, among other things, undetected defects. In addition, we may be unable to exercise or to enforce our respective rights. As we acquire additional properties, similar issues could arise in connection with those properties as well.

We face intense competition.

The mining industry is intensely competitive in all of its phases and we will compete with companies possessing greater financial and technical resources than we do. Competition in the precious metals mining industry is primarily for: mineral rich properties that can be developed and produced economically; the technical expertise to find, develop, and operate such properties; the labor to operate the properties; and the capital for the purpose of funding such properties. Existing or future competition in the mining industry could materially adversely affect our prospects for mineral exploration and success in the future.

We will face extensive governmental regulation of the mining industry.

Our mineral exploration activities will be subject to various laws governing exploration, development, production, taxes, labor standards, mine safety, toxic substances and other matters. Mining and exploration activities are also subject to various laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment. Amendments to current laws and regulations governing the operations and activities of our Company or more stringent implementation thereof could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our right to engage in mineral extraction may be terminated in certain circumstances. Under the laws of certain jurisdictions in which we may operate, mineral resources belong to the state and governmental concessions are required to explore for, and exploit, mineral reserves. Termination of any one or more of our exploration or other rights could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements in this prospectus may be "forward-looking statements." Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements that express our intentions, beliefs, expectations, strategies, predictions or any other statements relating to our future activities or other future events or conditions. These statements are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about our business based, in part, on assumptions made by management. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual outcomes and results may, and are likely to, differ materially from what is expressed or forecasted in the forward-looking statements due to numerous factors, including those described above and those risks discussed from time to time in this prospectus, including the risks described under "Risk Factors," "Management's Discussion and Analysis" and "Our Business."

There are important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. These factors, include, without limitation, the following: our ability to develop our technology platform and our products; our ability to protect our intellectual property; the risk that we will not be able to develop our technology platform and products in the current projected timeframe; the risk that our products will not achieve performance standards in clinical trials; the risk that the clinical trial process will take longer than projected; the risk that our products will not receive regulatory approval; the risk that the regulatory review process will take longer than projected; the risk that we will not be unsuccessful in implementing our strategic, operating and personnel initiatives; the risk that we will not be able to commercialize our products; any of which could impact sales, costs and expenses and/or planned strategies. Additional information regarding factors that could cause results to differ can be found in this prospectus and in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of our common stock offered through this prospectus by the selling stockholders.

DETERMINATION OF OFFERING PRICE

The selling stockholders will sell their shares at prevailing market prices on the over the counter bulletin board or privately negotiated prices. Consequently, we cannot determine what the actual value of our common stock will be either now or at the time of sale. We will not receive proceeds from the sale of shares from the selling stockholders.