



Broad Zone of Gold Mineralization Identified at West Zone

Sampling Returns 185 Metres Grading 0.80 g/t Gold

TORONTO, January 11, 2006 - ANDINA Minerals Inc. (TSX-V:ADM) (“Andina” or “the Company”) is pleased to announce the second set of channel sampling results from the West Zone, located 700 metres west of the Central Zone, on the Company’s Volcan Gold Project, Chile.

Channel sampling along two northwest-southeast trending trenches, located approximately 125 metres apart, returned broad zones of gold mineralization including a 185 metre interval which graded 0.80 g/t gold. The 185 metre interval, from the southern trench, contained two higher grade sections (at a 0.5 g/t cut off grade): 65 metres grading 1.00 g/t gold and 70 metres grading 1.08 g/t gold which are separated by 35 metres grading 0.32 g/t gold and a 15 metre interval (across a road) which was not sampled.

The northern trench similarly contained two intervals of gold mineralization (at a 0.5 g/t cut off grade) although at lower grades: 0.53 g/t over 60 metres and 0.61 g/t over 35 metres. Between the two trenches, Andina previously reported a 50 metre interval grading 1.11 g/t gold (*see December 15, 2005 press release*) from channel sampling along a trench which cut the eastern portion of the West Zone.

“We are very excited about the potential of the West Zone”, said Carl Hansen, President and CEO. “It is developing into our next major target and with drilling activities on the East and Central Zone scheduled to be completed in early February 2006, we will immediately focus our attention on determining the resource potential of this new zone of gold mineralization”.

The West Zone sampling program is centred within a +0.2 g/t gold-in-talus geochemical anomaly, identified by previous explorers, measuring approximately 200 by 400 metres. The northeast-southwest trending gold mineralization is associated with phreatomagmatic dacitic breccias cut by variable amounts of multiphase quartz veins and veinlets.

About Andina Minerals Inc.

Andina is an Americas focused exploration company with a portfolio of precious metals exploration projects in Chile and Mexico which is dedicated to maximizing the value of its exploration assets through a commitment to fiscally responsible exploration. The Company is earning a 100% interest in the Volcan project by undertaking certain work commitments and making a series of escalating payments ending in 2008.

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Under the guidelines of National Instrument 43-101, the qualified person for the Volcan exploration project is Eduardo Margi, Ph.D. in mining engineering (Witwatersrand) and a Fellow of the SAIMM with over 30 years of industry experience. Mr. Margi has approved the exploration program and established the quality assurance and quality control program to ensure the accuracy of the collection and analysis of samples.

Channel samples, varying in weight from four to six kilograms, were collected over five metre channels along the length of the bulldozer trenches. Samples are processed and analyzed for gold using fire assay techniques with atomic absorption finish. Samples which returned gold values greater than 1.00 gram per tonne are re-analyzed by Geoanalitica using fire assay techniques with a gravimetric finish. Duplicate samples are inserted at a rate of approximately 5%. Andina also inserts standard samples within each sample batch to ensure laboratory quality control procedures. Occasionally Andina requests Geoanalitica ship samples to ALS Chemex in La Serena for 47 trace element analysis using ICP.

A summary of the work performed by the previous operators, including a discussion of the quality assurance and quality control of the previous drilling programs, is reported within the Company's Technical Report titled "Review of Gold and Copper Exploration Potential of Mineral Properties in Chile" dated November 12, 2004 which was filed at www.sedar.com on November 24, 2004

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