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## ANDINA Closes Cdn\$17.6 Million Equity Financing

**TORONTO, April 12, 2006 - ANDINA Minerals Inc.** (TSXV:ADM) (the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has closed on its previously announced private placement of Cdn\$17.6 million worth of Units. Each Unit consists of one (1) common share and one-half (1/2) of a common share purchase warrant. A total of 16.0 million Units were issued. Each whole warrant is exercisable at a price of Cdn\$1.50 for a period of 24 months from the closing date. The securities comprising the Units will be subject to a four-month hold period under applicable Canadian securities law.

A syndicate led by BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. and including TD Securities Inc. and Haywood Securities Inc. acted as agents in connection with the equity financing.

The net proceeds of the offering will be used to fund continued exploration and resource development requirements at the Company's Volcan Project, and to satisfy requirements related to the Company's option to purchase 100% of the property. In addition, funds will be directed towards progressing the Company's other Chilean properties to the next decision stage.

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