



ANDINA Grants Stock Options

TORONTO, April 18, 2006 - ANDINA Minerals Inc. (TSX-V:ADM) ("Andina") announces it has granted an aggregate of 1,566,000 options of which 935,000 were granted to directors and officers, 15,000 to employees and 616,000 to consultants. The options are exercisable at \$1.35 expiring on April 17, 2011.

Andina is an Americas focused exploration company with a portfolio of precious metals exploration projects in Chile including the Company's flagship Volcan Gold Project where a resource drilling campaign is ongoing. Andina is dedicated to maximizing the value of its exploration assets through a commitment to fiscally responsible exploration.

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