



Andina Signs Letter of Intent to Option Pampa Buenos Aires Project to Mena Resources

TORONTO, August 28, 2006 - ANDINA Minerals Inc. (TSXV:ADM) (“Andina” or “the Company”) is pleased to report that it has signed a Letter of Intent to enter into an option agreement with the Chilean subsidiary of Mena Resources Inc. (“Mena”) whereby Mena may acquire a 50% interest in Andina’s Pampa Buenos Aires Project. The Pampa Buenos Aires Project encompasses 27,000 hectares of highly prospective ground located approximately 15 kilometres southwest of Meridian Gold Inc.’s (“Meridian”) El Peñón silver gold mine. Andina and Mena will prepare a Definitive Agreement formalizing the terms of the Letter of Intent within the next 30 days. The Definitive Agreement is subject to approval by the Board of Directors of both companies and the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange.

“We are very pleased to have Mena involved in the Pampa Buenos Aires Project”, stated Carl B. Hansen, President and CEO of Andina. “John Davidson, PhD, Mena’s Exploration Manager South America, brings valuable knowledge and experience to exploration in this region having played a critical role in the discovery of Meridian’s nearby El Peñón mine. By allowing Mena to earn an interest in the Pampa Buenos Aires Project, we can expedite exploration on the Project while we focus our resources on our flagship Volcan Gold Project, located in Chile’s Maricunga Gold Belt.”

Upon signing the Definitive Agreement, Mena is required to make 2006 land payments, up to US\$45,000. After incurring exploration expenditures of US\$250,000, within one year of signing the Definitive Agreement, Mena may earn a 50% interest in the Pampa Buenos Aires Project by paying Andina 300,000 common shares of Mena. At this time, Andina and Mena will form a joint venture, in the form of a Chilean contractual mining company, to continue exploration activities on the property.

About Andina Minerals Inc.

Andina is an Americas focused exploration company, with a portfolio of precious metals exploration projects in Chile, which is dedicated to maximizing the value of its exploration assets through a disciplined and fiscally responsible approach exploration. The Company maintains a portfolio of exploration properties in Chile including its flagship property, the Volcan Gold Project located in Chile’s Maricunga Gold Belt.

A summary of the Pampa Buenos Aires property 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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