



## Andina Approves US\$10 Million Phase III Exploration Program For Volcan Gold Project

40,000 Metre Drilling Program Planned

**TORONTO, October 2, 2006 - ANDINA Minerals Inc.** (TSX-V:ADM) (“Andina” or “the Company”) is pleased to report that its Board of Directors has approved a US\$10 million Phase III exploration program for its Volcan Gold Project located in Chile’s Maricunga Gold Belt. The Phase III program, scheduled to commence in late October 2006, will follow up on the successful results from the previous Phase II campaign which culminated in the announcement, on September 18, 2006, of a new resource estimate for Volcan comprising 43.9 million tonnes grading 1.02 grams per tonne gold (“g/t Au”) for 1.44 million ounces of gold in the indicated category with a further 37.2 million tonnes grading 0.97 g/t Au for 1.16 million ounces of gold in the inferred category (*see Table 1*).

“The US\$10 million Phase III exploration campaign represents a major acceleration in exploration activities at Volcan”, stated Carl B. Hansen, President and CEO of Andina. “Based on the Phase II campaign, we believe that Volcan has the potential to host increased resource ounces and as a result of this view we have commenced metallurgical studies and, over the next few months, will be considering options for the possible development of the Volcan gold deposits.”

Drilling will be the main focus of the upcoming exploration program with a combined total of 40,000 metres of diamond and reverse circulation drilling planned between October 2006 and May 2007. The drilling campaign will be divided between resource drilling, both delineation and definition, and exploration drilling. In addition to the extensive drill program, Andina is planning to complete geophysical and geochemical surveys along with extensive geological mapping and prospecting across the 5,400 hectare Volcan property.

**Table 1: Volcan Gold Project - September 2006 Resource Summary**

<i>Category</i>	<i>Cut-off Grade (g/t Au)</i>	<i>Tonnes (millions)</i>	<i>Grade (g/t Au)</i>	<i>Contained Gold Ounces (thousands)</i>
<b><i>Indicated</i></b>	0.3	79.2	0.73	1,850
	<b>0.5</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>1.02</b>	<b>1,440</b>
	1.0	19.1	1.50	920
<b><i>Inferred</i></b>	0.3	69.3	0.68	1,520
	<b>0.5</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>1,160</b>
	1.0	16.0	1.36	700

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Resource drilling will be directed towards increasing the size of the existing resource base as well as improving the confidence level of the resources by converting inferred resources to the measured and indicated category. The exploration drilling program will initially focus on high priority targets defined during the last two exploration programs such as the large Ojo de Agua alteration zone where surface sampling returned 205 metres grading 0.67 g/t Au. Further details regarding drill targets for the upcoming season were provided in the Company's September 18, 2006 news release.

### **About Andina Minerals Inc.**

Andina is an Americas focused exploration company, with a portfolio of precious metals exploration projects in Chile, dedicated to maximizing the value of its exploration assets through a commitment to fiscally responsible exploration.

The September 2006 resource estimate was carried out under the supervision of Michael Easdon, a Registered Professional Geologist resident in Santiago, Chile and an "Independent Qualified Person" as defined by National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI43-101"). Mr. Easdon is also the "Qualified Person" for the Volcan exploration program as defined by NI43-101. An updated NI43-101 compliant technical report is being prepared by Mr. Easdon and will be filed on the SEDAR system ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)) within forty five days of this release.

Technical Reports titled "Technical Report on the Volcan Gold Project. Region III, Chile" dated November 2005 and "Technical Report on the Volcan Gold Project. Region III, Chile" dated April 2006 summarizing respectively the October 2005 and February 2006 resource estimates are available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Further, a summary of the work performed by the previous operators 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](http://www.sedar.com) on November 24, 2004. All reports are also available on the Company's website noted below.

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