



Andina Welcomes Rose as Chief Operating Officer

TORONTO, January 4, 2012 - ANDINA Minerals Inc. (TSXV: ADM) ("Andina" or the "Company") today reported that, as announced (see press release dated November 7, 2011), Mr. W. Robert (Bob) Rose has joined the Andina team on a full time basis as of January 1, 2012.

Mr. Rose has 31 years of experience in the gold mining business, including engineering, operating and developing gold mines. He brings his wealth of experience to the Andina team having most recently been employed by Kappes Cassiday & Associates, where amongst other assignments, including Construction Project Manager for Agnico Eagle's Pinos Altos mine and AuRico's Ocampo mine, he was Project Manager for the current engineering program associated with Andina's Volcan Gold Project.

George Bee, President and CEO stated, "We are delighted that Bob has joined the Andina team as we have important milestones to complete in 2012 including the submission of the project Environmental Impact Assessment in Q1 and then the finalization of the Feasibility Study for Volcan."

Associated with his compensation package, Mr. Rose was awarded 300,000 incentive share options approved for issuance (see press release dated December 7, 2011), which are exercisable into common shares of Andina at CAD\$0.82 per share and have a five year term.

About Andina Minerals Inc.

Andina's primary focus is mining exploration and development in Chile. The Company's flagship development project is the 100%-owned Volcan Gold Project, strategically located in the prolific Maricunga Gold Belt.

In February 2011, Andina announced the results of a positive pre-feasibility study for Volcan. Initial Proven and Probable Mineral Reserves are 6.6 million ounces of gold at an average grade of 0.73 g/t contained in 283 million tonnes of ore. In addition, there remains 2.4 million ounces of Measured and Indicated gold resources at an average grade of 0.68 g/t contained in 110 million tonnes of ore plus 1.5 million ounces of gold in the Inferred category contained in 73 tonnes of ore at an average grade of 0.65 g/t Au.

Andina is progressing with a feasibility study and EIA submission for Volcan, targeted for completion in the first half of 2012.

In addition to Andina's extensive underexplored land position surrounding Volcan, the Company holds two other mineral properties located within Chile's primary mining regions.

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Forward-Looking Statements

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The forward-looking information contained in this press release is based on a number of material factors and assumptions, including, but not limited to, that estimates and studies are accurate, that Andina's mining operations continue in the ordinary course and as expected, that contracted parties provide goods and/or services on the agreed time frames, that the equipment necessary for exploration and development work is available as scheduled, availability of water for milling and mining, that no labour shortages or delays are incurred, that plant and equipment function as specified, Andina's ability to obtain adequate financing when and as needed, the continued favourable market for gold at prices at or above estimated levels, that no unusual geological or technical problems occur, that no unusual or unexpected events have a material adverse effect on Andina's operations or financial condition, and such other assumptions and factors as set out herein.

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other risks of the mining industry; delays in obtaining governmental approvals or financing or in the completion of exploration, as well as those factors disclosed in the company's publicly filed documents. Although Andina has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that forward-looking information will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information. Andina does not undertake any obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking information whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, unless required to do so by applicable laws.

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