

Andina Minerals Inc. Appoints Dr. Annick Chouinard as Vice President of Exploration

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[Andina Minerals Inc.](#) (TSX VENTURE: ADM) ('Andina' or the 'Company') today announced that, effective immediately, Dr. Annick Chouinard has been appointed Vice President of Exploration.

Dr. Chouinard earned her Ph.D. (2003) in geology from McGill University in Montreal, Canada. Her dissertation encompassed the study of geology and geochemistry of alteration and gold-silver-copper (Au-Ag-Cu) mineralization at the bulk tonnage, Pascua-Lama high-sulphidation deposit, located in the high Andes along the border of Chile and Argentina, currently being developed by [Barrick Gold Corporation](#) ('Barrick'). As a Post-doctoral fellow at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, Dr. Chouinard conducted vectoring and modelling of ore distribution using deposit-scale sulphide chemistry across Barrick's Goldstrike property in Nevada. Subsequently, between 2006 and 2010, she was retained by Barrick to conduct data integration and target generation for the Goldstrike deposit and Cortez Belt in Nevada.

Dr. Chouinard has over 20 years of experience as a geologist and has extensive experience throughout the Americas, primarily on epithermal gold and Carlin-type mineralization.

In 2011, Dr. Chouinard was retained by Andina as a consulting geologist to assist with the finalization of a feasibility study for the Volcan Gold Project ('Volcan'), scheduled for completion in the second quarter of 2012.

George Bee, President and CEO stated, 'Originally we invited Annick to assist the Andina team in linking the geology and mineralogy of Volcan ore to the metallurgical response that we have seen. Having significantly advanced our knowledge, through her extensive experience with these types of deposits, we started to discuss the potential that Andina's under-explored land package contains. I am delighted that Annick shares our excitement about both the potential of the gold discovered to date and the exploration opportunities we see in our land package to the north of the Volcan project.'

Since 2004 when Andina was formed, all serious exploration efforts have been focused on the Dorado and Ojo de Agua zones which represent perhaps 10% of our land position. Now that we are on track to bring our initial Volcan project to a 'shovel ready' status, it is time to turn our attention to the rest of the land package'.

Associated with her compensation package, Dr. Chouinard was awarded 225,000 incentive share options approved for issuance with a five year term and are exercisable into common shares of Andina at CAD\$0.85 per share.

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.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking information within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities

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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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