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Almaden Appoints Chief Financial Officer & New Director

Almaden Minerals Ltd. (“Almaden” or “the Company”; AMM:TSX; AAU:NYSE) announces that Mark T. Brown, who has served as Chief Financial Officer since November, 2007, will be joining the Board of Directors of Almaden effective immediately, and is pleased to announce that Mr. Korm Trieu has been appointed as the Company’s new Chief Financial Officer.

“Mark, working on a part time basis, has accomplished a great deal during his time as Almaden’s CFO. He has led our SOX compliance and recent early transition to IFRS. We are very pleased that he has agreed to join the Board and participate with the future growth of Almaden” said Morgan Poliquin, Almaden’s President and Chief Executive Officer. “The success of Almaden now demands a full time CFO and we are excited to have Korm on board. He brings great experience and energy to this role.”

Before joining Almaden, Mr. Trieu spent 15 years in corporate finance, administration and tax services, primarily in the natural resource, financial service and real estate sectors. From 2008-2011 he served as Vice President Finance for Sprott Resource Lending Corp. (formerly Quest Capital Corp.) where he oversaw the Finance and Administration department of a natural resource lending company. “I’m honoured to take on the role of Almaden’s CFO. It is an exciting time at Almaden, and I’m looking forward to participating in the growth of the Company,” said Mr. Trieu. “We have an incredible pipeline of properties and, complimented by strong financial and operational accountability, we are positioned for growth.” Mr. Trieu is a Chartered Accountant and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of British Columbia. Outside of work, he is an avid sports fan and serves his community as a Little League baseball coach. He and his wife have two children.

“My time as CFO of Almaden has been an outstanding experience, and I am delighted to be joining the Board.” Mr. Brown stated. “We have built a world-class prospecting Company and established strong internal accountability. Almaden has recently made a great prospecting discovery at its Ixtaca zone which will be the focus of exploration to create shareholder value.”

About Almaden

Almaden is a well-financed (no debt, approximately \$C25 MM in working capital) mineral exploration company working in North America. The company has assembled mineral exploration projects, including Tuligtic, through its grass roots exploration efforts. While the properties are largely at early stages of development they represent exciting opportunities for the discovery of significant gold, silver and copper deposits as evidenced at Ixtaca. Currently six projects (Caldera, Caballo Blanco, Tropico, Nicoamen River, Matehuapil and Merit), are optioned to separate third parties who each have the right to acquire an interest in the respective project from Almaden through making certain payments and exploration expenditures. Four further projects are held in joint ventures. Almaden also holds a 2% NSR interest in 11 projects. Almaden’s business model is to find and acquire mineral properties and develop them by seeking option agreements with others who can acquire an interest in a project by making payments and exploration expenditures. Through this means the company has been able to expose its shareholders to discovery and capital gain without the funding and consequent share dilution that would be required if the company were to have developed these projects without a partner. The company intends to expand this business model, described by some as prospect generation, by more aggressively exploring several of its projects including the Ixtaca Zone.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors

"Morgan Poliquin"

Morgan J. Poliquin, Ph.D., P.Eng.
President, CEO and Director
Almaden Minerals Ltd.

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