

NEWS RELEASE

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ALMADEN ANNOUNCES CHANGE OF AUDITOR

Almaden Minerals Ltd. ("Almaden" or "the Company"; TSX: AMM; NYSE MKT: AAU) announces that it has changed its auditor from Deloitte LLP Chartered Professional Accountants (the "Predecessor Auditor") to Davidson & Company LLP Chartered Professional Accountants (the "Successor Auditor"). The resignation of the Predecessor Auditor and the appointment of the Successor Auditor have been considered and approved by the Company's Audit Committee and Board of Directors until the close of the next annual meeting of the Company's shareholders.

The change of auditor notice required under National Instrument 51-102 - Continuous Disclosure Obligations and associated material was filed on SEDAR under Almaden's profile within the prescribed time period. There were no "reportable events" (within the meaning of NI 51-102) involving the Predecessor Auditor.

The appointment of the Successor Auditor will streamline the year-end audits of Almaden and Almadex Minerals Limited, which share administration services.

About Almaden

Almaden Minerals Ltd. is a well financed company which owns 100% of the Tuligtic project in Puebla State, Mexico. Tuligtic covers the Ixtaca Gold-Silver Deposit, which was discovered by Almaden in 2010.

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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