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FINANCE FOR THE IXTACA PRECIOUS METALS PROJECT, MEXICO**

Vancouver, B.C. Almaden Minerals Ltd. ("Almaden" or "the Company"; TSX: AMM; NYSE American: AAU) is pleased to announce that it has engaged Auramet International, LLC ("Auramet") as Financial Advisor in conjunction with project financing for the Ixtaca Project in Puebla, Mexico.

J. Duane Poliquin, Chairman, commented, "The Auramet team has a deep well of experience in mine finance, and recent success in closing important project finance mandates. With our Feasibility Study now complete, Almaden looks forward to advancing this important aspect of mine development".

About Almaden

Almaden Minerals Ltd. owns 100% of the Ixtaca project in Puebla State, Mexico, subject to a 2.0% NSR royalty held by Almadex Minerals Ltd. The Ixtaca Gold-Silver Deposit was discovered by Almaden in 2010.

About Auramet

Auramet is a global precious metals merchant and advisory firm that provides a full range of services to the mining industry, including debt advisory, revenue enhancement strategies, strategic price protection programs, production prepayments and other forms of working capital financing.

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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