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ALMADEN FILES FORM 20-F DOCUMENTATION

Almaden Minerals Ltd. ("Almaden" or "the Company"; AMM: TSX; AAU: NYSE MKT) announces that its Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 has been filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The Form 20-F and the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, are available on the Company's website at <http://www.almadenminerals.com>.

Shareholders of the Company may also request a hard copy of the Company's audited financial statements and Form 20-F by contacting 604-689-7644 or by e-mail to info@almadenminerals.com.

About Almaden

Almaden is a well-financed (cash, gold inventory and equity investments totalling approximately \$31 MM as of January 15, 2013) mineral exploration company working in North America. The company has assembled mineral exploration projects, including the Ixtaca Zone of the Tuligic project, 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. 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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