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ALMADEN COMMENCES NEVADA WORK PROGRAM

Almaden Minerals Ltd. (“Almaden” or “the Company”; AMM:TSX; AAU:NYSE) is pleased to report that a surface geologic mapping and rock sampling program has commenced on its wholly owned BP project located in Elko and Eureka Counties, Nevada. The sampling will focus on altered debris flow shale and strataform barite bearing jasperoid units that outcrop throughout the property area.

The 100% owned BP project is comprised of 207 claims in Mineral County Nevada in an area identified during a helicopter borne prospecting program in central Nevada conducted earlier in 2010. This prospecting program utilised geological models and Aster satellite imagery to target unrecognised Carlin type mineralisation. J.D. Poliquin, chairman of Almaden commented, “Our prospecting and project generation programs continue to yield results and we are very excited about the acquisition of the BP project in Nevada. We look forward to planning detailed work and drilling based on the results of this property scale work now underway.”

The claims cover an area of jasperoid and clay alteration developed in an exposed debris flow in lower plate rocks, the geologic succession that hosts many of the important gold deposits in northern Nevada. The alteration and host rocks are typical of that of major Carlin type deposits in Nevada and the prospect is located roughly 30 miles from the Carlin district along the Carlin trend. The prospect is located nearby good access but off roads and no evidence of past work was noted in the area except for several small barite workings. No significant gold values were returned from the reconnaissance sampling however these rock samples did have anomalous trace elements typical of Carlin type systems.

Morgan J. Poliquin, Ph. D., P. Eng., the President and CEO of Almaden, and a qualified person under the meaning of National Instrument 43-101, reviewed the technical information in this news release.

About Almaden

Almaden is a well-financed mineral exploration company working in North America. The company has assembled mineral exploration projects, including the Ixtaca Zone, 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 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 capital 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.
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