

The Santa Rosa Mine – New High Grade Mineralization Discovered

Vancouver, B.C., December 3, 2002 - Andean American Mining Corp. (TSX-V:AAG) is pleased to provide an update of its activities in the Santa Rosa Mine in southern Peru. The Santa Rosa Mine is within the Santa Rosa Property and is approximately 550 Km southeast of Lima at 4,000 metres in the Peruvian Andes. The Santa Rosa Mine is mining the Open Pit Zone, a carbonate hosted structurally controlled epithermal deposit, currently at a rate of 1,400 to 1,800 tonnes per day of which 1,000 tonnes is being processed and the balance going to stockpile. The 15,700 hectare Santa Rosa Property is 100% wholly owned by Andean American.

Recently the exploration crew which was working in the neighboring Carelo Zone was redeployed to the northern extensions of the Open Pit Zone with a goal of identifying the continuation of the mineralization that is currently being mined. This work is being done immediately north of the upper eastern portions of the mine.

Recent trenching and cat-work have uncovered an additional northwest trending sub-vertical mineralized structure that was previously covered by talus rubble. This is now the fourth major northwest trending structure that occurs in the upper mine area. This zone of mineralization is slightly different from elsewhere in the mine in that there appears to be a greater concentration of gold in the surrounding limestone wall rocks.

A 20.37 metre trench was continually channel chip sampled across the mineralized structure returning a weighted average of 11.36 g/t gold and 54.2 g/t silver. Between 6.50 and 17.37 metres in the trench, a 10.87 metre wide zone of massive to semi-massive silica and silica replaced limestones was uncovered that averages 19.36 g/t gold and 65.9 g/t silver.

The details of the trench are as follows: - Average = 20.37m (66.8 feet) of 11.36 g/t Au and 54.2 g/t Ag.

Width (m)	Au g/t	Ag g/t	
1.85	2.81	18.6	
1.90	3.20	120.7	
2.75	1.38	11.5	
2.65	6.80	48.1	Including high grade intercept of 10.87m of 19.36 g/t Au and 65.9 g/t Ag
1.40	17.18	107.0	
1.90	44.60	34.5	
1.85	30.11	129.0	
1.27	15.93	70.1	
1.80	4.30	25.6	
1.90	1.10	24.1	
1.10	3.43	42.8	

This new mineralization is located approximately 75 metres north of the current mining activities and is outside of the current resource estimation for the Open Pit Zone and therefore is another significant addition to the potential for the Santa Rosa zone.

This new zone of mineralization will be prepared for drilling and blasting this month as this material will prove to be ideal for blending with lower grade material that has been previously stockpiled on site. This blast will also give the mine staff the ability to further sample and map this new zone of high grade mineralization.

Andean American's objective is to create shareholder value through low cost mine development. At Santa Rosa, through higher process rates and continued process refinements the aim is to have production costs in the lowest quartile for the industry. The mine is now in commercial production and this is seen as a realistic goal as Peru is host to two of the world's lowest cost producers of gold, Yanacocha and Pierina - both of which are high altitude heap leach operations.

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