

Andean Adds to the Santa Rosa Property

Vancouver, B.C., January 23, 2003. Andean American Mining Corp. is pleased to report that the Company has staked an additional 800 hectares of land adjoining the Santa Rosa Property. The Santa Rosa Property is within the southern intercordilleran belt of the Peruvian Andes and is approximately 550 kilometres southeast of Lima.

The 800 hectares of new ground is immediately northeast of the newly recognized Mamara Zone and adds to the eastern margins of the Santa Rosa Property.

The Santa Rosa Property is now made up of 31 contiguous mining concessions and petitorios that total 19,439 hectares. The new total area of the property, however, is 18,700 hectares, or 187 square kilometres, as the oldest concessions are locally overlapped.

As previously reported (Jan. 16, 2003), recent wide spread sampling through the silica alteration/replacement in the Mamara Zone has returned local multi-element anomalies with arsenic, antimony, mercury, molybdenum, bismuth, and/or barium. Andean's exploration target at Mamara is a bulk tonnage gold deposit that is interpreted to possibly underlie this 'silica cap'. This area is still in the earliest of stages of exploration and Andean has yet to determine the ultimate area and depth of this large zone of silica alteration. Follow-up prospecting and sampling of the Mamara Zone and the surrounding drainages is currently underway. Andean has now staked a total of 2,600 hectares of new land surrounding the Mamara area as this new ground covers the continuation of the Tacaza Group volcanics, which host the alteration.

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. 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, which are both high altitude heap leach operations.

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