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Andean American Announces Appointment of Lokhorst Group

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA-Andean American Mining Corp. (TSX.V-AAG) (FWB-AQN)

Andean American Mining Corp. is pleased to announce that The Lokhorst Group Ventures Inc. has been contracted as the lead consultant for an audit of the prefeasibility study which has been completed by internal geological staff and external consultants for the Invicta Project in Peru. The audit of the prefeasibility study is scheduled for completion by July, 2009.

Guy Lokhorst, P. Eng., the Senior Geological Engineer at The Lokhorst Group, will act as the independent Qualified Person for the report. Mr. Lokhorst is experienced in areas such as mine design, mine planning and materials handling and he has successfully performed a wide variety of services for project studies, mining studies, economic analyses, and alternate mining methods.

To date, the Andean American has completed the following work on the Invicta Project:

- A 1.2 kilometer adit was driven at the 3400 meter elevation parallel to and in the hanging wall of the Atenea Vein Structure and drilling and sampling results encountered high grade gold. (see news release of June 11, 2008)
- Over 2.7 kilometers of continuous structure were connected over the Dany (900m), Atenea (950m) and Pucamina (850) structures. The Dany and Pucamina zones have a structure similar to the Atenea structure and have the potential to be significant sources of gold mineralization. These structures were discovered to both the east and west of the Atenea structure. Mineralization remains open at both ends and the system continues to depth.
- 14,200 metres of diamond drilling was completed in 2008. This, along with results from a previous 12,400 m drill program, formed the basis for an updated NI 43-101 Technical Report. (see news release of September 4, 2008) The resource estimate is for 7.9 million tonnes of measured and indicated resources and over 11.6 million tonnes of inferred resources.
- The report also outlined some of the geological potential contained in the property and proposed a further 16,500 meter drill program to test this potential and determine the tonnes and grade of any resources that may or may not be forthcoming as a result of the additional drilling.
- The process engineering has been completed for the feasibility study by GOLDEX engineers of Lima, Peru.
- The metallurgical work has been accomplished by a variety of companies including Lakefield in Canada, SGS Lakefield in South Africa and Act Labs in Lima and Vancouver.
- The Company has completed the Environmental Impact Study, with the aim to evaluate, determine, and measure the environmental and socio-economic impacts related to the project, as well as the required mitigation measures. The Company received approval of its Environmental Impact Assessment Executive Summary from the Ministry of Energy and Mines, Peru, at 5000 tpd (tonnes per day). The project will meet or exceed the industry standards in environmental protection and in establishing good relations with the communities around the Invicta site.
- The Stanford Group has completed all financial sensitivity analysis.

- The Company received the final report from Knelson Gravity Solutions concerning the recovery of high grade gold and polymetallic ore. The primary purpose of the testing was to determine gravity recovery using Knelson continuous variable discharge (CVD) technology. (see news release October 9, 2008)
- Some of the permanent equipment has been purchased, namely the grinding bay, the vacuum pumps and disc filters, the overhead crane and main mill building steel. These purchases were made to protect the schedule and to create price predictability.
- Andean American has completed all the conditions of its purchase agreement with Minera ABX Exploraciones S.A., a wholly owned subsidiary of Barrick Gold Corporation (TSX-ABX; NYSE-ABX) and now controls 100% of all mineral rights with no minority interests for the 3,700 hectares of the Victoria project which it renamed Invicta in 2005. The Company independently acquired adjacent claims for an additional 37,800 hectares bringing the land position for the Invicta project to 41,500 hectares (102,549 acres).

Victor Jarmillo, P. Geo., of Discover Geological Consultants Inc. is an Independent Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 and is responsible for the resource estimates. Mr. Andrew Gourlay, P. Geol., President of Andean American Mining Corp. is a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101. This news release has been prepared under Mr. Gourlay's supervision.

On behalf of Andean American Mining Corp.
"John Huguet"
John Huguet
Chairman & CEO

Andean American Mining Corp. (TSX.V:AAG) (FWB:AQN) is an international mining and exploration company focused on growth. The Company is actively pursuing new targets of potential early stage gold and silver prospects in Peru and currently has two key assets: the 41,500 hectare Invicta gold-silver-copper advanced exploration stage project; 58% of Sinchao Metals Corp., owner of the Sinchao zinc-copper-silver-gold-lead mineralization project.

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