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ALMADEN FILES FORM 20-F DOCUMENTATION

Almaden Minerals Ltd. announces that its Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 has been filed and that it and the consolidated financial statements are available on the Company's website www.almadenminerals.com.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors

"Morgan Poliquin"

Morgan J. Poliquin, M.Sc., P.Eng. President, CEO and Director Almaden Minerals Ltd.

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