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Almaden Minerals Ltd. Announces Closing of Private Placement Financing

Almaden Minerals Ltd. (the "Company") announces that it has closed a Private Placement of 325,000 Units at a price of \$2.80 per Unit. Each Unit will consist of one flow-through common share and one-half of a common share purchase warrant with each whole warrant entitling the holder to purchase for a period of 2 years from the Closing 1 additional non-flow-through common share at a price of \$3.00 per share.

A commission of 3% will be paid to Odlum Brown Ltd. for 181,500 of the total Units realized from the placement, payable by way of 2,572 flow-through Shares and \$8,043.00 cash.

The Placement closed July 21, 2006

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

"Morgan Poliquin"

Morgan Poliquin, Director

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