

MINERA ANDES INC /WA
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United States

Securities and Exchange Commission

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the Month of

September 2009

Commission File Number 000-22731

Minera Andes Inc.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

111 E. Magnesium Road, Suite A

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(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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NEWS RELEASE

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MINERA ANDES ANNOUNCES WORK STOPPAGE AT SAN JOSÉ MINE

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON September 9, 2009 - Minera Andes Inc. (the Corporation or Minera Andes) (TSX: MAI and US OTC: MNEAF) announced today that it has been advised by Minera Santa Cruz SA (MSC), that production was suspended Monday at the San José Mine in Argentina due to a dispute over certain workplace issues with the local mining union, AOMA (Asociación Obrera Minera Argentina). The San José project is operated by MSC, which is owned 51% by Hochschild Mining plc and 49% by Minera Andes.

Daily production at the San José mine has been running at a rate of approximately 32,600 silver equivalent ounces (of which the share attributable to Minera Andes is approximately 16,000 silver equivalent ounces). The Corporation will keep the market informed of developments as they occur.

Minera Andes is a gold, silver and copper exploration company focused in Argentina. The Corporation holds or has an interest in approximately 304,000 acres of mineral exploration land in Argentina located in the regions near the San José mine and the Los Azules copper project in San Juan province where a scoping study has been completed and the Corporation is awaiting a decision by its joint venture partner, Xstrata Copper Company, if it will exercise its right to back in to a 51% ownership of the project. The San José joint venture property covers 50,941 hectares and is not included in the acres noted above. Other exploration properties, primarily silver and gold, in southern Argentina, are being evaluated.

This news release is submitted by James K. Duff, Chief Operating Officer of Minera Andes Inc.

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Caution Concerning Forward-Looking Statements:

This press release contains certain forward-looking statements and information, including those related to the resumption of work at the San José Mine. The forward-looking statements and information express, as at the date of this press release, the Corporation's plans, estimates, forecasts, projections, expectations or beliefs as to future events and results. Forward-looking statements involve a number of risks and uncertainties, and there can be no assurance that such statements will prove to be accurate. Therefore, actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Risks and uncertainties that could cause results or future events to differ materially from current expectations expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, factors associated with fluctuations in the market price of precious metals, mining industry risks, risks associated with foreign operations, the state of the capital markets, environmental risks and hazards, uncertainty as to calculation of mineral reserves and other risks.

Readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements or information. We undertake no obligation to reissue or update forward-looking statements or information as a result of new information or events after the date hereof except as may be required by law. See our annual information form for additional information on risks, uncertainties and other factors relating to the forward-looking statements and information. All forward-looking statements and information made in this news release are qualified by this cautionary statement.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

MINERA ANDES INC.

By: /s/ James K. Duff

James K. Duff, Chief Operating Officer

Dated: September 15, 2009
