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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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to

FORM S-1

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

GOLDEN MINERALS COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

1040

(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number) 350 Indiana Street, Suite 800 Golden, Colorado 80401 (303) 839-5060 **26-4413382** (I.R.S. Employer

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Registration Statement

(Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public)

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box. o

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer o Accelerated filer ý Non-accelerated filer o Smaller reporting company o

Proposed Maximum

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

7	Title of Class of Securities to be Registered	Offering Aggregate Price (1)(2)	Amount of Registration Fee ⁽³⁾						
Common (par value	Stock e \$0.01 per share)	\$115,000,000	\$6,417						
(1)	Estimated solely for the purpose	of calculating the amount of the	registration fee pursuant to I	Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.					
(2)	Includes shares of common stock	c that may be purchased by the u	underwriters to cover over-all	otments. See "Underwriting."					
(3)									

The registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Registration Statement contains a prospectus relating to an offering of shares of our common stock in the United States, together with separate prospectus pages relating to an offering of shares of our common stock in Canada. The U.S. prospectus and the Canadian prospectus will be identical in all material respects. The complete U.S. prospectus is included herein and is followed by those pages to be used solely in the Canadian prospectus. Each of the alternate pages for the Canadian prospectus included in this registration statement has been labeled "[Alternate Page for Canadian Prospectus.]"

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The information contained in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Preliminary Prospectus

Subject to Completion, January 25, 2010

\$85,000,000

GOLDEN MINERALS COMPANY

Shares Common Stock

We are offering shares of common stock and the selling stockholder named in this prospectus is offering 391,237 shares (the "Offering"). We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares by the selling stockholder.

This is an initial public offering of our common stock. Our common stock currently trades in interdealer and over-the-counter transactions, and price quotations have been available in the "pink sheets" under the symbol "GDMN". The last sale price for our common stock on January 21, 2010, as reported by The Pink Sheets LLC at www.pinksheets.com, was \$11.20 per share. Our common stock is also listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "TSX") under the symbol "AUM". The closing price for our common stock on January 21, 2010, as quoted on the TSX was Cdn\$12.84.

Sentient Global Resources Fund III, LP and SGRF III Parallel I, LP (collectively, "Sentient") together hold 19.9% of our outstanding common stock (excluding outstanding restricted stock held by our employees). Sentient has the right to purchase from us a number of shares of our common stock concurrent with the public offering such that Sentient will continue to hold the same percentage of our outstanding common stock after closing of the Offering, including the over-allotment option, as it held before such closing. Sentient has indicated to us that it intends to exercise its right in full. Any shares purchased by Sentient will be sold outside the United States pursuant to Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Prior to this Offering, our common stock is not listed on any U.S. national securities exchange. We have applied to list our common stock on the NYSE Amex LLC ("Amex") under the symbol "AUMN". Listing our common stock on the Amex will be subject to meeting the minimum listing requirements of the Amex.

Investing in our common stock involves risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 8 of this prospectus.

	Per Share	Total Proceeds
Public offering price	\$	\$
Underwriting discount	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to us	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to the selling stockholder	\$	\$

We have granted the underwriters (the "Underwriters") an option to purchase from us, at a price equal to the public offering price, less the underwriting discount, up to an additional shares of common stock, to cover over-allotments, if any, for up to 30 days following the date of this prospectus. See "Underwriting" in this prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The Underwriters expect the shares will be available for delivery in book-entry form through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company at closing, which is anticipated to be on or about , 2010.

Dahlman Rose & Company

Canaccord Financial Ltd.

Rodman & Renshaw, LLC

The date of this prospectus is , 2010

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus. Neither the Underwriters nor we have authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. Neither the Underwriters nor we are making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus is accurate as of the date on the front cover of this prospectus only. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following is a summary of the principle features of this distribution and should be read together with the more detailed information and financial data and statements contained elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary does not contain all of the information you should consider before investing in our common stock and is qualified in its entirety by the information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. You should read the entire prospectus carefully, especially the matters discussed under "Risk Factors," and the financial statements and related notes included in this prospectus, before deciding to invest in our common stock.

All references to "Golden Minerals," "our," "we," or "us" are to Golden Minerals Company, including its subsidiaries and predecessors, except where it is clear that the term refers only to Golden Minerals Company. Many of the terms used in our industry are technical in nature. We have included a glossary of some of these terms beginning at page A-1. References in the prospectus to "\$" are to U.S. dollars. References to "Cdn\$" are to Canadian dollars.

Our Business

Overview

We are a mineral exploration and mining services company with a diversified portfolio of precious metals and other mineral exploration properties located in or near certain traditional precious metals producing regions of Mexico and South America. Our management team is comprised of experienced mining professionals with extensive expertise in mineral exploration, mine construction and development, and mine operations. We are based in Golden, Colorado and maintain exploration offices in Argentina, Mexico and Peru.

We are currently focused on the advancement of our 100% controlled El Quevar silver project in northwestern Argentina. We have spent approximately \$12.8 million on exploration costs at El Quevar since 2004. Based on an independent technical report completed in January 2010, there are an estimated 866,000 tonnes of mineralized material at an average silver grade of approximately 412 grams per tonne at El Quevar. See "Business and Properties El Quevar Geology and Mineralization." The mineralized material estimate in the January 2010 technical report reflects an increase of over 200% compared to a similar technical report issued in October 2009. We are engaged in additional drilling, metallurgical analysis, permitting, and other advanced exploration work at El Quevar as well as the preparation of a feasibility study.

In addition to El Quevar, we own or control a portfolio of approximately 35 exploration properties located in Mexico and South America. Our 100% controlled Zacatecas silver and base metals project in Mexico is at an intermediate stage of exploration, with four separate target areas on which we are currently conducting exploration activities, including drilling at the Pánuco target. We are also conducting drilling programs to explore several of our other projects, including Elisa de Bordos in Chile.

Our team of mining professionals also provides mine management services. We currently manage the San Cristóbal silver, zinc and lead mine in Bolivia for Sumitomo Corporation ("Sumitomo").

Company History

We were incorporated in Delaware in March 2009 and are the successor to Apex Silver Mines Limited ("Apex Silver") for purposes of reporting under the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "U.S. Exchange Act"). In January 2009, Apex Silver and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Apex Silver Mines Corporation, filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. In connection with its Joint Plan of Reorganization (the "Plan"), Apex Silver sold its interest in the San Cristóbal mine to Sumitomo. Substantially all of Apex Silver's remaining assets, including its various subsidiaries that hold the interests in our portfolio of exploration properties, were assigned to us.

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Our Competitive Strengths and Business Strategy

Our business strategy is to discover, build and operate our own mines and our current primary focus is on advancing the El Quevar project and our five target projects in Latin America. We believe we are well positioned to implement this strategy for the reasons described below.

Experienced Management Team. We are led by a team of mining professionals with over 160 years of combined experience in exploration, project development, construction and operations all over the world. Members of our management team have held senior positions at various large mining companies including Cyprus Amax Minerals Company, Phelps Dodge Corporation, Inco Limited, Homestake Mining Company and Kinross Gold Corporation. Our executive team has proven ability to manage large projects in challenging environments, as evidenced by our successful development, construction and continued operation of the San Cristóbal mine in Bolivia. The San Cristóbal mine, which we currently manage on behalf of Sumitomo, cost approximately \$1.0 billion to develop and construct, and is one of the largest silver, zinc and lead mines in the world. We seek to leverage the experience and skill of our management team by providing mine management services.

El Quevar Advanced Exploration Project. Our most advanced exploration project, the El Quevar project, is located in the Salta Province in Argentina, a jurisdiction that has established protocols for, and has historically been receptive to, mining investment. The project is situated in an advantageous location, with nearby infrastructure, including natural gas and power, and no community in the immediate vicinity. Based on our exploration work to date, the Yaxtché zone, one of 13 currently identified target areas, appears to be a relatively high grade silver deposit. We also have significant opportunity for expansion as we solely control 19 concessions totaling approximately 64,000 hectares in addition to the concession on which the Yaxtché deposit is located.

Broad Exploration Portfolio. In addition to El Quevar, we control a portfolio of approximately 35 exploration properties primarily in certain traditional precious metals producing regions of Argentina, Chile, Mexico and Peru, including several focus properties in the Zacatecas state of Mexico. We have been successful at generating value from the sale or farm-out for cash, stock and/or royalties of certain properties that do not meet our minimum economic requirements for potential advancement.

Simple Capital Structure. We do not have any debt, and as of September 30, 2009 we had \$13.5 million in cash. Upon the completion of the Offering, we expect to have approximately \$106 million in cash, assuming Sentient exercises its pre-emptive right in full but that the Underwriters' over-allotment option is not exercised. In addition, we anticipate that we will receive approximately \$6 million in net cash flow from our existing management services agreement during 2010. Other than warrants held by Hochschild Mining plc ("Hochschild") for the purchase of 300,000 shares at an exercise price of \$15.00, we do not have any options, warrants or other convertible securities outstanding.

Corporate Information

Our principal executive offices are located at 350 Indiana Street, Suite 800, Golden, Colorado 80401, and our telephone number is (303) 839-5060.

Recent Developments

Hochschild Transaction

On January 7, 2010, we completed a transaction with MH Argentina S.A., a wholly owned subsidiary of Hochschild, pursuant to which we acquired Hochschild's 35% interest in Minera El Quevar S.A. ("Minera El Quevar"), an Argentine company in which we held the other 65% interest. Minera El Quevar

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controls approximately 10,000 hectares of the 64,000 hectare El Quevar project, including the Yaxtché target area. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Hochschild Transaction".

Sentient Investment

On January 7, 2010, we completed a private placement with Sentient, an independent private equity firm in the global resources industry with approximately \$1.3 billion under management. In the private placement, we sold to Sentient a total of 844,694 shares of our common stock at a price of Cdn\$7.06 per share. Sentient became our largest stockholder, holding 19.9% of our outstanding common stock (excluding outstanding restricted stock held by our employees). The offer and sale of our common stock to Sentient were exempt from registration under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, pursuant to Regulation S thereunder. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Sentient Investment".

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The Offering

The following is a brief summary of certain terms of this Offering and is not intended to be complete. It does not contain all of the information that will be important to investors in our common stock. For a more complete description of our common stock, see the section entitled "Description of Capital Stock" in this prospectus.

Issuer: Golden Minerals Company
Common stock offered by Golden
Minerals: shares
Common stock offered by selling

stockholder: 391,237 shares

Offering: This Offering is being made concurrently in the U.S. and in Canada in the provinces of Ontario,

Alberta, and British Columbia. We may also make offers on a private placement basis in Canada and may do so in other jurisdictions where permitted under applicable law.

Over-allotment option:

We have granted to the Underwriters an over-allotment option to purchase up
to additional shares of our common stock at the public offering price, less the

underwriting discount. The option may be exercised in whole or in part at any time within

30 days following the date of this prospectus.

Concurrent offering to Sentient: Under the terms of the purchase agreement with Sentient, Sentient has the right to purchase a

number of shares of common stock concurrent with the public offering such that Sentient will continue to hold the same percentage of outstanding common stock of Golden Minerals (excluding outstanding restricted stock held by our employees) after closing of the Offering, including the over-allotment option, as it held before such closing. Sentient may purchase from us up to shares of common stock (shares if the over-allotment option is exercised in full) at the public offering price. This concurrent offering to Sentient is being made pursuant to a long form prospectus in Canada in the provinces of Ontario, Alberta, and British Columbia, and outside the United States pursuant to Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Sentient has indicated to us that it intends to exercise in full its pre-emptive right concurrent with the Offering to maintain its percentage of the outstanding common stock of

Golden Minerals.

Common stock outstanding: Prior to the Offering, we had 4,483,309 shares of common stock outstanding⁽¹⁾

Following the offering, we will have shares of common stock outstanding if Sentient elects to purchase all of the shares which it is entitled to purchase, and shares of common

stock outstanding if Sentient does not elect to purchase such shares. (1)(2)

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Use of proceeds:

We estimate that our net proceeds from this Offering, after deducting the underwriting discount and estimated offering expenses, will be approximately \$92.8 million if Sentient elects to purchase all of the shares which it is entitled to purchase, and approximately \$73.7 million if Sentient does not elect to purchase such shares. (3)

We expect to use approximately \$44.0 million of the net proceeds for the advancement of the El Quevar project, including the construction of an underground development and exploration drift, preparation of a feasibility study, and commencement of development and construction if the results of the feasibility study are favorable, approximately \$33.0 million to advance our portfolio of exploration properties through 2010, and the remaining net proceeds for general working capital. See "Use of Proceeds" in this prospectus.

We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares of our common stock by the selling stockholder.

Market for our common stock:

Our common stock currently trades in interdealer and over-the-counter transactions, and price quotations have been available in the "pink sheets" under the symbol "GDMN". Our common stock is also listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "AUM". We have applied to list our common stock on the Amex under the symbol "AUMN".

Risk factors:

An investment in our common stock is subject to a number of risks. Risk factors relating to our company include the success of our El Quevar project in Argentina, our need for substantial additional financing in order to develop the El Quevar project, the services of our key executives, our exploration success, prices of precious metals, our successful management of the San Cristóbal mine, permitting, operations in developing countries, title defects, foreign government action, mining hazards, changing laws and competition. Risk factors relating to our common stock include market price volatility, possible future sales activity, unlikelihood of future dividend payments, and potential dilution. You should carefully consider the information under the heading "Risk Factors" and all other information included in this prospectus before deciding to invest in our common stock.

- (1)
 Includes 230,000 shares of restricted common stock outstanding under our 2009 Equity Incentive Plan. Does not include 25,000 shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the 2009 Equity Incentive Plan in exchange for restricted stock units issued to our non-employee directors under the terms of our Non-Employee Directors Deferred Compensation and Equity Award Plan.
- If the over-allotment option is exercised in full, shares of common stock will be outstanding after this offering assuming Sentient elects to purchase all of the shares which it is entitled to purchase, and shares of common stock will be outstanding assuming Sentient does not elect to purchase such shares.
- If the over-allotment option is exercised in full, we estimate that our net proceeds from this Offering would be approximately \$107.8 million, assuming Sentient elects to purchase all of the shares which it is entitled to purchase, and approximately \$85.6 million if Sentient does not elect to purchase such shares.

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SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

The selected consolidated financial data for the period ended September 30, 2009 has been derived from our Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2009. We emerged from Apex Silver's Chapter 11 proceedings on March 24, 2009. Accordingly, the data provided below for the period March 25, 2009 through September 30, 2009 represents the consolidated financial data for Golden Minerals and the data prior to March 25, 2009 represents the consolidated financial data of Apex Silver for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007, and 2006 are derived from Apex Silver's audited consolidated financial statements. The selected consolidated financial data of Apex Silver for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 are derived from our historic financial records. The financial information for all periods presented, except for the period ended September 30, 2009, has been revised for the retrospective adoption of FASB Statement No. 160, "Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements—an amendment of ARB No. 51" ("FAS No. 160") and to reflect the San Cristóbal mine activity as discontinued operations. In addition, the amounts included as revenue have been reclassified from a net reduction of operating expenses for all periods presented. No amounts in the cash flow data have been reclassified. Amounts on the balance sheet formerly labeled minority interest are now referred to as noncontrolling interest and are included as a component of equity (deficit). Our financial statements are reported in U.S. dollars and have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. The following selected consolidated financial data should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto beginning on page F-1 of this prospectus and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

Nine Months Ended

	September For The Period March 25, 2009 Through September 30,		For The Period January 1, 2009 Through March 24,		The Year Ended December 31,										
		2009		2009		2008		2007		2006		2005		2004	
	(Su	ccessor)						(Predece							
(in thousands, except per share amounts) tatement of Operations:															
Revenue	\$	6,010	\$	1,350	\$	5,400	\$	5,400	\$	2,640	\$	143	\$		
Operating expenses	Ψ	(16,789)	Ψ	(11,080)	Ψ	(46,124)	Ψ	(36,163)	Ψ	(28,386)	Ψ	(23,173)	Ψ	(21,366)	
Other income (expense), net ⁽¹⁾		(2,038)		253,516		(28,392)		(19,567)		14,602		13,682		2,521	
(Loss) income from continuing															
operations before income taxes		(12,817)		243,786		(69,116)		(50,330)		(11,144)		(9,348)		(18,845)	
Income tax expense		(497)		(165)		(618)		(879)		(749)		(379)			
(Loss) income from continuing		(12.21.1)		242 (24		(60. 72. 1)		(54.000)		(11.000)		(0.505)		(10.045)	
operations (2)		(13,314)		243,621		(69,734)		(51,209)		(11,893)		(9,727)		(18,845)	
Loss from discontinued operations ⁽²⁾				(4,153)		(166,625)		(24,634)		(510,465)		(57,327)			
Net (loss) income		(13,314)		239,468		(236,359)		(75,843)		(522,358)		(67,054)		(18,845)	
Net (income) loss attributable to															
noncontrolling interest ⁽³⁾				(7,869)		118,122		87,399		8,813		16			
Net (loss) income attributable to															
stockholders	\$	(13,314)	\$	231,599	\$	(118,237)	\$	11,556	\$	(513,545)	\$	(67,038)	\$	(18,845)	
Net (loss) income per Common Stock															
Ordinary Share basic															
Net loss from continuing operations															
attributable to stockholders	\$	(4.46)	\$	4.13	\$	(1.18)	\$	(0.87)	\$	(0.21)	\$	(0.20)	\$	(0.41)	
Net loss from discontinued operations attributable to stockholders				(0.20)		(0.82)		1.07		(8.88)		(1.18)			
Net (loss) income attributable to															
stockholders	\$	(4.46)	\$	(3.93)	\$	(2.01)	\$	0.20	\$	(9.09)	\$	(1.38)	\$	(0.41)	

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Nine Months Ended **September 30, 2009** For The For The The Year Ended December 31, Period Period March 25, January 1, 2009 2009 Through Through September 30, March 24, 2009 2009 2008 2007 2006 2005 2004 (Successor) (Predecessor)