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MINERA ANDES ANNOUNCES PRODUCTION RECOMMENCES AT SAN JOSÉ MINE

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON – May 18, 2009 - Minera Andes Inc. (the “Corporation” or “Minera Andes”) is pleased to announce today that it has been advised by Minera Santa Cruz (“MSC”) that after three days of stoppage the San José Mine in Argentina is back in production. The San José Mine is operated by Hochschild, and Minera Andes has a 49% interest in the mine.

The intervention of the Argentine government has led the two labor unions to enter into discussions to resolve their dispute involving union affiliation. MSC will participate in the discussions, and meanwhile the mine is resuming operations.

Minera Andes is a gold, silver and copper exploration company working in Argentina, where it holds approximately 304,000 acres of mineral exploration land. As noted above, Minera Andes holds a 49% interest in the San José Mine. Minera Andes is also exploring the Los Azules copper project in San Juan province, where an exploration program has defined a resource and a preliminary assessment has been completed. Other exploration properties, primarily silver and gold, are also being evaluated in southern Argentina. The Corporation has 230,538,851 common shares issued and outstanding.

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