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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 May 2009

Commission File Number 000-22731

Minera Andes Inc.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

111 E. Magnesium Road, Suite A

Spokane, Washington 99208

(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 May 13, 2009 - Minera Andes Inc. (the Corporation or Minera Andes) announced today that it has been advised by Hochschild Mining plc (Hochschild) that production has been suspended at the San José Mine in Argentina due to a dispute among labor unions over employee affiliation. The San José Mine is operated by Hochschild, and Minera Andes has a 49% interest in the mine.

Hochschild has advised Minera Andes that daily production, which has been running at a rate of approximately 36,275 silver equivalent ounces (of which the share attributable to Minera Andes is approximately 17,775 silver equivalent ounces) has been suspended. Minera Andes understands that the stoppage is a consequence of a dispute between the truck drivers union and the miners union (the Asociación Obrera Minera Argentina or AOMA) over employee union affiliation. The San José Mine employs 20 truck drivers affiliated with the AOMA. The AOMA has announced its intention to extend work stoppages to other mines in Santa Cruz Province unless the government of Argentina intervenes to resolve the dispute between the two unions.

The Corporation will keep the market informed of developments as they occur.

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.

This news release is submitted by Allen V. Ambrose, President and Chief Executive 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/ Allen V. Ambrose

Allen V. Ambrose, President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: May 26, 2009
