

# Almaden Obtains Provisional Injunction Relating to Decision of Ministry of the Economy

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VANCOUVER, Sept. 14, 2023 - [Almaden Minerals Ltd.](#) ("Almaden" or "the Company"; TSX: AMM; NYSE American: AAU) is pleased to report that the Mexican Federal Administrative Court (the "Court") has granted a provisional injunction to Almaden's Mexican subsidiary, Minera Gorrión ("MG"), relating to the submission issued by Mexico's Ministry of the Economy ("Economía") to the district court (the "District Court") which is overseeing the implementation of the February 2022 decision of Mexico's Supreme Court ("SCJN") requiring indigenous consultations prior to the granting of mineral titles to the Ixtaca project (see Company press releases of February 22 and April 13, 2023).

Economía's submission to the District Court ("Economía Submission") was made in February 2023 and aims to deny the two mineral title applications to the Ixtaca project which were first made by Almaden in 2002 and 2008, and which in turn led to the grant of mineral titles in 2003 and 2009, respectively. As previously reported, these mineral titles were reduced to application status as a result of the February 2022 decision of the SCJN.

The Economía Submission claims that, despite Economía's previous statements to the contrary, its acceptance of the mineral title applications and its grant of the mineral titles in 2003 and 2009, the applications contain technical faults which preclude the grant of the mineral claims. The Economía Submission therefore seeks to deny the grant of the mineral claims regardless of the indigenous consultation ordered by the SCJN and welcomed by both the Company and surrounding communities. The Economía Submission was accepted by the District Court as complying with the February 2022 SCJN decision (see press release of April 13, 2023), and this District Court decision is currently being appealed by the Company (the "Compliance Appeal").

In the meantime, MG initiated separate legal proceedings in the Mexican Federal Administrative Court (the "Legal Proceedings") to contest the Economía Submission on technical and procedural grounds. The Court has admitted the Legal Proceedings and, as a first step, has granted a provisional injunction in favour of MG. This provisional injunction prevents Economía from releasing the mineral rights covered by the Company's mineral title applications while the Legal Proceedings are ongoing. It is expected that the Court will decide on the grant of a permanent injunction within the coming weeks, which if received would continue in effect until the Court has ruled on the revocation of the Economía Submission.

The Court also stated that the Legal Proceedings would be subject to the outcome of the Company's Compliance Appeal, noting that if the Compliance Appeal determines that the Economía Submission does not comply with the February 2022 SCJN decision, then the legal status of the Company's mineral title applications would change. On the other hand, if the Compliance Appeal determines that the Economía Submission does comply with the February 2022 SCJN decision, then the Legal Proceedings shall continue. Almaden does not have a timeline for the Compliance Appeal or a definitive ruling on the Legal Proceedings.

Duane Poliquin, Chair of Almaden, stated, "We filed this complaint with the Federal Administrative Court back in March and despite the long delay we are encouraged that we may finally have the opportunity to explain why we believe the Economía Submission is a seriously flawed document."

About Almaden

[Almaden Minerals Ltd.](#) discovered the Ixtaca deposit in Puebla State, Mexico, in 2010. Almaden's interest in the Ixtaca project is subject to a 2.0% NSR royalty held by Almadex Minerals Ltd. The Ixtaca deposit hosts a proven and probable reserve containing 1.38 million ounces of gold and 85.1 million ounces of silver (73.1 million tonnes grading 0.59 g/t Au and 36.3 g/t Ag). A report titled "Ixtaca Gold-Silver Project, Puebla State, Mexico NI 43-101 Technical Report on the Feasibility Study", which was prepared in accordance with NI

43-101, is available under the Company's profile on SEDAR and on the Company's website.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors,

"J. Duane Poliquin" \_\_\_\_\_  
J. Duane Poliquin  
Chair  
[Almaden Minerals Ltd.](#)

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