

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 January 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)

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**FORM 51-102F3**

**MATERIAL CHANGE REPORT**

**Item 1**

**Name and Address of Company**

Minera Andes Inc.  
Suite A, 111 East Magnesium Road  
Spokane, Washington  
99208

**Item 2**

**Date of Material Change**

The material change occurred on January 22, 2009.

**Item 3**

**News Release**

A News Release was disseminated by CNW Group, CNW News Wire Ltd., Vancouver, British Columbia, on January 23, 2009.

**Item 4**

**Summary of Material Change**

Minera Andes Inc. (the Corporation or Minera Andes ) provided details of the San José mine production to December 31, 2008. The San José joint venture is operated by Minera Santa Cruz S.A. ( MSC ) and is owned 49% by Minera

Andes and 51% by Hochschild Mining plc ( Hochschild ) (HOCM.L: Reuters and HOC LN: Bloomberg - London Stock Exchange). Total production at the San José mine in 2008 was 4,380,000 ounces of silver and 54,260 ounces of gold.

## **Item 5.1**

### **Full Description of Material Change**

Minera Andes provided details of the San José mine production to December 31, 2008. Total production at the San José mine in 2008 was 4,380,000 ounces of silver and 54,260 ounces of gold.

Production at the San José mine in Q4 2008 totaled 1,329,000 ounces of silver and 17,370 ounces of gold, of which 49% is attributable to Minera Andes. Mill throughput increased 60% compared to the previous quarter due to the plant expansion completed in October. Silver production was 34% higher and gold production was 41% higher than the previous quarter due to higher tonnage treated which was partially offset by lower head grades.

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## SAN JOSÉ MINE PRODUCTION

Production *	TOTAL	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1
	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008
Ore production (metric tons)	295,963	107,875	67,589	60,603	59,897
Average head grade silver (g/t)	559	463	547	681	624
Average head grade gold (g/t)	6.69	5.91	6.78	7.56	7.10
Silver produced (ounces)	4,380,000	1,329,000	990,000	1,093,000	968,000
Gold produced (ounces)	54,260	17,370	12,340	12,410	12,140
Net silver sold (ounces)*	4,626,400	1,173,000	846,000	2,284,400	323,000
Net gold sold (ounces)*	58,890	15,100	9,760	28,980	5,050

\*The Corporation has a 49% interest in the San José joint venture.

The San José mine entered into commercial production on January 1, 2008, and a project to double the original design capacity of the processing plant from 750 metric tonnes per day ( MTPD ) to 1,500 MTPD was completed in October 2008. Mill production has now been ramped up to the capacity of 1,500 metric tonnes per day, and December 2008 marked the first full month of production at the expanded capacity rate. Approximately half of the concentrate produced by the mill is converted on site to doré bullion.

Operational milestones accomplished in the fourth quarter include:

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Completion of the increase in processing capacity to 1,500 MTPD and most of the related ancillary works.

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The increased production volume and connection to the national power grid, which is forecast to be completed in the first quarter of 2009, should enable a significant reduction in unit operating costs in 2009. MSC forecasts that at the expanded production rate, the San José mine will produce approximately 95,000 ounces of gold and 7,500,000 ounces of silver in 2009.

The San José mine now comprises 18 km of underground workings accessed by ramps on the Huevos Verdes, Frea and Kospi veins. During 2008, 5,187 meters of workings were completed on these three veins. The mine is currently staffed with 734 employees and over 200 contractors.

Allen V. Ambrose, Minera Andes' President, who is a qualified person as defined by National Instrument 43-101, is responsible for the information used in this material change report and has supervised the preparation of the information and reviewed all information used in this news release.

**Item 5.2**

**Disclosure for Restructuring Transactions**

Not applicable

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**Item 6**

**Reliance on subsection 7.1(2) of National Instrument 51-102**

Not applicable

**Item 7**

**Omitted Information**

Not applicable

**Item 8**

**Executive Officer**

The name of the executive officer of the Corporation who is knowledgeable about the material change and this report and who can be contacted is Allen Ambrose, President, and Chairman at (509) 921-7322.

**Item 9**

**Date of Report**

January 29, 2009

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**SCHEDULE A**

TSX: MAI

NEWS RELEASE

NASDAQ-OTCBB: MNEAF

**MINERA ANDES ANNOUNCES FOURTH QUARTER GOLD/SILVER**

**PRODUCTION INCREASES AT THE SAN JOSÉ MINE**

SPOKANE, WA January 23, 2009 Minera Andes Inc. (TSX: MAI and US OTC: MNEAF) is pleased to announce details of the San José mine production to December 31, 2008. The San José joint venture is operated by Minera Santa Cruz S.A. ( MSC ) and is owned 49% by Minera Andes and 51% by Hochschild Mining plc ( Hochschild ) (HOCM.L: Reuters and HOC LN: Bloomberg - London Stock Exchange). Total production at the San José mine in 2008 was 4,380,000 ounces of silver and 54,260 ounces of gold.

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Allen V. Ambrose, president of Minera Andes said, "We are pleased to report increased gold and silver production at San José. The fourth quarter results start to show the impact of production that has ramped up to 1500 metric tonnes per day. We anticipate this increase in production to further reduce the unit cost per ounce and unit cost per tonne at the mine."

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Minera Andes is a gold, silver and copper exploration company working in Argentina. The Company holds about 304,000 acres of mineral exploration land in Argentina. The producing San José silver/gold mine is 49% owned by Minera Andes through a joint venture. Minera Andes is also exploring the Los Azules copper project in San Juan province, where an exploration program has defined a resource and a scoping study is underway. Other exploration

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properties, primarily silver and gold, are being evaluated in southern Argentina. The Corporation presently has 190,158,851 shares issued and outstanding.

This news is submitted by Allen V. Ambrose, President and Director of Minera Andes Inc.

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**Caution Concerning Forward-Looking Statements:**

*This press release contains certain "forward-looking statements", including, but not limited to, the statements regarding the Company's strategic plans, evolution of mineral resources and reserves, work programs, development plans and exploration budgets at the Company's San José Project. The forward-looking statements express, as at the date of this press release, the Company'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. In particular, there can be no assurance that production forecasts, or cost savings at the San José mine will be successfully achieved, increased, or that resources and reserves at the San José mine will be increased. 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. We refer readers to the risk factors and uncertainties described in the Company's continuous disclosure record, a copy of which is available under the Company's profile at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Minera Andes joint venture partner, a subsidiary of Hochschild Mining plc, and its affiliates do not accept responsibility for the use of project data or the adequacy or accuracy of this release.*

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**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 Chairman

Dated: January 29, 2009

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