

ALMADEN MINERALS LTD  
Form SC 13D  
December 22, 2004

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT  
TO RULE 13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO  
RULE 13d-2(a)**

(Amendment No. \_\_\_\_\_)

**ALMADEN MINERALS LTD.**

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(Name of Issuer)

**Common Shares**

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(Title of Class of Securities)

**020283107**

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(CUSIP Number)

**Morgan Poliquin, 1103-750 W Pender St., Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6C 2T8**

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person

Authorized to Receive Communications)

**December 14, 2004**

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box. [  ]

**CUSIP Number: 020283107**

1.

Names of Reporting Persons

I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).

Morgan James Poliquin

2.

Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)

(b)

3.

SEC Use Only \_\_\_\_\_

4.

Source of Funds (See Instructions)

PF

5.

Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) [  ]

6.

Citizenship or Place of Organization

Canadian

Number of

7.

Sole Voting Power - 1,574,579

Shares

Beneficially

8.

Shared Voting Power - none

Owned by Each

Reporting

9.

Sole Dispositive Power - 1,574,579

Person With

10.

Shared Dispositive Power - none

11.

Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person - 1,574,579

12.

Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) [  ]

13.

Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) - 5.1%

14.

Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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**Item 1.**

**Security and Issuer**

Common shares of Almaden Minerals Ltd. located at 750 West Pender, Suite 1103, Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6C 2T8

**Item 2.**

**Identity and Background**

(a)

Morgan James Poliquin

(b)

750 West Pender, Suite 1103, Vancouver, B.C. Canada V6C 2T8

(c)

Self-employed professional geological engineer, Director of Almaden Minerals Ltd. and Director of Williams Creek Explorations Limited

(d)

No

(e)

No

(f)

Canadian citizen

**Item 3.**

**Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration**

N/A

**Item 4.**

**Purpose of the Transaction**

Stock option granted as incentive to increase performance.

**Item 5.**

**Interest in Securities of the Issuer**

(a)

1,574,579 (5.1%) including incentive options to acquire 1,196,900 shares

(b)

1,574,579 shares

(c)

12/14/04 granted 350,000 incentive options exercisable at Cdn. \$1.67 per share

**Item 6.**

**Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer**

N/A

**Item 7.**

**Material to be Filed as Exhibits**

N/A

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**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

December 20, 2004

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

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/s/Morgan Poliquin

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Morgan Poliquin

NAME/TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_