ALMADEN MINERALS LTD Form 8-A12B December 15, 2005

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-A12B

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

ALMADEN MINERALS LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

British Columbia, Canada

Not Applicable

(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

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

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), please check the following box.

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If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), please check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates:

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which

to be so registered

each class is to be registered

COMMON SHARES, WITHOUT PAR VALUE THE AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Item 1.	Description	of Registrant	s Securities	To Be	Registered.

46,263,634 Common Shares without par value (of a total authorized issue of an unlimited number of Common Shares)including 4,538,282 Common Shares reserved for exercise of incentive stock options and 5,717,355 Common Shares reserved for exercise of outstanding warrants.

Item 2. Exhibits.

Not Applicable.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ALMADEN MINERALS LTD.

Date: December 13, 2005

By:

Duane Poliquin

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President and Chief Executive Officer