POLIQUIN DUANE Form SC 13D/A February 01, 2005

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.
-	(Name of Issuer)
	Common Shares
-	(Title of Class of Securities)
	020283107
-	(CUSIP Number)
Duane	Poliquin, 1103-750 W Pender St., Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6C 2T8

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person

Authorized to Receive Communications)

December 14, 2004	
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)	
 previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of the filing this schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(e), 240.13	

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1.
Names of Reporting Persons
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).
James Duane 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)

<u>PF</u>			
5.	2.7		
Check if Disclosure	e of Leg	gal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)	[]
6.			
Citizenship or Plac	e of Org	ganization	
Canadian			
Number of	7.	Sole Voting Power - <u>2.908,337</u>	
Shares	8.	Shared Voting Power - <u>69,300</u>	
Beneficially	0.	5.1.1.00 + 6.1.1.1g + 6.1.101	
Owned by Each	9.	Sole Dispositive - <u>2.908.337</u>	
Reporting Person With	10.	Shared Dispositive Power - <u>69,300</u>	
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11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person -2.977.637

12.	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) []
13.	
Percent of	of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) - 10.0%
14.	
Type of	Reporting Person (See Instructions)
<u>IN</u>	
11.	

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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) James Duane Poliquin
(b) 750 West Pender, Suite 1103, Vancouver, B.C. Canada V6C 2T8
(c) Self-employed professional geological engineer, President and Director of Almaden Minerals Ltd.
(d) No
(e) No
(f) Canadian citizen
Item 3.
Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration
Personal funds
Item 4.

Purpose of the Transaction

Stock option granted as incentive to increase performance.

Item 5.

Interest in Securities of the Issuer

- (a) 2,977,637 (10.0%) including incentive options to acquire 1,316,463 shares
- (b) sole power to vote and direct the vote and dispose or direct the disposition of 2,908,337 shares, shared power to vote or direct the vote and dispose or direct the disposition of 69,300 shares with:

Judy Poliquin

1987 Acadia Road, Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1R4

Homemaker

No convictions in criminal proceedings

Not part to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction

Canadian citizen

(c)	02/12/04	gifted 6,000 shares to charity at Cdn. \$0.00 per share
	04/30/04	acquired 1,500 shares @ Cdn. \$1.70 per share in public market
	04/30/04	acquired 500 shares @ Cdn. \$1.75 per share in public market
	05/10/04	acquired 1,500 shares @ Cdn. \$1.65 per share in public market
	05/10/04	acquired 1,500 shares @ Cdn. \$1.60 per share in public market
	05/10/04	acquired 2,000 shares @ Cdn. \$1.50 per share in public market
	07/12/04	exercised 20,000 incentive options into 20,000 shares @ Cdn. \$0.30 per share
	07/12/04	sold 20,000 shares @ Cdn. \$2.16 per share in public market
	08/05/04	acquired 11.300 shares @ Cdn. \$1.751 per share in public market
	08/10/04	acquired 1,200 shares @ Cdn. \$1.76 per share in public market

08/12/04	acquired 2,000 shares @ Cdn. \$1.70 per share in public market
08/12/04	acquired 2,000 shares @ Cdn. \$1.65 per share in public market
08/13/04	acquired 3,500 shares @ Cdn. \$1.584 per share in public market
12/14/04	granted 236,000 incentive options at an exercise price of 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.
February 1, 2005 DATED:
/s/Duane Poliquin SIGNATURE:
Duane Poliquin, President NAME/TITLE: