

MINERA ANDES INC /WA  
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May 11, 2006

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 13D**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**(Amendment No. 2)\***

**Minera Andes Inc.**

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(Name of Issuer)

**Common Stock**

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(Title of Class of Securities)

**602910101**

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(CUSIP Number)

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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 17 C.F.R. §240.13d-1(e), 17 C.F.R. 240.13d-1(f), or 17 C.F.R. 240.13d-1(g), check the following box. "

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\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page. The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ( Act ) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP No. 602910101

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

**Robert Ross McEwen**

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 citizen**

7. Sole Voting Power

Number of 8. Shared Voting Power  
**46,057,143\***

Units  
Beneficially

Owned by 9. Sole Dispositive Power  
Each **0**

Reporting  
Person With

**46,057,143\***  
10. Shared Dispositive Power

**0**

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

**46,057,143\***

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

**31.6%\*\***

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

**IN**

\* Share amount includes 2,000,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants issued on May 5, 2006, pursuant to the Amending Agreement to Warrants of the same date, as described in Item 4.

\*\* Percentage calculation assumes the exercise of all 2,000,000 warrants issued on May 5, 2006.

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**Item 1. Security and Issuer**

This Amendment No. 2, dated May 5, 2006 (this Second Amendment ), amends the original Schedule 13D, dated December 21, 2005, as previously amended (the Schedule 13D ). This Second Amendment relates to the common stock ( Common Stock ) of Minera Andes Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of Alberta, Canada ( Minera Andes ). Minera Andes principal executive offices are located at Suite A, 111 East Magnesium Road, Spokane, Washington 99208.

This Second Amendment is filed to report that the number of shares of Common Stock held by Robert Ross McEwen ( McEwen ) has increased as the result of the exercise of certain warrants and the issuance of additional warrants, as described in Items 4 and 5 below. Unless amended or supplemented hereby, all information previously filed remains in effect.

**Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration**

Item 3 is hereby amended and supplemented to add the following:

The aggregate exercise price for the exercise of warrants for 14,285,714 shares was, in Canadian Dollars ( CAD\$ ), CAD\$7,857,143 (approximately US\$7,096,571 based on an exchange rate of 0.9032, the Bank of Canada noon exchange rate as of May 5, 2006). No additional consideration (other than McEwen s early exercise of the First Tranche Warrants (defined below) and the Second Tranche Warrants (defined below)) was paid for the issuance of the additional warrants to acquire 2,000,000 shares of Common Stock.

No funds were borrowed by McEwen in connection with the exercise or acquisition of the warrants described above.

**Item 4. Purpose of Transaction**

Item 4 is hereby amended and restated as follows:

(a). The purchase of the Common Stock reported in this Schedule 13D was made for the purpose of making an investment in Minera Andes. Consistent with such purpose, McEwen has had, and expects to continue to have, discussions with management of Minera Andes concerning Minera Andes and his investment in Minera Andes. McEwen may also engage in such discussions with other shareholders of Minera Andes.

Pursuant to the First Tranche Subscription Agreement, dated December 20, 2005 (the First Tranche ) and completed December 21, 2005, McEwen acquired 15,414,740 shares of Common Stock and warrants representing 7,707,370 shares of Common Stock (the First Tranche Warrants ). Pursuant to a Second Tranche Subscription Agreement, dated December 20, 2005 (the Second Tranche ) and completed March 8, 2006, McEwen acquired an additional 13,156,689 shares of Common Stock and warrants representing 6,578,344 shares of Common Stock (the Second Tranche Warrants ).

On March 23, 2006, McEwen made an open market purchase of 1,200,000 shares of Common Stock.

On May 5, 2006, McEwen exercised all First Tranche Warrants and Second Tranche Warrants, at an exercise price of CAD\$0.55 per share (approximately US\$0.50 per share based on an exchange rate of 0.9032, the Bank of Canada noon exchange rate as of May 5, 2006). Pursuant to an Amending Agreement to Warrants, dated as of May 5, 2006, between Minera Andes and McEwen, McEwen also received warrants to purchase an additional 2,000,000 shares of Common Stock at CAD\$1.80 per share (approximately US\$1.63 per share based on an exchange rate of 0.9032, the Bank of Canada noon exchange rate as of May 5, 2006) on or prior to May 5, 2007, in consideration of his early exercise of the First Tranche Warrants and the Second Tranche Warrants. The First Tranche Warrants and the Second Tranche Warrants would have otherwise expired on the earlier of (i) December 20, 2007 for the First Tranche Warrants and March 8, 2007 for the Second Tranche Warrants and (ii) the 15<sup>th</sup> trading day after Minera Andes providing McEwen with notice of a weighted average price of the Common Stock greater than CAD\$1.00 per share for a period of 20 consecutive trading days commencing after the applicable holding period.

The First Tranche Subscription Agreement and Second Tranche Subscription Agreement provide, among other things, that, for the period commencing on the date that is 61 days after the later of (i) the date upon which the Minera Andes Shareholders Rights Plan is terminated, and (ii) the date upon which all rights issued under the Minera Andes Shareholders Rights Plan are redeemed, and ending on the date that is two years after December 21, 2005 (the closing date of the First Tranche, the Closing Date ), at any time during such period McEwen will have a right of first refusal (provided McEwen owns not less than 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Stock (assuming the exercise of any warrants held by McEwen)), subject to certain exceptions, to subscribe for up to and including 100% of the value of each financing undertaken by Minera Andes, either by way of private placement or public offering of equity, debt, subscription units or convertible securities, rights offering or project financing (a Financing ) on the same terms and conditions (including price and timing) as other investors in each such Financing. McEwen's right to participate in a Financing applies to each Financing and is not affected by McEwen's exercise or failure to exercise such right in respect of any particular Financing.

The First Tranche Subscription Agreement and Second Tranche Subscription Agreement also provide, that, for a period of one year from the Closing Date, Minera Andes will not (with certain exceptions set forth therein), without the prior written consent of McEwen, which consent may not be unreasonably withheld: (i) enter into any agreements with respect to any of Minera Andes' properties that might have the effect of creating an interest, directly or indirectly, in such property to a third party; (ii) enter into any agreements with third parties which would grant such third parties rights, that when exercised, would have the effect of granting an interest, directly or indirectly, in any of Minera Andes' properties to third parties; (iii) enter into any option, joint venture, royalty, lease, unitization, sale, deed, trust, conveyance, transfer, disposition, mining, cross mining, commingling or agreements of whatever nature with respect to any of Minera Andes' properties; (iv) enter into any agreements with respect to the financing of any of Minera Andes' properties that would result in any dilution or reduction of Minera Andes' present interests in any of such properties; (v) enter into any agreements, relating to an amalgamation, reorganization, plan of arrangement or similar type of transaction, that might have the effect of reducing Minera Andes' interest in any of its properties or granting a third party an interest, directly or indirectly, in any of Minera Andes' properties; and (vi) encumber any of Minera Andes' properties in any manner whatsoever.

McEwen may, in the future, purchase additional shares of Common Stock or other securities of Minera Andes depending on the price of the shares and circumstances at the time such acquisitions, if any, are made. Alternatively, McEwen may at any time determine to realize on his investment in the shares of Common Stock through the sale of all or some of the shares. McEwen may also in the future take an active role in the management of the Company.

The descriptions of the First Tranche Subscription Agreement and the Second Tranche Subscription Agreement contained herein are qualified in their entirety by reference to such agreements, which are attached to the Schedule 13D as Exhibits 7.1 and 7.2, respectively.

(b). Not applicable.

(c). Not applicable.

(d). Pursuant to the terms of the First Tranche Subscription Agreement and the Second Tranche Subscription Agreement, for a period of five years following the closing of the First Tranche, if at any time subsequent to the closing of the First Tranche, McEwen owns not less than 10% of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock (assuming the exercise of any warrants held by McEwen), then McEwen shall have the right, from time to time and at any time, to nominate one individual (the Nominee ) to the board of directors of Minera Andes, and Minera Andes has agreed to use all reasonable efforts to cause its board of directors to pass such resolutions and to take such other actions as may be required in order that the Nominee become a member of the board of directors of Minera Andes. In addition, Minera Andes has agreed to use all reasonable efforts to cause its board of directors to pass such resolutions and to take such other actions as may be required in order to maintain the number of members of the board of directors of Minera Andes at not more than six.

(e). Not applicable.

(f). Not applicable.

(g). Not applicable.

(h). Not applicable.

(i). Not applicable.

(j). Other than as described above, McEwen currently has no plan or proposals that relate to, or may result in, any of the matters listed in Items 4(a)-(j) of this Schedule 13D (although McEwen reserves the right to develop such plans).

McEwen disclaims membership in any group with respect to the purchase of Common Stock pursuant to the First Tranche Subscription Agreement, the Second Tranche Subscription Agreement, the open market purchase of Common Stock on March 23, 2006, the exercise of the First Tranche Warrants and the Second Tranche Warrants, or the acquisition of additional warrants on May 5, 2006.

The descriptions of the First Tranche Subscription Agreement and the Second Tranche Subscription Agreement contained herein are qualified in their entirety by reference to such agreements, which are attached hereto as Exhibits 7.1 and 7.2, respectively.

#### **Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer**

Item 5 is hereby amended and restated as follows:

(a) McEwen is the beneficial owner of 46,057,143 shares of Common Stock (which includes 2,000,000 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants issued on May 5, 2006, as described in Item 4 above), which represents approximately 31.6% of the Common Stock (based on the number of shares outstanding as of March 24, 2006, as represented by Minera Andes in its Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005).

The descriptions of the First Tranche Subscription Agreement and Second Tranche Subscription Agreement contained herein are qualified in their entirety by reference to such agreements, which are attached to the Schedule 13D as Exhibits 7.1 and 7.2.

(b) McEwen holds the sole power to vote and dispose of the 46,057,143 shares of Common Stock that he beneficially owns.

(c) Other than the transactions described herein, McEwen has not effected any transaction in the Common Stock during the past 60 days.

(d) No other person has the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of the 46,057,143 shares of Common Stock that are beneficially owned by McEwen.

(e) Not applicable.

#### **Item 6. Contract, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer**

The information set forth under Items 4 and 5 above are incorporated herein by reference.

#### **Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits**

Exhibit 7.1: Subscription Agreement (First Tranche), dated as of December 20, 2005, by and between Minera Andes and McEwen.\*

Exhibit 7.2: Subscription Agreement (Second Tranche), dated as of December 20, 2005, by and between Minera Andes and McEwen.\*

\* Incorporated by reference from the Schedule 13D filed by McEwen on January 3, 2005 (File No. 005-52633)

*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.

Date: May 10, 2006

/s/ Robert Ross McEwen  
Robert Ross McEwen

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