

ALMADEN MINERALS LTD  
Form 6-K  
December 20, 2017  
UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 December 2017  
Commission File Number: 001-32702

Almaden Minerals Ltd.  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)  
Suite 210 - 1333 Johnston Street, Vancouver  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by  
check mark  
whether the  
registrant  
files or will  
file annual  
reports under  
cover of  
Form 20-F or  
Form 40-F.

Form 20-F  X  
Form 40-F

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Indicate by  
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whether by  
furnishing the  
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contained in  
this Form, the  
registrant is  
also thereby  
furnishing the  
information  
to the  
Commission  
pursuant to  
Rule  
12g3-2(b)  
under the  
Securities  
Exchange Act  
of 1934.

Yes

No      X

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):  
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Signature

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Almaden Minerals Ltd.

Dated: December 20, 2017    By: /s/ Douglas McDonald  
                                         Douglas McDonald  
                                         &nbsp; Vice President

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Exhibit Index

Exhibit    Description of Exhibit

99.1      Press Release of Almaden Minerals Ltd. dated December 20, 2017