

ALMADEN MINERALS LTD  
Form 6-K  
December 22, 2016

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

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 2016

Commission File Number: 001-32702

Almaden Minerals Ltd.  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

310 -- 1385 West 8th Avenue, Vancouver, BC  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Form 20-F

Form 40-F

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Yes

No

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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 22, 2016

/s/ Douglas McDonald

By: Douglas McDonald  
Vice President

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Exhibit Index

Exhibit Description of Exhibit

99.1 Press Release of Almaden Minerals Ltd. dated December 22, 2016

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