

**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  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of September, 2004

Commission File Number 000-29546

Adastra Minerals Inc.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

St. George's House, 15 Hanover Square, London, England W1S 1HS

(Address of principal executive office)

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

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## NEWS RELEASE

### ADASTRA AND UMICORE SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COBALT OFF-TAKE, MARKETING AND TECHNOLOGY

Trading: TSX:AMZ and AIM:AAA

LONDON. U.K. (September 1, 2004) - Adastra Minerals Inc. ("Adastra" or "the Company") announced today that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") with n.v. Umicore s.a. ("Umicore").

The MoU covers arrangements for:

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- Umicore to assist and facilitate in placing Kolwezi's cobalt production under long-term, "take-or-pay", supply agreements with Umicore's cobalt chemical customers,
- the provision of technical assistance by Umicore in relation to the cobalt metallurgical flowsheet for the Kolwezi Tailings Project, and
- Umicore's assistance in commissioning Kolwezi's cobalt circuit.

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"We see Kolwezi as an important future supplier of cobalt metal for Umicore and will therefore form part of our strategy for diversifying our sources of supply," said Marc Van Sande, Executive Vice President of Umicore and head of its Advanced Materials division. "We also see the Kolwezi Tailings Project as potentially a key element in bringing stability to cobalt pricing and supply. Both of these elements are essential for the continued growth of cobalt chemical consumption in major markets such as rechargeable batteries."

#### About the Kolwezi Project

Adastra's Kolwezi project consists of two dams containing 112.8 million tonnes of oxide tailings, grading 0.32% cobalt and 1.49% copper, as determined by Dr. Isobel Clark of Geostokos Limited, a "qualified person" as defined by the Canadian Securities Administrators' NI 43-101. This resource has the potential to host one of the world's largest and lowest cost cobalt producers. At a conceptual annual output of 7,000

tonnes of cobalt and 42,000 tonnes of copper, the project would have an operating life of 38 years. Such a project would generate significant tax and foreign exchange earnings, as well as providing local employment and contributing to the revival of the DRC's copper belt infrastructure.

### **About Adastra**

Adastra Minerals is an international mining company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "AMZ" and on the Alternative Investment Market of the London Stock Exchange under the symbol "AAA". The company is currently developing several mineral assets in Central Africa, including the Kolwezi cobalt/copper tailings project and the Kipushi zinc mine in the DRC, and the Cuango River diamond project in Angola. Adastra's growth strategy emphasizes the creation of shareholder value through the development of world-class resources in stable or stabilizing political environments.

### **About Umicore**

Umicore is an international metals and materials group. Its activities are centred on five business areas: Advanced Materials, Precious Metals Products and Catalysts, Precious Metals Services, Zinc and Copper. Each business area is divided into market-focused business units. The Umicore Group has industrial operations on all continents and serves a global customer base; it generated a turnover of EUR 4.7 billion in 2003 and employs some 11,500 people. Umicore has a 5.0% shareholding in Adastra, and also holds warrants that if exercised would currently increase its shareholding to 9.6%. Dr Etienne Denis is a director of both Adastra and Umicore.

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**FORM 51-102F3**

**MATERIAL CHANGE REPORT**

**Item 1.      Name and Address of Company**

*State the full name and address of the principal office in Canada of the reporting issuer:*

Adastra Minerals Inc. (the "Company")  
Suite 950 - 1055 West Georgia Street  
Vancouver, BC V6E 3P3

**Item 2.      Date of Material Change**

September 1, 2004

**Item 3.      News Release**

The News Release dated September 1, 2004 was forwarded to the Toronto Stock Exchange and disseminated via Canada Newswire (North American Disclosure).

A copy of the News Release is attached as Schedule "A".

**Item 4.      Summary of Material Change**

The Company announced that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with n.v. Umicore s.a. covering, among other things, arrangements for negotiating a long-term supply agreement under which Umicore will purchase cobalt to be produced from the Kolwezi Tailings Project, and the provision of technical and other assistance by Umicore.

**Item 5.      Full Description of Material Change**

For a full description of the material change, see Schedule "A".

**Item 6.      Reliance on subsection 7.1(2) or (3) of National Instrument 51-102**

Not Applicable.

**Item 7.      Omitted Information**

Not Applicable.

**Item 8.        Executive Officer**

The following Senior Officer of the Company is available to answer questions regarding this report:

Tim Read  
President  
44-207-355-3552

**Item 9.        Date of Report**

Dated at Vancouver, BC, this 2nd day of September, 2004.

**ADASTRA MINERALS INC.**

Per:

*"Paul C. MacNeill"*

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## SCHEDULE “A”



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## **SIGNATURES**

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, thereunto duly authorized.

ADASTRA MINERALS INC.

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(Registrant)

Date September 2, 2004

By:

/s/ Paul C. MacNeill

Paul C. MacNeill  
Director