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# AVINO SILVER PRODUCES 96,254 OUNCES OF SILVER EQUIVALENT IN FEBRUARY 2014

**Avino Silver and Gold Mines Ltd. ("Avino" or "the Company")** is pleased to announce the February 2014 production results from its San Gonzalo mine and Avino Mine surface stockpile operations located on the Avino property near Durango, Mexico.

February production from the San Gonzalo Mine and Avino Mine surface stockpiles are presented below along with a comparison with January output from both areas:

	Days of Operation	Total Mill Feed (metric tonnes)	Feed Grade Silver (g/t)	Feed Grade Gold (g/t)	Recovery Silver (%)	Recovery Gold (%)	Total Silver Produced (oz) Calculated	Total Gold Produced (oz) Calculated	Total February Silver Eq. Produced (oz) Calculated	Total January Silver Eq. Produced (oz) Calculated	% Change	YTD Silver Eq. Produced Calculated
San Gonzalo (Circuit 1)	27	6,259	351	2.0	84	77	59,138	301	77,979	83,437	(7)%	161,416
Historic Above Ground Stock Piles (Circuit 2)	27	6,171	96	0.73	66	62	12,624	90	18,275	22,114	(17)%	40,389
		12,430					71,762	391	96,254	105,551	(9)%	201,805

Silver equivalent was calculated using a 62.5:1 ratio for silver to gold. Mill production figures have not been reconciled and are subject to adjustment with concentrate sales. Year-to-date and calculated figures may not add up due to rounding.

"We are pleased to report another month of consistent operations in February. Output was down marginally due to two fewer days in the month, however, Avino's daily average silver equivalent production was able to equal the output achieved in January, which was a record setting month. The San Gonzalo mine continues to demonstrate consistent grades and recoveries"

- David Wolfin, President, CEO & Director, Avino Silver & Gold Mines Ltd.

#### Circuit 1 - San Gonzalo

Comparative production numbers from January and February 2014 at San Gonzalo, as well as 2014 yearly totals are reported as follows:

	Feb 2014	Jan 2014	Monthly Change %	YTD SG
Total Mill Feed (dry tonnes)	6,259	6,509	(4)	12,768
Average Daily Throughput (tpd)	232	224	4	228
Days of Operation	27	29	(7)	56
Feed Grade Silver (g/t)	351	358	(2)	355
Feed Grade Gold (g/t)	2.0	2.0	0	2.0
Bulk Concentrate (dry tonnes)	193	235	(18)	427
Bulk Concentrate Grade Silver (kg/t)	9.5	8.4	13	8.9
Bulk Concentrate Grade Gold (g/t)	48.6	42.1	15	45
Recovery Silver (%)	84	85	(1)	84
Recovery Gold (%)	77	77	0	77
Mill Availability (%)	98.7	93.7	5	96.1
Total Silver Produced (kg)	1,839	1,978	(7)	3,817
Total Gold Produced (g)	9,376	9,882	(5)	19,258
Total Silver Produced (oz) calculated	59,138	63,580	(7)	122,718
Total Gold Produced (oz) calculated	301	318	(5)	619
Total Silver Equivalent Produced (oz)	77,979	83,437	(7)	161,416

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# **February Highlights**

- Silver Equivalent ounces produced in February were lower by 7% than that of January due mainly to two fewer operating days.
- Feed grades of silver and gold together with their respective recoveries were similar to those of January with little or no change.
- Total tonnage processed was lower by 4%, however daily throughput was higher due to higher plant availability.
- The quality of concentrate produced was also better resulting in fewer tons produced.

#### Circuit 2 – Avino Mine Stock Piles

Comparative production numbers from January and February 2014 from the Avino Mine stock pile operation, as well as 2014 yearly totals are reported as follows:

	Feb 2014	Jan 2014	% Change	YTD 2014
Total mill feed – (dry tonnes)	6,171	6,685	(8)	12,857
Days of Operation	27	29	(7)	56
Feed grade Silver - g/t	96	108	(11)	102
Feed grade Gold - g/t	0.73	0.77	(5)	0.75
Bulk concentrate – (dry tonnes)	53	77	(31)	130
Bulk Concentrate Grade Silver (kg/t)	7.48	6.35	18	6.81
Bulk Concentrate Grade Gold (g/t)	53.58	40.44	32	45.75
Recovery Silver (%)	66	68	(3)	67
Recovery Gold (%)	62	61	2	61
Mill availability (%)	96.4	95.1	1	95.7
Total Silver Produced (oz) calculated	12,624	15,818	(20)	28,442
Total Gold Produced (oz) calculated	90	101	(11)	191
Total Silver Eq. Produced (oz) calculated	18,275	22,114	(17)	40,389

Silver equivalent was calculated using a 62.5:1 ratio for silver to gold, Mill production figures have not been reconciled and are subject to adjustment with concentrate sales. Year-to-date and calculated figures may not add up due to rounding.

# **February Highlights**

- Silver and gold production was lower by 20% and 11% respectively to those of January.
- The lower production was due to two fewer operating days and lower feed grades.
- Total tonnage processed was lower by 8%.
- Silver and gold recoveries were relatively the same as those of January.
- The concentrate grade produced was higher and resulted in fewer tons produced for the month.

## **Quality Assurance/Quality Control**

Mill assays are performed at the mine's on-site lab. Check samples are verified by Inspectorate Labs in Reno, Nevada. San Gonzalo concentrate shipments are assayed at various certified Labs in Europe and also AH Knight in Manzanillo, Mexico. The Avino stockpile concentrate shipments are assayed at LSI in Rotterdam, Netherlands.

### Qualified Person(s)

Avino's projects are under the supervision of Chris Sampson, P.Eng, Avino Consultant and Jasman Yee P.Eng, Avino Director, who are both qualified persons within the context of National Instrument 43-101. Both have reviewed and approved the technical data in this news release.

#### **About Avino**

Avino is a silver and gold producer operating the Avino property located in Durango, Mexico. The Company's mission is to become the next mid-tier silver producer through profitable organic growth at the Avino property. We are committed to managing all business activities in an environmentally responsible and cost-effective manner while contributing to the well-being of the community in which we operate.

#### ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

"David Wolfin"

David Wolfin

President & CEO

Avino Silver & Gold Mines Ltd.

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