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## AVINO REPORTS SECOND QUARTER 2014 FINANCIAL RESULTS

Avino Silver & Gold Mines Ltd. (ASM: TSX.V, ASM: NYSE – MKT, GV6:FSE, “Avino” or “the Company”) is pleased to report its financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2014. All financial information, other than non-IFRS measures, is prepared in accordance with IFRS and all dollar amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars unless otherwise specified. The information in this news release should be read in conjunction with the Company's condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and associated management's discussion and analysis (“MD&A”) and the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013 and associated MD&A which are available on the Company's website at [www.avino.com](http://www.avino.com) and under the Company's profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

“Avino has delivered another strong quarter of financial results from mining operations. Our mine operating income and general and administrative expenses are consistent with the comparable quarter and consistent with our expectations. Avino has utilized its non-capital tax loss carry-forwards in Mexico and is now incurring current income tax expenses. We are pleased to support the economic health of our neighbouring communities in Mexico and look forward to continued positive relations while we move closer to completing the Avino Mine expansion,” stated Malcolm Davidson, CFO.

### Highlights of Second Quarter 2014 (Compared to Second Quarter 2013)

#### Financial

- Cash cost per AgEq ounce<sup>1</sup> was \$8.67 compared to \$9.66 in 2013
- Consolidated all-in sustaining cash cost per AgEq ounce<sup>1</sup> was \$12.02 compared to \$12.80 in 2013
- Revenues reported for the quarter were \$5,104,921 compared to \$4,951,952 in 2013, an increase of 3%
- Income from mine operations was \$2,311,928, a decrease of \$26,471 or 1%
- General and administrative expenses were \$966,319 compared to \$957,206 in 2013
- Earnings before income taxes was \$440,797 compared to \$1,532,301 in 2013
- Earnings (Loss) for the quarter was (\$87,097), a decrease of \$1,534,398 from 2013
- Earnings (Loss) per share, basic and diluted, was (\$0.00) compared to \$0.05 in 2013
- Average realized prices per ounce of silver and gold were US\$19.59 and US\$1,283 respectively for 2014 and US\$26.63 and US\$1,523 respectively for 2013
- Cash flows from operations before movements in working capital and income taxes were \$3.1 million for the first six months of 2014, compared to \$2.8 million for the corresponding period of the previous year
- Cash flow per share<sup>1</sup>, basic and diluted, was \$0.07 per share for the first six months of 2014, compared to \$0.10 per share for the corresponding period of the previous year

<sup>1</sup> Silver equivalent ounces sold (“AgEq ounce”) consists of the number of ounces of silver sold plus the number of ounces of gold sold multiplied by the ratio of the average spot gold price to the average spot silver price for the corresponding period. Please refer to the information under the heading “Non-IFRS Measures” of this news release for a discussion of cash cost per silver equivalent ounce, all-in sustaining cash cost per silver equivalent ounce, and cash flow per share.

\* For comparison purposes, a silver equivalent ratio of 62.5:1 for silver to gold has been used. Mill production figures have not been reconciled and are subject to adjustment with concentrate sales. Calculated figures may not add up due to rounding.

## **Operational**

- Silver production increased 27% to 223,183 oz
- Gold production increased 47% to 1,157 oz
- Silver equivalent production increased 32% to 295,531 oz\*
- Concentrate inventory available for sale at quarter-end was 65.7 and 97.0 dry metric tonnes from San Gonzalo and the Avino Mine stockpile operations respectively

"I'm pleased to report another solid quarter of stable silver and gold production. Cash costs continue to decrease and revenue increased even in light of weaker metals prices over the same period last year. This is good news for Avino shareholders and can be attributed to our excellent staff of well-trained managers, geologists, mining engineers, metallurgists and the rest of the operations team. The outlook to year-end looks robust as we anticipate bringing circuit number 3 online by the fourth quarter, effectively tripling mill capacity."

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

## **Financial Review**

The Company generated revenues of \$5,104,921 for the second quarter of 2014, a 3% increase compared the second quarter 2013. Although metals prices decreased significantly between the periods, the Company recorded a higher number of silver equivalent ounces sold as a result of improved grades and recoveries.

Earnings decreased \$1,534,398 for a loss of \$87,097 or (\$0.00) per share, compared to earnings of \$1,447,301 or \$0.05 per share during the second quarter of 2013. The decrease reflects significant increases in current and deferred taxes, and non-cash and non-operating charges for foreign exchange losses and fair value adjustments to the derivative warrant liability. Mine operating income was \$2,311,928, a decrease of \$26,471 or 1% from \$2,338,399 during the second quarter of 2013.

Cash flows from operations before movements in working capital and income taxes through the first half of 2014 totalled \$3.1 million, an increase of 11% over the \$2.8 million generated through the first half of 2013, reflecting higher mine operating income as a result of circuit 2 coming on line in the second quarter of 2013.

## **Operational Review**

Total silver equivalent production in the second quarter increased to 295,531 silver equivalent ounces\*, an increase of 32% compared to the second quarter of 2013. The production growth was primarily due to higher feed grades and recoveries at the San Gonzalo mine and higher tonnage processed, higher feed grade, and better silver recoveries at the Avino Mine stockpile operation.

The consolidated average silver equivalent feed grade for the second quarter was 255 g/t compared to 223 g/t during the second quarter of 2013, an increase of 14%.

Total ore processed during the second quarter was 40,052 dry tonnes compared to 36,269 during the second quarter of 2013, an increase of 10%.

## **Costs and Capital Expenditures**

Consolidated cash costs per AgEq ounce<sup>1</sup> in the second quarter were \$8.67, a 10% decrease from the second quarter of 2013. The reduction in cash costs are primarily attributed to an increase in silver equivalent ounces sold.

Consolidated all-in sustaining cash costs per AgEq ounce<sup>1</sup> during the second quarter were \$12.02 compared to \$12.80 in the second quarter of 2013, a decrease of 6%. The reduction in cost can be attributed primarily to an increase in silver equivalent ounces sold.

Capital expenditures year to date at the end of the second quarter were \$3.4 million compared to \$3.4 million as at the end of the second quarter of 2013.

Capital expenditures primarily relate to the Avino mine expansion, the process plant expansion for circuit 3, and equipment to advance operations at the San Gonzalo mine.

## **Mine Operations**

### ***San Gonzalo Mine***

A total of 241,600 silver equivalent ounces\* were produced by mill circuit 1 during the quarter. This represents an increase of 31% compared to the second quarter of 2013.

Cash costs were \$8.42 per AgEq ounce<sup>1</sup> compared to \$9.15 in the second quarter of 2013, a decrease of 8%. The reduction in cash costs primarily reflects the increase in silver equivalent ounces sold.

All-in sustaining cash costs in the second quarter were \$11.70 per AgEq ounce<sup>1</sup> compared to \$12.09 in the second quarter of 2013, a decrease of 3%.

### ***Avino Mine Stockpiles***

A total of 53,931 silver equivalent ounces\* were produced using circuit 2 during the quarter compared to 39,412 during the second quarter of 2013, an increase of 37%.

Cash costs were \$9.93 per Ag Eq ounce<sup>1</sup> during the quarter compared to \$13.52 during the second quarter of 2013, a decrease of 27%.

All-in sustaining cash costs during the quarter were \$13.56 per AgEq ounce<sup>1</sup> compared to \$18.15 during the second quarter 2013, a decrease of 25%. The decrease in cash costs and all-in sustaining cash costs was primarily due to the increase in silver equivalent ounces sold.

## **Non-IFRS Measures**

The financial results in this news release include references to cash flow per share, cash cost per silver equivalent ounce, and all-in sustaining cash cost per silver equivalent ounce, each of which are non-IFRS measures. Cash flow per share, cash cost per ounce, and all-in sustaining cash cost per ounce are measures developed by mining companies in an effort to provide a comparable standard of performance. However, there can be no assurance that our reporting of these non-IFRS measures is similar to that reported by other mining companies. Cash flow per share, cash cost per silver equivalent ounce, and all-in sustaining cash cost per silver equivalent ounce are measures used by the Company to manage and evaluate operating performance of the Company's mining operations, and are widely reported in the silver and gold mining industry as benchmarks for performance, but do not have standardized meanings prescribed by IFRS, and are disclosed in addition to the prescribed IFRS measures provided in the Company's financial statements and MD&A.

## **Conference Call**

Avino will be holding a conference call on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 10 am PST (1 pm EST).

To participate in the conference call, please dial the following:

Toll Free Canada & USA: 1-800-319-4610  
Outside of Canada & USA: 1-604-638-5340

No pass-code is necessary to participate in the conference call; participants will have the opportunity to ask questions during the Q&A portion of the call. Alternatively, participants can send questions via email to [ir@avino.com](mailto:ir@avino.com) on August 20, 2014, following the release of the financial results.

Participants should dial in 10 minutes prior to the conference.

The conference call will be recorded and the replay will be available on the Company's website within one hour following the conclusion of the call.

## Outlook

Avino's mission is to create shareholder value through profitable organic growth at the historic Avino property near Durango, Mexico, and the strategic acquisition of mineral exploration and mining properties. We are committed to managing all business activities in an environmentally responsible and cost-effective manner, while contributing to the well-being of the communities in which we operate.

Management remains focused on the following key objectives:

1. Maintain profitable mining operations while managing operating costs and improving efficiencies;
2. Advance the Avino Mine for mineral production, expand mill output from 500 to 1,500 TPD;
3. Proceed with the acquisition of Bralorne Gold Mines Ltd. and integrate Bralorne's operations into Avino's corporate structure;
4. Continue to explore regional targets on the Avino Property followed by other properties in our portfolio;
5. Assess the potential for processing the oxide tailings resource from previous milling operations (PEA issued in 2012).

## ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

*"David Wolfin"*

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President & CEO

Avino Silver & Gold Mines Ltd.

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