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AVINO Q1/MARCH PRODUCTION REPORT

Avino Silver and Gold Mines Ltd. (ASM: TSX.V, ASM: NYSE - MKT; “Avino” or “the Company”) is pleased to announce the following Q1 and March 2013 production results from its San Gonzalo mine operation located on the Avino property near Durango, Mexico.

Production numbers from Q1 2013 compared to Q4 2012 are presented below:

	Q4 2012	Q1 2013	% Change	
Total Mill Feed (dry tonnes)	19,539	19,723	0.9	
Average Daily Throughput (tpd)	222	229	3.1	
Days of Operation	88	86	(2.3)	
Feed Grade Silver (g/t)	259	309	19.3	1
Feed Grade Gold (g/t)	1.04	1.29	24.0	2
Bulk Concentrate (dry tonnes)	538	568	5.6	3
Bulk Concentrate Grade Silver (kg/t)	7.44	8.72	17.0	3
Bulk Concentrate Grade Gold (g/t)	26.3	31.4	19.3	
Recovery Silver (%)	79	81	2.5	
Recovery Gold (%)	70	70	0	
Mill Availability (%)	94.4	95.5	1.2	
Total Silver Produced (kg)	4,000	4,960	24.1	
Total Gold Produced (g)	14,161	17,875	26.2	
Total Silver Produced (oz) <i>calculated</i>	128,607	159,582	24.1	
Total Gold Produced (oz) <i>calculated</i>	455	574	26.2	
Total Silver Equivalent Produced (oz)	151,372	191,107	26.2	4

Silver equivalent for January through March was calculated using a 55:1 ratio for silver to gold. For the months of October, November and December, a 50:1 ratio was used in the calculation. (The ratio was changed to reflect more current gold and silver prices.) 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.

1. Feed grade for silver during Q1 2013 increased by 19.3% over Q4 2012

2. Feed grade for gold during Q1 2013 increased by 24% over Q4 2012
3. Bulk concentrate grades for silver and gold increased by 17% and 19.3% respectively during Q1 2013 as compared to Q4 2012
4. The above resulted in a 24.1% and 26.2% increase in silver and gold production respectively.

Production numbers from March and the first six months at San Gonzalo, as well as 2013 yearly totals are reported as follows:

	Oct 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2012	Jan 2013	Feb 2013	March 2013	Monthly Change %	YTD SG
Total Mill Feed (dry tonnes)	6,647	6,528	6,364	6,392	6,418	6,913	7.7	19,723
Average Daily Throughput (tpd)	214	218	235	228	229	230	0.4	229*
Days of Operation	31	30	27	28	28	30	7.1	86
Feed Grade Silver (g/t)	233	256	287	315	306	307	0.3	309*
Feed Grade Gold (g/t)	0.93	0.99	1.19	1.27	1.19	1.40	17.6	1.29*
Bulk Concentrate (dry tonnes)	180	177	181	197	166	206	24.0	569
Bulk Concentrate Grade Silver (kg/t)	7.04	7.37	7.90	8.32	9.43	8.52	(9.6)	8.72*
Bulk Concentrate Grade Gold (g/t)	25.0	25.4	28.6	29.1	30.4	34.5	13.5	31.4*
Recovery Silver (%)	82	78	78	81	80	83	3.8	81*
Recovery Gold (%)	72	69	68	70	66	73	10.6	70*
Mill Availability (%)	97.2	98.1	87.9	91.1	99.0	96.7	(2.3)	95.5*
Total Silver Produced (kg)	1,265	1,302	1,433	1,638	1,565	1,758	12.3	4,961
Total Gold Produced (g)	4,489	4,487	5,185	5,722	5,036	7,117	41.3	17,875
Total Silver Produced (oz) <i>calculated</i>	40,671	41,870	46,066	52,779	50,315	56,513	12.3	159,607
Total Gold Produced (oz) <i>calculated</i>	144	144	167	184	162	229	41.3	575
Total Silver Equivalent Produced (oz)	47,888	49,083	54,401	62,781	59,228	69,098	16.7	191,107

**Year to date average*

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March Highlights

- Total silver equivalent ounces in March increased by 16.7% over February.
- The increase was due to the higher tonnage processed, improved silver recovery of 83%, and the better gold feed grade of 1.4 g/t.
- Tonnage processed was higher than February because of 2 additional operational days.
- Silver concentrate grade was slightly lower in March and resulted in more tonnage of concentrate produced. However, the gold grade in the concentrate increased due to the higher gold grade in the feed and the improved gold recovery.
- During the month, two truckloads of concentrate were shipped and sold; the balance of the concentrate produced in March will be shipped in April.

- Stockpiled inventory near the crushing facility increased to an estimated 13,674 from 12,610 tonnes in March.

Processing Facility Update

Activation of circuit 2 (see news release dated March 04, 2013) is well underway. The new 250 tpd circuit is expected to be tested in mid-April and will initially be used to process existing historic Avino mine stock piles left on the surface during our previous operation prior to 2001.

Quality Assurance/Quality Control

Mill assays are performed at the lab onsite at the mine. Check samples are verified by SGS laboratory Services in Durango, Mexico. Concentrate shipments are assayed at AH Knight in Manzanillo, Mexico.

Qualified Person(s)

Avino's projects are under the supervision of Chris Sampson, P.Eng, BSc, ARSM Avino Consultant and Mr. 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

Founded in 1968, Avino's mission is to create shareholder value through profitable organic growth at the historic Avino property near Durango, Mexico. 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.

Avino's key goal is to become a significant low-cost primary silver producer with specific objectives to: 1) expand resources and reserves, 2) increase the mine's output, and 3) identify, explore and develop new targets on the property.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

"David Wolfin"

David Wolfin
President & CEO

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