

# NOTICE OF MEETING AND INFORMATION CIRCULAR

(Containing information as at May 17, 2022, unless otherwise specified)

## FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON

Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. (Vancouver time)

Suite 900 – 570 Granville Street Vancouver, B.C. V6C 3P1



May 10, 2022

Dear Fellow Shareholders,

We entered 2021 with a renewed sense of optimism and ambition to strengthen and commit to our position and growth in the silver mining sector. The pandemic persisted for a second year along with global uncertainties, and some barriers to operating and conducting business. However, as a company, we learned together, strategized, and adopted new ideas with resilience in mind. During the year, Avino made important advancements in several key areas. The progress made on capital projects throughout the year will be instrumental in shaping future growth. Through building back our workforce, construction of the dry-stack tailings facility, and the acquisition of La Preciosa, we have laid further groundwork on the path towards achieving our goals of intermediate producer status.

The entire Avino team that spans Mexico, Canada and the US committed to our shared culture of discipline, flexibility and teamwork and continued to seek initiatives that truly made us stronger as a Company.

2021 was a busy and exciting year with many highlights to touch on. We updated our mineral resource estimate for the Avino property which showed an increase of 145% in silver equivalent ounces to 116.5 million ounces and included 52.1 million silver ounces, 116,000 copper tonnes, and 486,000 gold ounces The updated mineral resource together with the mineral resources from the recently acquired La Preciosa property provides Avino with a robust long-term outlook.

Speaking of La Preciosa, the announcement of this acquisition was one of the most exciting highlights of 2021 for me. It advances Avino's long term goal of expanding operations by adding a development stage mineral property to our growth profile and is aligned with our goal of achieving intermediate producer status in the next few years. The transaction closed in March 2022, and we couldn't be more thrilled with this major milestone for Avino and the addition of 113 million silver equivalent ounces of indicated mineral resources, as well as 24 million silver equivalent ozs of inferred mineral resources. The acquisition grows our large silver resource base to 290 million silver equivalent ounces.

Another highlight during the year, included an ambitious drill program which was increased from 12,000 to just over 30,000 metres, showing confidence in targets on the property. The objectives of the drill program are to locate new mineralized zones within the property and to confirm continuity of mineralization in the current Avino ET production area, on strike to the East & West & below Level 17, the lowest developed level of the mine. We also embarked on drilling of the Tailings Storage Facility #1 (the Oxide Reprocessing Project) to follow up from the 2017 PEA (Preliminary Economic Assessment) recommendations to infill drill the entire area, which was not possible while the storage facility was active. The mine closure during much of 2020 and 2021 allowed the opportunity to carry out the drill program. This program consisted of 110 holes adding to the 57 holes that were drilled in 2015 and 2016. The samples are currently being prepared for metallurgical test work that will form part of the Pre-Feasibility Study. We are absolutely thrilled with the results to date, they have exceeded our expectations.

Another important project that is ongoing at the mine site is Digital Transformation. The idea is to transform communication and processes that should help to reduce costs by streamlining work processes and providing insights at site that will improve efficiencies. Data will be accessed faster which will help with productivity and monitoring for any safety issues. Operations management, the finance team and the executive team will be able to monitor site activity remotely and communicate instantly any risks or changes

that need to take place.

A major highpoint of the year was the restart of operations at the Avino Mine which occurred in August, and from that quarter, we generated positive earnings of US\$2.6 million. The team in Mexico worked diligently as they prepared the mine-site for commencement of operational activities, which included hiring mine personnel and re-establishing the mill circuits. During operational closure, there were a number of upgrades made to improve recoveries at the mill. As one of the main employers in the area, the restart of operations has played a critical role for the local communities, and it was important to bring a local workforce back. We have trained and hired several female workers for important positions from underground heavy equipment operators to on surface operational jobs.

In line with our strategic plans the Company recently divested of a non-core property which positions management to focused on developing and building Avino by using one management team and maintaining competitive costs while planning to grow our output over the next several years.

As a public company, we are committed to our shareholders and strive to bring value not only in the short term but for future value as well, and as we have made strides to propel the company to intermediate status, we are also extremely pleased to have eliminated our debt during the year and in addition ended the year with a strong balance sheet.

Last year we stated our objective of adopting an inclusive ESG strategy, and we are seeing great progress and are currently working towards making a stronger social responsibility impact. We will endeavor to set environmental and social performance objectives that are relevant and will result in tangible actions. Our goal is to respect our investors' objectives and provide even greater attention to our communities and their needs. Through the acquisition of La Preciosa with Coeur Mining we have retained the services of several key people including but not limited to a dedicated senior level fulltime ESG Manager to inform local communities on related issues, and a senior level Geologist to oversee the exploration and development at La Preciosa.

Initial mine planning for La Preciosa is well underway with the target of starting surface operations in Q1 2023.

We continue to believe that the outlook for silver is positive, and that silver demand should see solid growth from 2022 onwards and will be driven by record silver industrial fabrication, increase in green technology, and investment demand for physical silver.

All of this bodes well for the silver miners and their shareholders – the best leverage to metals is owing producers, such as Avino.

I wanted to take this opportunity to express my heartful thank you to Gary Robertson, who has announced his retirement as Avino's Chairman of the Board of Directors. He was appointed to the Board of Directors in August 2005, and as Chairman in June 2010. Gary has been a mentor and friend for many years, and his dedication to the Avino group has been steadfast. Gary's leadership and collaboration on the board will be greatly missed, and I am deeply grateful for the important, meaningful, and significant contributions he has made. The entire team at Avino will miss his expertise, conversations and insights, and we wish Gary and his family all the best following his retirement.

As we enter our 54<sup>th</sup> year, we are driven by the highlighted events and developments of 2021 with an energetic approach and positive outlook. Avino's longevity demonstrates a commitment to maintaining our mission, vision and values. We are developing a growth strategy from junior producer to intermediate status within 5 years! We thank you for your ongoing support and confidence as we continue to build shareholder value at Avino Silver & Gold Mines Ltd.

Sincerely,

## AVINO SILVER & GOLD MINES LTD.

*s/ "David Wolfin"* DAVID WOLFIN, President and Chief Executive Officer



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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TAKE NOTICE that the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of Avino Silver & Gold Mines Ltd. (hereinafter called the "**Company**") will be held at Suite 900 – 570 Granville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 3P1 on **Tuesday, June 21, 2022,** at **10:00 a.m.** (Vancouver time) for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive the Report of the Directors;
- 2. To receive the financial statements of the Company for its fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 and the report of the Auditors thereon;
- 3. To appoint Auditors for the ensuing year and to authorize the Directors to fix their remuneration;
- 4. To determine the number of directors and to elect directors; and
- 5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Accompanying this Notice are Information Circular dated May 17, 2022, Form of Proxy, and a Request Form to receive annual and interim financial statements and management discussion and analysis. The accompanying Information Circular provides information relating to the matters to be addressed at the meeting and is incorporated into this Notice.

Shareholders are entitled to vote at the Meeting either in person or by proxy in accordance with the procedures described in the Information Circular accompanying this Notice. Those who are unable to attend the meeting are requested to read, complete, sign, and mail the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions set out in the proxy and in the Information Circular accompanying this Notice.

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia, this 17th day of May, 2022.

## BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<u>s/ "David Wolfin"</u> David Wolfin President & Chief Executive Officer



## **INFORMATION CIRCULAR**

#### AS AT AND DATED MAY 17, 2022

This Information Circular accompanies the Notice of the 2022 Annual General Meeting (the "**Meeting**") of shareholders of Avino Silver & Gold Mines Ltd. (hereinafter called the "**Company**") and is furnished in connection with a solicitation of proxies for use at that Meeting and at any adjournment thereof.

### APPOINTMENT OF PROXYHOLDERS AND COMPLETION AND REVOCATION OF PROXIES

The purpose of a proxy is to designate persons who will vote the proxy on a shareholder's behalf in accordance with the instructions given by the Shareholder in the proxy. The persons named in the enclosed proxy (the "**Management Designees**") have been selected by the directors of the Company.

A shareholder has the right to designate a person (who need not be a shareholder), other than the Management Designees to represent the shareholder at the Meeting. Such right may be exercised by inserting in the space provided for that purpose on the proxy the name of the person to be designated, and by deleting from the proxy the names of the Management Designees, or by completing another proper form of proxy and delivering the same to the transfer agent of the Company. Such registered shareholder should notify the nominee of the appointment, obtain the nominee's consent to act as proxyholder and attend the Meeting, and provide instructions on how the shareholder's shares are to be voted. The nominee should bring personal identification with them to the Meeting.

To be valid, the proxy must be dated and executed by the registered shareholder or an attorney authorized in writing, with proof of such authorization attached (where an attorney executed the proxy). The proxy must then be delivered to the Company's registrar and transfer agent, Computershare Investor Services Inc., Proxy Department, 100 University Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2Y1, or at the head office of the Company at Suite 900 - 570 Granville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 3P1, at least 48 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, before the time of the Meeting or any adjournment thereof. Proxies received after that time may be accepted by the Chairman of the Meeting in the Chairman's discretion, but the Chairman is under no obligation to accept late proxies.

Any registered shareholder who has returned a proxy may revoke it at any time before it has been exercised. A proxy may be revoked by a registered shareholder personally attending at the Meeting and voting their shares. A shareholder may also revoke their proxy in respect of any matter upon which a vote has not already been cast by depositing an instrument in writing, including a proxy bearing a later date executed by the registered shareholder or by their authorized attorney in writing, or, if the shareholder is a corporation, under its corporate seal by an officer or attorney thereof duly authorized, either at the office of the Company's registrar and transfer agent at the foregoing address or the head office of the Company at the foregoing address, at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the date of the Meeting, or any adjournment thereof at which the proxy is to be used, or by depositing the instrument in writing with the Chairman of such Meeting, or any adjournment thereof.

Only registered shareholders have the right to revoke a proxy. Non-registered Shareholders should follow the instructions provided to them by their intermediary.

#### PERSONS OR COMPANIES MAKING THE SOLICITATION

## THE ENCLOSED PROXY IS BEING SOLICITED BY MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPANY

Although it is expected that the solicitation of proxies will be primarily by mail, proxies may also be solicited by electronic delivery where requested by the Shareholders, as well as personally or by telephone by directors, officers, employees or consultants of the Company.

Arrangements will also be made with clearing agencies, brokerage houses and other financial intermediaries to forward proxy solicitation material to the beneficial owners of common shares of the Company ("**Common shares**") pursuant to the requirements of National Instrument 54-101 - *Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer* ("**National Instrument 54-101**").

The cost of solicitation will be borne by the Company. The Company may reimburse shareholders' nominees or agents (including brokers holding shares on behalf of clients) for the cost incurred in obtaining from their principals authorization to execute forms of proxy. No solicitation will be made by specifically engaged employees or soliciting agents. Unless otherwise stated, the information contained in this Information Circular is given as at **May 17, 2022**.

The Canadian securities regulators have adopted new rules under National Instrument 54-101 which permit the use of notice-and-access for proxy solicitation, instead of the traditional physical delivery of material. This new process provides the option to post meeting related materials, including management information circulars, as well as annual financial statements, and related management's discussion and analysis, on a website in addition to SEDAR. Under notice-and-access, such meeting related materials will be available for viewing for up to one (1) year from the date of posting, and a paper copy of the material can be requested at any time during this period. The Company is not relying on the notice-and-access provisions of National Instrument 54-101 to send proxy related materials to registered shareholders or beneficial owners of shares in connection with the Meeting.

## **VOTING OF PROXIES**

Each shareholder may instruct their proxyholder how to vote their Common shares by completing the blanks on the proxy. All Common shares represented at the Meeting by properly executed proxies will be voted or withheld from voting when a poll is required or requested and, where a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon has been specified in the form of proxy, the Common shares represented by the proxy will be voted in accordance with such specification. *In the absence of any such specification as to voting on the proxy, the Management Designees, if named as proxyholder, will vote in favour of the matters set out therein.* 

The enclosed proxy confers discretionary authority upon the Management Designees, or other person named as proxyholder, with respect to amendments to or variations of matters identified in the Notice of Meeting and any other matters which may properly come before the Meeting. As of the date hereof, the Company is not aware of any amendments to, variations of or other matters which may come before the Meeting. If other matters properly come before the Meeting, then the Management Designees intend to vote in a manner which in their judgment is in the best interests of the Company.

In order to approve a motion proposed at the Meeting, a majority of greater than 50% of the votes cast will be required (an "**ordinary resolution**"), unless the motion requires a "**special resolution**" in which case a majority of 66 2/3% of the votes cast will be required.

#### VOTING SHARES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS THEREOF

The Company is authorized to issue unlimited Common shares without par value. There is one class of shares only. There are issued and outstanding Common shares. At a general meeting of the Company, on a show of hands, every shareholder present in person and entitled to vote and every proxy holder duly appointed by a holder of a share who would have been entitled to vote shall have one vote and on a poll, every shareholder present in person or represented by proxy shall have one vote for each share of which such shareholder is the registered holder.

To the knowledge of the directors and senior officers of the Company, no person or company beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, or exercises control or direction over, voting securities carrying more than 10% of the outstanding voting rights of the Company.

The Articles of the Company provide that a quorum for the transaction of business at the Meeting is two (2) shareholders, or one or more proxyholders representing two shareholders, or one shareholder and a proxyholder representing another shareholder.

The directors have determined that all shareholders of record as of May 17, 2022, will be entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Meeting. Those shareholders so desiring may be represented by proxy at the Meeting.

Voting Methods			
	Internet	<b>Telephone or Fax</b>	Mail
<b>Registered Shareholders</b> Common Shares held in own name and represented by a physical certificate or DRS.	Vote online at www.investorvote.com	Telephone: 1-866-732-8683 Fax: 1-866-249-7775	Return the form of proxy in the enclosed postage paid envelope.
Non-Registered Shareholders Common Shares held with a broker, bank or other intermediary.	Vote online at <u>www.proxyvote.com</u>	Call or fax to the number(s) listed on your voting instruction form.	Return the voting instruction form in the enclosed postage paid envelope.

## **REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS**

Registered Shareholders may wish to vote by proxy whether or not they are able to attend the Meeting in person. Registered Shareholders who wish to submit a proxy may choose one of the following methods:

- (a) complete, date and sign the enclosed Proxy and return it to the Company's transfer agent, Computershare Investor Services Inc. ("**Computershare**"), by fax within North America to 1-866-249-7775, by fax outside North America to 416-263-9524, by mail or by hand to the 8th Floor, 100 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5J 2Y1, or by hand delivery to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 510 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6C 3B9; or
- (b) call the toll-free number, 1-866-732-VOTE (8683) if you are in Canada or the United States. If you are not in Canada or the United States, you should call the direct phone number shown on your proxy form. To vote by phone, simply refer to your 15-digit control number (shown on your proxy form) and follow the instructions.; or
- (c) log onto the internet website of Computershare at <u>www.investorvote.com</u>. Refer to your 15-

digit control number (shown on your proxy form) and follow the online voting instructions.

Registered Shareholders must ensure the Proxy is received at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before the Meeting or any adjournment thereof. Late proxies may be accepted or rejected by the Chairperson of the Meeting (the "**Chair**"), in his or her discretion. However, the Chair is under no obligation to accept or reject any particular late proxy. The Chair may waive this time limit for receipt of proxies without notice.

### **BENEFICIAL HOLDERS**

Only registered shareholders or duly appointed proxy-holders are permitted to vote at the Meeting. Most shareholders of the Company are "non-registered" or "beneficial" shareholders because the shares they own are not registered in their names, but are instead registered in the name of the brokerage firm, bank or trust company through which they purchased the shares. More particularly, a person is not a registered shareholder in respect of shares which are held on behalf of that person (the "Beneficial Holder") but which are registered either: (a) in the name of an intermediary (an "Intermediary") that the Beneficial Holder deals with in respect of the shares (Intermediaries include, among others, banks, trust companies, securities dealers or brokers and trustees or administrators of self-administered RRSP's, RRIF's, RESPs and similar plans); or (b) in the name of a clearing agency (such as The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited ("CDS")) of which the Intermediary is a participant. In accordance with the requirements of National Instrument 54-101 of the Canadian Securities Administrators, the Company has distributed copies of the Notice of Meeting, this Information Circular and the Proxy (collectively, the "Meeting Materials") directly, and to the clearing agencies and Intermediaries for onward distribution to Beneficial Holders. These securityholder materials are being set to both registered and non-registered owners of the securities. If you are a non-registered owner, and the issuer or its agent has sent these materials directly to you, your name and address and information about your holdings of securities, have been obtained in accordance with applicable securities regulatory requirements from the Intermediary holding on your behalf.

Intermediaries are required to forward the Meeting Materials to Beneficial Holders unless a Beneficial Holder has waived the right to receive them. Very often, Intermediaries will use service companies to forward the Meeting Materials to Beneficial Holders. Generally, Beneficial Holders who have not waived the right to receive Meeting Materials will either:

- (a) be given a form of proxy which has already been signed by the Intermediary (typically by a facsimile, stamped signature), which is restricted as to the number of shares beneficially owned by the Beneficial Holder but which is otherwise not completed. Because the Intermediary has already signed the form of proxy, this form of proxy is not required to be signed by the Beneficial Holder when submitting the proxy. In this case, the Beneficial Holder who wishes to submit a proxy should otherwise properly complete the form of proxy and deposit it with the Company's transfer agent as provided above; or
- (b) more typically, be given a voting instruction form **which is not signed by the Intermediary**, and which, when properly completed and signed by the Beneficial Holder and **returned to the Intermediary or its service company**, will constitute voting instructions (often called a "proxy authorization form") which the Intermediary must follow. Typically, the proxy authorization form will consist of a one page pre-printed form. Sometimes, instead of the one page pre-printed form, the proxy authorization form will consist of a regular printed proxy form accompanied by a page of instructions which contains a removable label containing a bar-code and other information. In order for the form of proxy to validly constitute a proxy authorization form, the Beneficial Holder must remove the label from the instructions and affix it to the form of proxy, properly complete and sign the form of proxy and return it to the Intermediary or its service company in accordance with the instructions of the Intermediary or its service company.

In either case, the purpose of this procedure is to permit Beneficial Holders to direct the voting of the shares which they beneficially own. Should a Beneficial Holder who receives one of the above forms wish to vote at the Meeting in person, the Beneficial Holder should strike out the names of the Management Proxy-holders named in the form and insert the Beneficial Holder's name in the blank space provided. *In either case, Beneficial Holders should carefully follow the instructions of their Intermediary, including those regarding when and where the proxy or proxy authorization form is to be delivered.* 

Additionally, there are two kinds of Beneficial Shareholders: (i) those who object to their name being made known to the issuers of securities which they own, known as objecting beneficial owners or "OBOs"; and (ii) those who do not object to their name being made known to the issuers of securities which they own, known as non-objecting beneficial owners or "NOBOs".

## PARTICULARS OF MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMPANY'S DIRECTORS, THE ONLY MATTERS TO BE PLACED BEFORE THE MEETING ARE THOSE REFERRED TO IN THE NOTICE OF MEETING ACCOMPANYING THIS INFORMATION CIRCULAR. HOWEVER, SHOULD ANY OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING; THE SHARES REPRESENTED BY THE PROXY SOLICITED HEREBY WILL BE VOTED ON SUCH MATTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BEST JUDGMENT OF THE PERSONS VOTING THE SHARES REPRESENTED BY THE PROXY.

Additional detail regarding each of the matters to be acted upon at the Meeting is set forth below.

#### **Financial Statements**

The audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2021, (the "**Financial Statements**"), together with the Auditors' Report thereon, will be presented to the shareholders at the Meeting. Shareholders should note that in accordance with the rules of National Instrument 51-102 "*Continuous Disclosure Obligations*", shareholders will no longer automatically receive copies of financial statements unless a card (*in the form enclosed herewith*) has been completed and returned as instructed. Copies of all previously issued annual and quarterly financial statements and related Management Discussions and Analysis are available to the public on the SEDAR website at <u>www.sedar.com</u> and on the Company's website at <u>www.avino.com</u>. Hard copies of the Audited Annual Financial Statements and Management Discussion and Analysis will be available to shareholders free of charge upon request.

## **Appointment of Auditors**

Management proposes the appointment of Manning Elliott LLP, as Auditors of the Company for the ensuing year and that the directors be authorized to fix their remuneration. Manning Elliott, Chartered Professional Accountants have been the Company's Auditors since January 15, 2007.

In the absence of instructions to the contrary the shares represented by proxy will be voted in favour of a resolution to appoint Manning Elliott LLP, as Auditors of the Company for the ensuing year, at a remuneration to be fixed by the Board of Directors, unless the Shareholder has specified in the Shareholder's proxy that the Shareholder's Common shares are to be withheld from voting on the appointment of auditors.

## **Election of Directors**

Each director of the Company is elected annually and holds office until the next Annual General Meeting of the shareholders unless that person ceases to be a director before then. All of the current directors of the Company will be standing for re-election, except for Gary Robertson, who is retiring on May 21, 2022. It is

proposed that the number of directors for the ensuing year be fixed at four (4) subject to such increases as may be permitted by the Articles of the Company. At the Meeting, the Shareholders will be asked to consider and, if thought fit, approve an ordinary resolution fixing the number of directors to be elected at the Meeting at four (4).

It is proposed that the persons named below will be nominated at the Meeting. Each director elected will hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of the Company or until his successor is duly elected or appointed pursuant to the Articles of the Company unless his office is earlier vacated in accordance with the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) or the Company's Articles.

## It is the intention of the Management designees, if named as proxy, to vote for the election of the said persons to the Board of Directors, unless the Shareholder has specified in its proxy that its Common shares are to be withheld from voting on the election of directors.

The Management nominees for the Board of Directors and information concerning them as furnished by the individual nominees are as follows:

Name, Present Office Held and Province or State of Residency	Director Since	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned, Directly or Indirectly, or over which Control or Direction is Exercised at the Date of this Information Circular <sup>(5)</sup>	Principal Occupation and if not at present an elected director, occupation during the past five <sup>(5)</sup> years <sup>(4)</sup>
Ronald Andrews <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup> ID, USA Director	May 2019	160,000 (Directly)	Owner and operator of Andrews Orchards, President of West Wind Property Inc., and Director of Coral Gold Resources Ltd. from January 2010 to November 2020
Peter Bojtos <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup> Colorado, USA Director	June 2018	113,000 (Directly)	Professional Engineer with over 50 years of worldwide experience in the mining industry
David Wolfin BC, Canada President, CEO and Director	October 1995	27,510 (Directly) 2,410,738 (Indirectly)	Mining Executive; Officer and/or Director of several reporting issuers.
Jasman Yee <sup>(3)</sup> BC, Canada Director	January 2011	386,520 (Directly)	Professional Engineer and Metallurgist

<sup>(1)</sup> Member of the Audit Committee.

<sup>(2)</sup> Member of the Compensation Committee.

<sup>(3)</sup> Member of the Governance & Nominating Committee

<sup>(4)</sup> The information is not within the knowledge of the Management of the Company and has been furnished by the respective nominees.

<sup>(5)</sup> The number of Common Shares beneficially owned, or controlled or directed, directly or indirectly by the above nominees for directors, is based on the information obtained from The System for Electronic Disclosure by Insiders ("SEDI").

All of the nominees are residents of Canada, except for Ronald Andrews and Peter Bojtos, who reside in the United States. The Company has an Audit Committee, Governance & Nominating Committee, and Compensation Committee, the members of which are set out above.

## **Majority Voting Policy**

On February 14, 2017, the Board adopted a majority voting policy (the "Majority Voting Policy") with

immediate effect. A copy of the Majority Voting Policy is also available on the Company's website at <u>www.avino.com</u>.

The Majority Voting Policy requires that any nominee for director who receives a greater number of votes "withheld" than "for" his or her election, in an uncontested election, shall promptly tender his or her resignation to the Chairman of the Board. The Governance and Nominating Committee and Compensation Committee will make a recommendation to the Board after reviewing the matter, and the Board will decide to accept or reject the resignation offer. The Board's decision to accept or reject the resignation offer will be disclosed to the public within 90 days of the date of the applicable Meeting, together with the voting results of each director. The Company will promptly issue a news release with the Board's decision to accept or reject a director's resignation, a copy of which must be provided to the stock exchange. If the Board determines to not accept a resignation, the news release must fully state the reasons for that decision. Resignation offers must be accepted by the Board, except in situations where exceptional circumstances would warrant the applicable director to continue to serve as a member of the Board (such as, for example and without limitation, where such resignation would place the Company in breach of or non-compliance with corporate or securities legislation, or commercial agreements entered into by the Company). The nominee director in question will not participate in any committee or Board deliberations. This Policy shall be interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the federal laws of Canada.

Each of the current directors has agreed to abide by the provisions of the Majority Voting Policy and any subsequent candidate nominated by management will, as a condition of such nomination, be required to abide by the Majority Voting Policy. In the event that any director who received a majority of votes "withheld" does not tender his or her resignation in accordance with the Majority Voting Policy, he or she will not be re-nominated by the Board.

## Corporate Cease Trade Orders or Bankruptcies

Except as disclosed below, to the knowledge of the Company, no director or proposed director of the Company is, or has, within the ten years prior to the date of this Circular, been a director or executive officer of any company, including the Company, that while that person was acting in that capacity:

- (a) was the subject of a cease trade order or similar order or an order that denied the company access to any exemption under securities legislation for a period of more than 30 consecutive days; or
- (b) was subject to an event that resulted, after the director ceased to be a director or executive officer of the company being the subject of a cease trade order or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, for a period of more than 30 consecutive days; or
- (c) within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets.

On August 29, 2018, Deloitte Restructuring Inc. was made the Court-appointed receiver of Sage Gold Inc. of which Peter Bojtos is a director, pursuant to Section 243(1) of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (*Canada*) and Section 101 of the *Courts of Justice Act* (the "**Receiver**"). The Ontario Superior Court of Justice approved a Sales and Investor Solicitation Procedure to the Receiver to conduct the sale of all or substantially all of the property assets and undertakings of Sage Gold Inc. Mr. Bojtos' directorship with Sage Gold Inc. ceased on March 22, 2019.

## Individual Bankruptcies

To the knowledge of the Company, no director or proposed director of the Company has, within the ten years prior to the date of this Circular, become bankrupt or made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or been subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of that individual.

### **Penalties or Sanctions**

To the knowledge of the Company, no proposed director of the Company has been subject to any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority, or has been subject to any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable securityholder in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director.

## STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

For purposes of this Statement of Executive Compensation, "named executive officer" of the Company means an individual who, at any time during the year, was:

- (a) the Company's chief executive officer ("**CEO**");
- (b) the Company's chief financial officer ("**CFO**");
- (c) each of the Company's three most highly compensated executive officers, other than the CEO and CFO, who were serving as executive officers as at the end of the most recently completed financial year and whose total compensation exceeded \$150,000; and
- (d) any additional individuals for whom disclosure would have been provided under (c) except that the individuals was not serving as an officer of the Company, nor acting in a similar capacity, at the end of the most recently completed financial year;

each a "Named Executive Officer" ("NEO").

For the financial year ended December 31, 2021, the Named Executive Officers of the Company were:

- David Wolfin, President and CEO
- Nathan Harte, CFO
- J.C. Rodríguez, COO, Chief Operating Officer
- Peter Latta, VP Technical Services

## **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

The executive compensation program is comprised of fixed and variable elements of compensation; base salary, discretionary bonus, and equity based incentive award in the form of stock options and Restricted Share Units ("**RSUs**") to its executive officers. The Company recognizes the need to provide a compensation package that will attract and retain qualified and experienced executives, as well as align the compensation level of each executive to that executive's level of responsibility. The three components of the compensation package are included to enable the Company to meet different objectives.

The objectives of base salary are to recognize market pay and acknowledge the competencies and skills of individuals. The objective of discretionary bonuses (paid in the form of cash payments) is to add a variable component of compensation to recognize corporate and individual performances for executive officers and employees and may or may not be awarded in any financial year. The discretionary bonuses are short-term

incentives. The objectives of equity based incentive award are to align the interest of executive officers with that of Shareholders by encouraging equity ownership through awards of stock options and RSUs, to motivate executive and other key employees to contribute and increase in corporate performance and shareholder value, and to attract talented individuals and reward achievement of long-term financial and operating performance and focus on key activities and achievements critical to the ongoing success of the Company. Implementation of incentive stock options and RSUs plans and amendments thereto are the responsibility of the Company's Compensation Committee.

The compensation of the executive officers is reviewed and recommended for Board approval by the Company's Compensation Committee. Although the Board has not formally evaluated the risks associated with the Company's compensation policies and practices, the Board has no reason to believe that any risks that arise from the Company's compensation policies and practices are reasonably likely to have a material impact on the Company.

The members of the Compensation Committee are Peter Bojtos (Chair) and Ronald Andrews, all of whom are independent, applying the definition set out in Section 1.4 of NI 52-110. See "*Corporate Governance – Compensation Committee*" for a discussion of the role and responsibilities of the Compensation Committee.

The general objectives of the Company's compensation strategy are to:

- (a) compensate management in a manner that encourages and rewards a high level of performance and outstanding results with a view to increasing long term shareholder value;
- (b) align management's interests with the long-term interests of shareholders;
- (c) provide a compensation package that is commensurate with other comparable companies to enable the Company to attract and retain talent; and
- (d) ensure that the total compensation package is designed in a manner that takes into account the Company's present stage of exploration, evaluation, extraction, and processing activities and its available financial resources. The Company's compensation packages have been designed to provide a blend of a non-cash stock option component and a reasonable salary. In addition, extraordinary efforts which enhance shareholder value are rewarded with cash bonuses.

Other than discussed above, the Company has no other forms of compensation. Payments may be made from time to time to individuals or companies that they control for the provision of consulting services which may be deemed a form of compensation. Such consulting services are paid for by the Company at competitive industry rates for work of a similar nature by reputable arm's length services providers.

In performing its duties, the Board has considered the implications of risks associated with the Company's compensation policies and practices. At its early stage of development and considering its current compensation policies, the Company has no compensation policies or practices that would encourage an executive officer or other individual to take inappropriate or excessive risks. An NEO or director is permitted for his or her own benefit and at his or her own financial risk, to purchase financial instruments, including, for greater certainty, prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars or units or exchange funds, that are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in the market value of equity securities granted as compensation or held, directly or indirectly, by the NEO or director.

Actual compensation will vary based on the performance of the executives relative to the achievement of goals and the price of the Company's securities.

Compensation Element	Description	Compensation Objectives
Annual Base Salary	Salary is market-competitive, fixed level of compensation	Retain qualified leaders, motivate strong business performance
Incentive Bonuses	Discretionary cash payment	Reward individual performance in achieving corporate goals
Equity Based Incentive Awards	Equity-based incentive awards are made in the form of incentive stock options and Restricted Share Units. The amount of each grant will be dependent on individual and corporate performance.	Reward long-term financial and operating performance and align interests of key employees with those of shareholders

The Company relies on the discretion and judgment of the directors in establishing and amending contracts for all forms of compensation, including stock options and RSUs to be granted to the CEO and the directors, and for reviewing the CEO's recommendations respecting compensation of the other officers of the Company, to ensure such arrangements reflect the responsibilities and risks associated with each position. There is no formal process using objectives, criteria, or analysis, for determining compensation. However, the Compensation Committee considers a number of key factors (including cash cost per ounce of silver equivalent, all-in sustaining cost per ounce of silver equivalent, operating margin and net income, share price relative to a competitive set of silver producers, safety and environmental issues, changes in amounts and categories of reserves and resources, total silver equivalent ounces produced and sold, investor and community relations, exploration results, financings, etc.), and considers these in comparison to other similar silver producers (that have comparable market capitalizations, revenues, and total assets). When determining the compensation of its officers, the Compensation Committee and the Board are guided by the general objectives of the Company's compensation strategy as set out above.

## Performance Graph

The following graph compares the yearly change in the cumulative total Shareholder return over the five most recently completed financial years, assuming a \$100 investment in the Common Shares on December 31, 2016 against the return of the S&P/TSX Composite Index. The Company did not pay any dividends during this period.

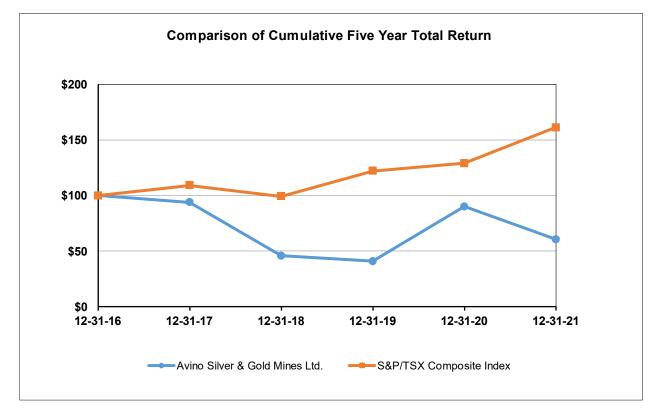
As discussed above, compensation for the Company's Named Executive Officers is comprised of different elements. These include elements relating to factors that do not directly correlate to the market price of the Common Shares, such as base salary, as well as elements that more closely correlate to the Company's performance and financial condition, such as discretionary cash bonus and equity-based incentive awards. The elements of executive compensation are designed to attract and retain top quality executives to manage and grow the business through both adverse and favourable economic cycles. Stock options form an important component of the compensation package offered to attract qualified individuals to a position and the number of stock options granted varies with the position level.

## Total Return To Shareholders (Includes reinvestment of dividends)

## ANNUAL RETURN PERCENTAGE Years Ending

Company / Index	12-31-17	12-31-18	12-31-19	12-31-20	12-31-21
Avino Silver & Gold Mines Ltd.	-6.01	-51.16	-10.71	120.00	-32.73
S&P/TSX Composite Index	9.10	-8.89	22.88	5.60	25.09

	INDEXED RETURNS					
	Base Period					
Company / Index	12-31-16	12-31-17	12-31-18	12-31-19	12-31-20	12-31-21
Avino Silver & Gold Mines Ltd. S&P/TSX Composite Index	\$100 \$100	\$93.99 \$109.10	\$45.90 \$99.40	\$40.98 \$122.14	\$90.16 \$128.98	\$60.66 \$161.34



## **Summary Compensation Table**

The following table sets forth particulars concerning the compensation paid or accrued for services rendered to the Company in all capacities during the last three most recently completed financial years ended December 31, 2021 of the Company to its NEOs:

Name and principal position	Year	Salary (\$)	Share- based awards (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Option- based awards (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Non-equity incentive plan compensation (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	Pension value (\$) <sup>(4)</sup>	All other compensation (\$) <sup>(5)</sup>	Total compensation (\$)
David Wolfin <sup>(6) (8)</sup>	2021	239,292	303,721	66,312	NIL	NIL	NIL	609,325
President, CEO and Director	2020	223,680	361,117	137,090	NIL	NIL	NIL	731,887
Director	2019	226,108	336,177	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	562,285
Nathan Harte <sup>(8)</sup>	2021	121,279	103,187	33,156	NIL	NIL	NIL	257,622
CFO	2020	73,557	68,086	73,338	NIL	NIL	NIL	214,981
	2019	58,865	21,396	19,429	NIL	NIL	NIL	99,690
J.C. Rodríguez <sup>(7)</sup>	2021	211,679	174,069	44,208	NIL	NIL	NIL	429,956
COO	2020	215,022	172,225	91,394	NIL	NIL	NIL	478,641
	2019	202,441	117,866	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	320,307
Peter Latta	2021	122,826	69,147	22,104	NIL	NIL	NIL	214,077
VP-Technical Services	2020	111,840	44,724	50,489	NIL	NIL	NIL	207,053

(1) The "2018 RSU Plan was approved by the shareholders on May 24, 2018 and May 27, 2021, and the maximum number of RSU shares issuable under this Plan shall not, together with all other security-based compensation arrangements of the Corporation exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares as at the date of such Grant on a non-diluted basis. As of December 31, 2021, no RSUs were granted under the 2018 RSU Plan to officers, directors, employees and consultants and 1,330,167 were vested and 104,356 were cancelled. The value of the RSUs is based on the closing price of the Common Shares on the vesting date. The RSUs will vest one-third annually over three years, and the amount above reflects the accrual for unvested share-based awards issued in the current and previous years, as at December 31, 2021. The closing market price on August 4, 2021 was C\$1.26 per common share, the closing market price on August 21, 2021 was C\$1.18 per common share, and the closing market price on August 28, 2021 was C\$1.29 per common share.

(2) The methodology used to calculate the grant-date fair value is based on the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model. During the year ended December 31, 2021, new option-based awards were granted to officers, directors, employees, and consultants. The fair value was estimated using the following weighted-average assumptions: risk-free interest rate of 0.30%, expected dividend yield of 0%, expected option life of 5 years, and expected share price volatility of 66.09%.

- <sup>(3)</sup> The Company does not have a non-equity incentive plan.
- <sup>(4)</sup> The Company does not have any pension plans.
- <sup>(5)</sup> Discretionary cash payment of incentive bonuses.
- <sup>(6)</sup> Mr. David Wolfin was appointed CEO on June 24, 2010. Mr. Wolfin's salary was paid to Intermark Capital Corp., a private BC corporation controlled by Mr. Wolfin.
- <sup>(7)</sup> Mr. Rodríguez receives his salary in Mexican Pesos ("MXP"). For 2021, Mr. Rodriguez' salary of MXP 4,624,119, was converted into US dollars by applying an exchange rate of 1MXP = US\$0.0465.
- <sup>(8)</sup> All compensation to Mr. David Wolfin, Mr. Nathan Harte and Mr. Peter Latta are paid in Canadian dollars and are converted into US dollars by applying an exchange rate of US\$1.00 = C\$1.2537 for 2021, US\$1.00 = C\$1.3412 for 2020 and US\$1.00 = C\$1.3268 for 2019 based on the average exchange rate for the year quoted by the Bank of Canada.

<sup>(9)</sup> Mr. Peter Latta was appointed VP- Technical Services in 2020.

#### Annual Base Salary

Base Salary for the executive officers is determined by the Board based upon the recommendation of the Compensation Committee and its recommendations are reached primarily by comparison of the remuneration paid by other reporting issuers (similar in size and complexity) within the precious metals industry as well as a review of other publicly available information on remuneration that the Compensation Committee feels is suitable.

The Annual Base Salary paid to the executive officers is, for the purpose of establishing appropriate increases, reviewed annually by the Board upon the recommendation of the Compensation Committee as part of the annual review of executive officers. The decision on whether to grant an increase to the executive's base salary and the amount of any such increase is in the sole discretion of the Board and Compensation Committee.

## Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation

One of the three components of the Company's compensation package is a discretionary annual cash bonus, paid to recognize individual performance in attaining corporate goals and objectives.

### Equity-Based Incentive Awards

Equity-based incentive awards are in the form of the grant of incentive stock options and RSUs. The objective of the equity-based incentive award is to reward executive officers, employees and directors' individual performance at the discretion of the Board upon the recommendation of the Compensation Committee.

The Company currently maintains a Stock Option and an RSU Plan (the "**Plans**"), under which stock options have been granted and may be granted to purchase a number equal to up to 10% of the Company's issued capital from time to time. The RSU Plan (the "**2018 RSU Plan**") was approved by the shareholders on May 24, 2018 and May 27, 2021, and the maximum number of RSU shares issuable under this Plan shall not, together with all other security-based compensation arrangements of the Corporation exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares as at the date of such Grant on a non-diluted basis. As of December 31, 2021, no RSUs were granted under the 2018 RSU Plan to officers, directors, employees and consultants and 1,330,167 were vested and 104,356 were cancelled. The value of the RSUs is based on the closing price of the Common Shares on the vesting date. The RSUs will vest one-third annually over three years, until fully vested from the date of the awards, and provided that these designated persons are continuously employed with or providing services to Avino.

All Plans are administered by the Compensation Committee. The process the Company uses to grant equity based incentive awards is upon the recommendations of the Compensation Committee.

The role of the Compensation Committee is to recommend to the Board the compensation of the Company's directors and the executive officers which the Committee determines is suitable. All previous grants of equity-based incentive awards are taken into account when considering new grants.

## **Equity-Based Incentive Plan Awards**

#### Outstanding share-based awards and option-based awards

The following table sets forth the options and RSUs granted to the NEOs to purchase or acquire securities of the Company outstanding at December 31, 2021:

		Option-b	ased Awards		Share-based Awards			
Name	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#)	Option exercise price (C\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	Option expiration date	Value of unexercised in-the- money options (\$) <sup>(1)(4)</sup>	Share grant date	Number of shares or units of shares that have not vested (#) <sup>(2)</sup>	Market or payout value of share-based awards that have not vested (\$) <sup>(2)(4)</sup>	Market or payout value of vested share-based awards not paid out or distributed (\$) <sup>(2) (4)</sup>
David Wolfin	250,000	\$1.98	Sep 20, 2022	Nil	Aug 21, 2019	220,000	138,630	Nil
CEO, President and Director	300,000	1.64	Aug 4, 2025	Nil	Aug 4, 2020	200,000	261,626	Nil
Nathan Harte	25,000	\$1.98	Sep 20, 2022	Nil	Aug 21, 2019	20,000	12,603	Nil
CFO	48,000	\$0.79	Aug 21, 2024	12,252	Aug 4, 2020	100,000	130,813	Nil
	150,000	\$1.64	Aug 4, 2025	Nil				
J.C. Rodríguez COO	125,000	\$1.98	Sep 20, 2022	Nil	Aug 21, 2019	100,000	63,013	Nil
	200,000	\$1.64	Aug 4, 2025	Nil	Aug 4, 2020	133,334	174,418	Nil
Peter Latta	100,000	\$1.64	Aug 4, 2025	Nil	Aug 21, 2019	10,000	6,301	Nil
VP-Technical Services					Aug 4, 2020	68,000	88,953	Nil

<sup>(1)</sup> In-the-Money Options are the difference between the market value of the underlying securities at December 31, 2021 and the exercise price of the option. The closing Toronto Stock Exchange share price for the Company's common shares as at December 31, 2021 was **C\$1.11** per common share.

(2) Share Based Awards are in the form of RSU Plan. The 2018 RSU Plan (the "2018 RSU Plan") was approved by the shareholders on May 24, 2018, and the maximum number of RSU shares issuable under this Plan shall not, together with all other security-based compensation arrangements of the Corporation exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares as at the date of such Grant on a non-diluted basis. As of December 31, 2021 no RSUs were granted under the 2018 RSU Plan to officers, directors, employees and consultants and 1,330,167 were vested and 104,356 were cancelled. The value of the RSUs is based on the closing price of the Common Shares on the vesting date. The RSUs will vest one-third annually over three years, and the amount above reflects the accrual for unvested share-based awards issued in the current and previous years, as at December 31, 2021. The closing market price on August 4, 2021 was C\$1.26 per common share, the closing market price on August 21, 2021 was C\$1.18 per common share.

(3) The option exercise price is quoted in Canadian dollars as they relate specifically to the Canadian dollar share price as quoted on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

<sup>(4)</sup> The Awards are calculated in Canadian dollars and are converted into US dollars by applying an exchange rate of US1.00 = C1.2537, which represents the average exchange rate for the year 2021 quoted by the Bank of Canada.

#### Incentive plan awards - value vested or earned during the year

An "incentive plan" is any plan providing compensation that depends on achieving certain performance goals or similar conditions within a specific period. An "incentive plan award" means compensation awarded, earned, paid or payable under an incentive plan.

The following table sets forth the value vested or earned during the year of option-based awards, sharebased awards and non-equity incentive plan compensation paid to NEOs during the most recently completed financial year ended December 31, 2021:

Name	Option-based awards – Value vested during the year (\$) <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	Share-based awards – Value vested during the year (\$) <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	Non-equity incentive plan compensation – Value earned during the year (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>
David Wolfin	11,366	446,478	Nil
President, CEO and			
Director			
Nathan Harte	5,683	77,822	Nil
CFO			
J.C. Rodríguez	7,578	204,339	Nil
COO			
Peter Latta	3,789	52,329	Nil
VP-Technical			
Services			

<sup>(1)</sup> The aggregate dollar value that would have been realized if the options granted during the year had been exercised on the vesting date.

<sup>(2)</sup> The RSU Vesting prices were **C\$1.26, C\$1.29, and C\$1.18** which represent the share prices on August 4, 2021, August 28, 2021, and August 21, 2021, the dates on which the RSUs vested.

<sup>(3)</sup> The Awards are calculated in Canadian dollars and are converted into US dollars by applying an exchange rate of US1.00 = C1.2537 which represents the average exchange rate for the year 2021 as quoted by the Bank of Canada.

## **Pension Plan Benefits**

No pension plan or retirement benefit plans have been instituted by the Company and none are proposed at this time.

#### Use of Financial Instruments

The Company does not have in place policies which restrict the ability of directors or executive officers to purchase financial instruments, such as prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars, or units of exchange funds, that are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of equity securities granted as compensation or held, directly or indirectly, by a director or executive officers. However, any such purchases would be subject to applicable insider reporting requirements.

#### **Termination and Change Of Control Benefits**

On January 1, 2019, the Company entered into a consulting agreement with Intermark Capital Corporation, a company owned by David Wolfin, The consulting agreement was renewed for a period of three years on January 1, 2022 with the same terms and conditions.

This consulting agreement can be terminated at any time as follows:

- (a) by the Consultant electing to give the Company not less than 3 months prior notice of such termination;
- (b) by the Company electing to give the Consultant 3 months prior notice of such termination along with a termination payment equal to the annual consulting fees; and
- (c) by the Consultant electing to give the Company notice, in the event that there occurs a Change of Control (as defined below) within six (6) months of the effective date of such Change of Control, and if the Consultant so elects to terminate his consulting agreement, then the Consultant will be immediately entitled to a termination payment equal to CDN\$2 million.

On May 30, 2019, the Company entered into a Change of Control Agreement with Nathan Harte, the named

executive officer of the Company. If a Change of Control occurs, and the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company for any reason, except excluding a termination for just cause, within six (6) months of the date of the Change of Control, or the Executive resigns from his employment for Good Reason during such six (6) month period, then the Executive shall be entitled to receive from the Company an amount equal to the Executive current monthly base salary multiplied by twelve (12) months which Executive will be paid his salary, accrued bonuses, if any, and vacation earned and other amounts due to him up to the termination date; which amount is to be paid in a lump sum within 10 business days of the Change in Control termination date.

On May 30, 2019, the Company entered into a Change of Control Agreement with Peter Latta, the named executive officer of the Company. If a Change of Control occurs, and the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company for any reason, except excluding a termination for just cause, within six (6) months of the date of the Change of Control, or the Executive resigns from his employment for Good Reason during such six (6) month period, then the Executive shall be entitled to receive from the Company an amount equal to the Executive current monthly base salary multiplied by twelve (12) months which Executive will be paid his salary, accrued bonuses, if any, and vacation earned and other amounts due to him up to the termination date; which amount is to be paid in a lump sum within 10 business days of the Change in Control termination date.

On July 1, 2013, the Company entered into an employment agreement with J.C. Rodríguez, the named executive officer of the Company. The employment agreement was further amended on April 14, 2014.

- (a) by the Employee electing to give the Employer not less than 3 months prior notice of such termination;
- (b) by the Employer electing to give the Employee 3 months prior notice of such termination along with a termination payment equal to the sum of Employee's Fee earned pursuant to Section TEN during the preceding 12 months prior to the month notice of termination was given plus any unpaid vacation and other amounts due to him up to the termination; and
- (c) (1) by the Employee electing to give the Employer notice, in the event that there occurs a Change of Control (as defined below) within 6 months of the effective date of such Change of Control, and if the Employee so elects to terminate this Agreement, or (2) by the Employer upon notice to the Employee within 3 months prior to or within 6 months after a Change of Control is announced by the Employer, or its parent, then the Employer will be entitled to a termination payment equal to 3 times the sum of Employee's Fee earned pursuant to Section Ten of the employment agreement during the preceding 12 months prior to the month notice of termination was given, plus any accrued vacation and other amounts due to him up to the termination.

## A "Change of Control" shall be deemed to have occurred when:

- (i) any person, entity or group becomes the beneficial owner of 20% or more of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, and such person, entity or group uses such effective voting control to change a majority of the Board of Directors of the Company, either all at once or through any series of elections and appointments when considered together; or
- (ii) completion of the sale or other disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets or a reorganization or merger or consolidation of the Company with any other entity or corporation, other than:
  - (A) a reorganization or merger or consolidation that would result in the voting securities of

the Company outstanding immediately prior thereto continuing to represent, either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of another entity, more than 50.1% of the combined voting power of the voting securities of the Company or such other entity outstanding immediately after such reorganization or merger or consolidation; or

(B) a reorganization or merger or consolidation effected to implement a recapitalization or reincorporation of the Company (or similar transaction) that does not result in a material change in beneficial ownership of the voting securities of the Company or its successor.

#### **Director Compensation**

The following table sets forth the value of all compensation paid to the directors, excluding Mr. Wolfin who is paid as an officer and not as a director, in their capacity as directors for the year ended December 31, 2021:

Name	Fees earned <sup>(5)</sup> (\$)	Share- based awards <sup>(1)(5)</sup> (\$)	Option- based awards <sup>(2)(5)</sup> (\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation <sup>(3)(5)</sup> (\$)	Pension value <sup>(4)</sup> (\$)	All other compensation (\$)	Total <sup>(5)</sup> (\$)
Gary Robertson*	58,228	60,801	22,104	Nil	Nil	Nil	141,133
Jasman Yee	35,096	55,130	22,104	Nil	Nil	Nil	112,330
Peter Bojtos*	43,870	53,306	22,104	Nil	Nil	Nil	119,281
Ronald Andrews <sup>*(6)</sup>	45,450	52,030	22,104	Nil	Nil	Nil	119,584

\* Independent and Non-Employee Directors

- (2) The methodology used to calculate the grant-date fair value is based on the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model. During the year ended December 31, 2021, new option-based awards were granted to officers, directors, employees, and consultants. The fair value was estimated using the following weighted-average assumptions: risk-free interest rate of 0.30%, expected dividend yield of 0%, expected option life of 5 years, and expected share price volatility of 66.09%.
- <sup>(3)</sup> The Company does not have any non-equity incentive plans.
- <sup>(4)</sup> The Company does not have any pension plans.
- (5) All director compensation is paid in Canadian dollars and is converted into US dollars by applying an exchange rate of US1.00 = C1.2537, which represents the average exchange rate for the year 2021 as quoted by the Bank of Canada.
- <sup>(6)</sup> Mr. Ronald Andrews was appointed on May 30, 2019.
- <sup>(7)</sup> Mr. Gary Robertson will retire on May 21, 2022 and is not standing for re-election.

The Board, on recommendation of the Compensation Committee, determines director compensation. The objective in determining such director compensation is to ensure that the Company can attract and retain experienced and qualified individuals to serve as directors. The Company compensates its non-executive directors through the payment of directors' fees, plus annual retainer for board and committee chair, and per meeting fees, and through the grant of incentive stock options and RSUs. All retainers are paid pro rata on a quarterly basis. The non-executive directors receive the following annual retainers and other fees for their services as directors:

<sup>(1)</sup> Share Based Awards are in the form of RSU Plan. The "2018 RSU Plan" the unallocated entitlements under the 2018 RSU Plan were approved by shareholders on May 27, 2021 and the maximum number of RSU shares issuable under this Plan shall not, together with all other security-based compensation arrangements of the Corporation exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares as at the date of such Grant on a non-diluted basis. As of December 31, 2021, No RSUs were granted under the 2018 RSU Plan to officers, directors, employees, and consultants, and 1,330,167 were vested and 104,356 were cancelled. The value of the RSUs is based on the closing price of the Common Shares on the vesting date. The RSUs will vest one-third annually over three years, and the amount above reflects the accrual for unvested share-based awards issued in the current and previous years, as at December 31, 2021. The closing market price on August 4, 2021 was C\$1.26 per common share, the closing market price on August 28, 2021 was C\$1.29 per common share, and the closing market price on August 21, 2021 was C\$1.18 per common share.

Annual Retainer per Director	\$23,929*
Annual Retainer for Board Chair	\$23,929*
Annual Retainer for Audit Committee Chair	\$6,381*
Annual Retainer for Compensation Committee Chair	\$3,988*
Annual Retainer for Governance & Nominating Committee Chair	\$3,988*
Meeting Attendance Fee per Meeting	\$798*

\*All director compensation is paid in Canadian dollars and is converted into US dollars by applying an exchange rate of US1.00 = C1.2537, which represents the average exchange rate for the year 2021 as quoted by the Bank of Canada

The Company may grant incentive stock options and RSUs to Directors of the Company from time to time pursuant to the stock option and RSUs plans of the Company and in accordance with the policies of the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "**TSX**").

#### Outstanding share-based awards and option-based awards

The following table sets forth the options granted to the directors to purchase or acquire securities of the Company outstanding at December 31, 2021:

	Option-based Awards			Share-based Awards				
Name <sup>(1)</sup>	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#)	Option exercise price (C\$)	Option expiration date	Value of unexercised in-the- money options (\$) <sup>(2)(4)</sup>	Share grant date	Number of shares or units of shares that have not vested (#) <sup>(3)</sup>	Market or payout value of share-based awards that have not vested (\$) <sup>(3)(4)</sup>	Market or payout value of share-based awards not paid out or distributed (\$) <sup>(3)(4)</sup>
Gary Robertson	150,000	1.98	Sep 20, 2022	Nil	Aug 21 2019	45,000	28,356	Nil
	100,000	1.64	Aug 4, 2025	Nil	Aug 4, 2020	40,000	52,325	Nil
Jasman Yee	125,000	1.98	Sep 20, 2022	Nil	Aug 21, 2019	35,000	22,055	Nil
	100,000	1.64	Aug 4, 2025	Nil	Aug 4, 2020	40,000	52,325	Nil
Ronald Andrews <sup>(5)</sup>	100,000	1.64	Aug. 4, 2025	Nil	Aug 21, 2019	35,000	22,055	Nil
					Aug 4, 2020	40,000	52,325	Nil
Peter Bojtos	50,000	1.30	Aug 28, 2023	Nil	Aug 21, 2019	35,000	22,055	Nil
	100,000	1.64	Aug 4, 2025	Nil	Aug 4, 2020	40,000	52,325	Nil

<sup>(1)</sup> For the compensation of David Wolfin, the named executive officer of the Company, see "Incentive Plan Awards" above.

(2) In-the-Money Options are the difference between the market value of the underlying securities at December 31, 2021 and the exercise price of the option. The closing Toronto Stock Exchange share price for the Company's common shares as at December 31, 2021 was C\$1.11 per common share.

(3) Share Based Awards are in the form of RSU Plan. The "2018 RSU Plan" was approved by the shareholders on May 24, 2018 and unallocated entitlements under the plan were approved on May 27, 2021. The maximum number of RSU shares issuable under this Plan shall not, together with all other security-based compensation arrangements of the Corporation exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares as at the date of such Grant on a non-diluted basis. As of December 31, 2021, no RSUs were granted under the 2018 RSU Plan to officers, directors, employees, and consultants, and were 1,330,167 vested and 104,356 were cancelled. The value of the RSUs is based on the closing price of the Common Shares on the vesting date. The RSUs will vest one-third annually over three years, and the amount above reflects the accrual for unvested share-based awards issued in the current and previous years, as at December 31, 2021. The closing market price on August 4, 2021 was C\$1.26 per common share, the closing market price on August 28, 2021 was C\$1.29 per common share, and the closing market price on August 21, 2021 was C\$1.18 per common share.

(4) The Awards are calculated in Canadian dollars and are converted into US dollars by applying an exchange rate of US1.00 = C1.2537 which represents the average exchange rate for the year 2021 as quoted by the Bank of Canada.

<sup>(5)</sup> Mr. Ronald Andrews was appointed on May 30, 2019.

(6) Mr. Gary Robertson will retire from the Board on May 21, 2022 and is not standing for re-election.

## Incentive plan awards - value vested or earned during the year

An "incentive plan" is any plan providing compensation that depends on achieving certain performance goals or similar conditions within a specific period. An "incentive plan award" means compensation awarded, earned, paid or payable under an incentive plan.

The following table sets forth the value vested or earned during the year of option-based awards, sharebased awards and non-equity incentive plan compensation paid to directors during the year ended December 31, 2021:

Name	Option-based awards – Value vested during the year (\$) <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	Share-based awards – Value vested during the year (\$) <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	Non-equity incentive plan compensation – Value earned during the year (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>
<b>David Wolfin</b> President, CEO and Director	11,366	446,478	Nil
Nathan Harte CFO	5,683	77,822	Nil
J.C. Rodríguez COO	7,578	204,339	Nil
<b>Peter Latta</b> VP-Technical Services	3,789	52,329	Nil

<sup>(1)</sup> The aggregate dollar value that would have been realized if the options granted during the year had been exercised on the vesting date.

<sup>(2)</sup> The RSU Vesting prices were **C\$1.26**, **C\$1.29**, and **C\$1.18** which represent the share prices on August 4, 2021, August 28, 2021, and August 21, 2021, the dates on which the RSUs vested.

<sup>(3)</sup> The Awards are calculated in Canadian dollars and are converted into US dollars by applying an exchange rate of US1.00 = C1.2537 which represents the average exchange rate for the year 2021 as quoted by the Bank of Canada.

<sup>(4)</sup> Mr. Gary Robertson will retire from the Board on May 21, 2022 and is not standing for re-election.

#### SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

The following table provides information regarding the Company's equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2021, under which securities of the Company are authorized for issuance to directors, officers, employees, and consultants of the Company and its affiliates:

#### **Equity Compensation Plan Information**

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans
Equity compensation plans approved by Shareholders • Stock Option Plan • RSU Plans <sup>(1)</sup>	2,839,000 1,439,477	1.68 $1.32^{(2)}$	5,945,844
Equity compensation plans not approved by Shareholders	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total:	4,278,477		5,945,844

The number of Options and RSUs issued under the Plans shall not, together exceed 10% of the issued and outstanding Common Shares

as at the date of such Grant on a non-diluted basis.

- (1) The RSUs entitle the participant to receive one common share, provided that the participant is continuously employed with or providing services to the Company. RSUs track the value of the underlying common shares, but do not entitle the recipient to the underlying common shares until such RSUs vest, nor do they entitle a holder to exercise voting rights or any other rights attached to ownership or control of the common shares, until the RSU vests and the RSU participant receives common shares.
- (2) The weighted average fair value at the measurement date was based on the TSX market price of the Company's shares on the date the RSUs were granted. The Company graduated from the TSX Venture Exchange to the Toronto Stock Exchange on January 8, 2018.

In accordance with the policies of the TSX, the following table sets forth the annual burn rate, calculated in accordance with s.613(p) of the TSX Company Manual, of each of our security-based compensation arrangements for the three most recently completed financial years:

	2021 Burn Rate <sup>(1)</sup>	2020 Burn Rate <sup>(1)</sup>	2019 Burn Rate <sup>(1)</sup>
Stock Option Plan	0.00%	2.04%	0.75%
RSU Plan	0.00%	1.78%	2.47%

<sup>(1)</sup> Annual burn rate is expressed as a percentage and is calculated by dividing the number of securities granted under the specific plan during the applicable fiscal year by the weighted average number of securities outstanding for the applicable fiscal year.

## MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

Management functions of the Company are not, to any degree, performed by a person or persons other than the directors or executive officers of the Company. The Company has not entered into any contracts, agreements or arrangements with parties other than its directors and executive officers for the provision of such management functions.

### INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR OFFICERS

None of the directors or senior officers of the Company, no proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company, and no associates or affiliates of any of them, is or has been indebted to the Company or its subsidiaries at any time since the beginning of the Company's last completed financial year.

### INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

No informed persons of the Company, no proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company and no associate or affiliate of any of the foregoing, has any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction since the commencement of the Company's last financial year or in any proposed transaction, which, in either case, has materially affected or will materially affect the Company or any of its subsidiaries other than as disclosed under the heading "Particulars of Matters to be Acted Upon".

## INTEREST OF CERTAIN PERSONS OR COMPANIES IN MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

Other than as set forth herein, management of the Company is not aware of any material interest, direct or indirect, by way of beneficial ownership of securities or otherwise, in any matter to be acted upon at the Meeting, other than the election of directors or the appointment of auditors, of any person or company who has been: (a) if the solicitation is made by or on behalf of management of the Company, a director or executive officer of the Company at any time since the beginning of the Company, any person or company by whom or on whose behalf, directly or indirectly, the solicitation is made; (c) any proposed nominee for election as a director of the Company; or (d) any associate or affiliate of any of the foregoing persons or companies.

## STATEMENT OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

National Instrument 58-101 - Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices ("NI 58-101") requires

issuers, such as the Company, to provide disclosure with respect to their corporate governance practices in accordance with Form 58-101F1. The required disclosure for the Company is set out below.

Corporate governance relates to the activities of the Board, the members of which are elected by and are accountable to the Shareholders and takes into account the role of the individual members of management who are appointed by the Board and who are charged with the day-to-day management of the Company. The Board is committed to sound corporate governance practices that are both in the interest of its Shareholders and contribute to effective and efficient decision making. NI 58-101 and NP 58-201 establish corporate governance practices, guidelines and disclosure procedures that apply to all public companies. NI 58-101 mandates disclosure of corporate governance practices in Form 58-101F1, which disclosure is set out below.

## **Board of Directors**

The Board facilitates its exercise of independent supervision over the Company's management through frequent meetings of the Board.

Name	Position	Independent/ Non-Independent
Gary Robertson	Director, Chairman of the Board	Independent
Peter Bojtos         Director, Chairman of Compensation Committee		Independent
Ronald Andrews Director, Chairman of Governance & Nominating Committee		Independent
Jasman Yee Director		Independent
David Wolfin         Director, President and CEO		Non-Independent

The Board is currently comprised of the following five (5) directors:

NP 58-201 states that the Board of every listed company should be constituted with a majority of individuals who qualify as "independent" directors under National Instrument 52-110 - Audit Committees ("NI 52-110"), which provides that a director is independent if he or she has no direct or indirect "material relationship" with the Company. "Material relationship" is defined as a relationship that could, in the view of the Company's Board, be reasonably expected to interfere with the exercise of a director's independent judgment. Of the proposed directors, all except David Wolfin, who currently serves as the Company's President and CEO, and Jasman Yee, who has served as a metallurgical consultant to the Company, are considered by the Board to be "independent" within the meaning of applicable securities legislation. In making the foregoing determinations with respect to the independence of each of the Company's individual directors, the circumstances of each director have been examined in relation to a number of factors, including a review of the resumés of the directors and the corporate relationships and other directorships held by each of them and their prior involvement (if any) with management of the Company.

The size and experience of the Board of Directors is important for providing the Company with effective governance in the mining industry. The Board of Directors' mandate and responsibilities can be effectively and efficiently administered at its current size. The Board of Directors has functioned and is of the view that it can continue to function, independently of management as required. Directors are elected for a term of one year at the annual general meeting.

Procedures are in place to allow the Board of Directors to function independently. At the present time, the Board of Directors consists of experienced directors that have made a significant contribution to the Company's success and are satisfied that it is not constrained in its access to information, in its deliberations

or in its ability to satisfy the mandate established by law to supervise the business and affairs of the Company. Committees meet independent of management and other directors.

#### **Meetings of Independent Directors**

Each meeting of the Board includes a session whereby independent members may meet in the absence of management. Independent directors are also free to meet separately at any time or to require management to withdraw during certain discussions. Additionally, the Audit Committee is composed entirely of independent directors and may meet as often as deemed necessary.

### **Other Directorships**

As of the current date, certain of the Company's directors are presently on the boards of other public companies as follows:

Director	Other Reporting Issuers
David Wolfin	Silver Wolf Exploration Ltd.
Director, Chairman of the Board and CEO	

#### **Board and Committee Meetings**

The Board generally meets a minimum of four times per year, at least every quarter. The independent directors regularly meet in-camera, without management present, during each Board and Committee meeting. The Audit Committee meets at least four times per year. The Governance & Nominating Committee and Compensation Committee meet at least two times per year or as deemed necessary. The frequency of the meetings and the nature of the meeting agendas are dependent upon the nature of the business and affairs which the Company faces from time to time. During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Board held twelve meetings, the Audit Committee held four meetings; the Compensation Committee held three meetings and the Governance & Nominating Committee held two meetings. A summary of the Directors' attendance at Board and Committee Meetings held in 2021 is as follows:

Name	Board Meetings	Audit Committee Meetings	Governance & Nominating Committee Meetings	Compensation Committee Meetings
<b>Ronald Andrews</b>	12 of 12	4 of 4	2 of 2	3 of 3
Peter Bojtos	12 of 12	4 of 4	2 of 2	3 of 3
Gary Robertson	12 of 12	4 of 4	2 of 2	3 of 3
David Wolfin	12 of 12	4 of 4	N/A	2 of 3
Jasman Yee	12 of 12	4 of 4	2 of 2	N/A

## **Board Mandate**

The Board has adopted a Board Mandate, the full text of which is included as Schedule "A" to this Circular. A copy of the Mandate is also available on the Company's website at <u>www.avino.com</u>.

#### **Position Descriptions**

Written position descriptions and roles and responsibilities have been developed by the Board for the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board.

The most Senior Executive in Avino's organization is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), David Wolfin.

The CEO is the operational head of the Company.

Avino's CEO provides leadership and vision allowing him to manage the Company in the best interests of its shareholders, and he manages the daily business affairs of the Company within the guidelines established by the Board. Specific responsibilities include: Overseeing department managers of the Company, developing and recommending business plans for the Board's consideration, submitting financial reports (with the assistance of the CFO) and helping in and presenting Annual Budgets and Financial Statements, together with implementing all approved plans, policies and programs. The CEO sets targets, has a keen awareness of the business, and stays abreast of the economic and political environment. He reviews the ongoing administration and development, protects and enhances the Company's reputation and ensures the Company meets all compliance legal and regulatory obligations.

Additional commitments: David Wolfin, CEO communicates the strategic direction of the Company and involves the necessary employees to help build a strategic vision. He clarifies what will be done so that all Directors and key-employees are well informed. Guided by the CEO everyone in the organization, who needs to know, will know, the direction, values, attitudes, goals, as he instills behaviors that determined how things will be done to make the Company run smoothly during any occasion. Mr. Wolfin monitors the operation carefully and is involved enough to achieve a proper business culture. His goal is to provide a proper balance of resources for all departments and initiatives; according to the Company's mission. Mr. Wolfin spends a lot of time traveling to Avino's operations, ensuring Avino has the right people in the right positions with the right skills, which are critical to the process.

Tasked with making the final decision, he takes on the position of a CEO's responsibility for the Company's best performance. David Wolfin, CEO takes an active role in driving the performance, setting the levels to reach, and describing the course the Company will have to travel to meet future current and future goals.

The Chairman of the Board, Gary Robertson, is also an Independent Director. As Chairman of the Board he provides oversight of management and a layer of supervision of the affairs of the business as follows:

As Chairman he is the liaison between the Board and key management of the Company through the CEO, ensuring efficient operation of the Board and its obligations to the Company and shareholders. He provides oversight of the Board in all meetings including the Annual General Meeting for shareholders, he coordinates the Agenda for Board meetings, and assists the Corporate Governance Committee with its annual review of the performance of Directors and the functionality of the Board. As Chairman of the Board he preserves the separation between the Board and the CEO (and management) and is the communicator of Board decisions to the CEO. The Chairman is independent from management, and free of any interest or business relationship, which could interfere with the Chairman's independent judgement -- other than his interest in his shareholdings in the Company and/or other remuneration for attending to the position of Chairman of the Board.

In addition, the Chairman provides independent counsel to the CEO, he keeps Directors informed of the activities of the Company and its management, and he ensures that Directors are kept properly informed on information required to enable them to make sound decisions. He chairs the meetings of the Board, and he recommends an annual schedule of dates and times for Board and Committee meetings throughout the year, he will sit on Committees of the Board (as determined by the Board, and he will often sit as a guest attendee to listen in on Committees he does not serve on). He will call special meetings of the Board when and where appropriate.

The Chairman ensures all committees are run properly and effectively and assesses all Committees on an annual basis.

The Board has three (3) committees: the Audit Committee, Governance and Nominating Committee, and

the Compensation Committee. The chair of each committee is required to ensure that the committee meets when required and performs its duties as set forth in the charter, and to report to the Board on the activities of the committee. Because the size and nature of the Company's business allows each director to understand his role in progressing the Company's operations, the Board has not yet developed written position descriptions for the Chair of each Board committee.

## **Orientation and Continuing Education**

New directors are provided with an Orientation Manual. Directors have the opportunity to meet with senior management to obtain insight into the operations of the Company. New directors are briefed on the Company's current property holdings, ongoing exploration programs and mining operations, overall strategic plans, corporate objectives, financials status, general business risks and mitigation strategies, and existing company policies. Senior management also makes regular presentations to the Board at its meetings and all directors are encouraged to communicate directly with management and other staff.

The skills and knowledge of the Board as a whole are such that no formal continuing education process is currently deemed required. The Board is comprised of individuals with varying backgrounds, who have, both collectively and individually, extensive experience in running and managing public companies. It is the Company's view that all current members of the Board are well-versed and educated in the factors critical to the success of the Company. Board members are encouraged to communicate with management, auditors and technical consultants to keep themselves current with industry trends and developments and changes in legislation, with management's assistance. Board members have full access to the Company's records. Reference is made to the table under the heading "Election of Directors" for a description of the current principal occupations of the members of the Board.

## **Ethical Business Conduct**

The Board has found that the fiduciary duties placed on individual directors by the Company's governing corporate legislation and the common law and the restrictions placed by applicable corporate legislation on an individual director's participation in decisions of the Board of Directors in which the director has an interest have been sufficient to ensure that the Board of Directors operates independently of management and in the best interests of the Company.

The Board has also adopted a formal Code of Conduct (the "**Code**") and the Code is applied to all directors, officers and employees. A copy of the Code is available at the Company's website at <u>www.avino.com</u>.

## **Insider Trading Policy**

The Board adopted an Insider Trading Policy in June 2013, (and subsequently amended in February 2017). The Insider Trading Policy prescribes rules with respect to trading in securities of the Company where there is any undisclosed material information or a pending material development. Strict compliance with the provisions of this policy is required, with a view to enhancing investor confidence in the Company's securities and contributing to ethical business conduct by the Company's personnel. A copy of the Insider Trading Policy is available on the Company's website at <u>www.avino.com</u>.

## **Disclosure and Confidentiality Policy**

The Board adopted a Disclosure and Confidentiality Policy in February 2017. The purpose of the Disclosure and Confidentiality Policy is to establish procedures which permit the disclosure of information about the Company and its subsidiaries to the public in a timely manner and to ensure that when information has not been publicly disclosed it remains confidential. Strict adherence to this Policy will help the Company maintain credibility in the marketplace by ensuring that all investors in securities of the Company have equal access to information that may affect their investment decisions. The Disclosure Committee

consists of the members of management, investor relations officer, qualified person(s), and such other persons as are designated from time to time by the board of directors of the Company. A copy of the Disclosure and Confidentiality Policy is available on the Company's website at <u>www.avino.com</u>.

## Whistleblower Policy

The Board adopted a Whistleblower Policy on December 19, 2017.

The Board, upon the recommendations of the Audit Committee, has established procedures for the receipt, retention, and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal controls, or auditing matters, and other corporate misconduct and breaches of the Code of Conduct. The Whistleblower policy is designed to encourage ethical behavior by all of the Company directors, officers, and employees, and provides details and procedures for submitting a complaint or concern to the Chairman of the Audit Committee of any wrong-doing.

To ensure that all employees, officers, and directors are aware of the Policy, a copy of the policy will be provided in the appropriate language (English or Spanish, as the case may be) to all employees, officers and directors. All employees, officers, and directors will be informed whenever significant changes are made.

Everyone at the Company is responsible for ensuring that the workplace is free from all forms of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation. No employees, officers or directors of the Company have the authority to engage in any conduct prohibited by this policy. Reporting can be made by submitting a written complaint or concern by mail, fax, or email to the Chairman of the Audit Committee. Once complaints are received, the Chairman of the Audit Committee will review the details of the submissions and will address each matter reported, and corrective and disciplinary actions will be taken, if appropriate. A copy of the Whistleblower Policy is available on the Company's website at www.avino.com.

## **Term Limits**

The members of the Board are elected annually. The present directors of the Company cease to hold office immediately before the election of directors at the Meeting and the directors are eligible for re-election. The Board has not adopted a formal maximum term limit for directors. The Board strives to be constituted to achieve a balance between experience and the need for renewal and fresh perspective. The Board believes, however, that the imposition of director term limits on a board implicitly discounts the value of experience and continuity amongst Board members and runs the risk of excluding experienced and potentially valuable Board members as a result of an arbitrary determination. The Board believes that it is better served with a regular assessment of the effectiveness of the Board, Board committees and individual directors rather than on arbitrary term limits.

## **Corporate and Board Diversity**

Diversity is an important part of the Company's culture and its operations. Consequently, the Company seeks to recruit and invest in the best available talent. However, the Company has not adopted a written policy relating to the identification and nomination of women directors or regarding the number of women in executive positions because it does not believe that a written policy is the best way to achieve the Company's diversity or business objectives.

Furthermore, on appointing individuals to the Board and executive officer positions, the Company considers a number of factors, including the skills and experience required for the position and the personal attributes of the candidates. The level of representation of women in senior leadership roles is considered by the Company as one such factor.

The Company recognizes the value of individuals with diverse attributes on the Board and in executive officer positions, and is committed to the desirability that there is representation of women on the Board and in executive officer positions. However, the Company has not established a target regarding the number of women on the Board or in executive officer positions, as the Company has determined that a target would not be the most effective way of achieving the Company's diversity or business objectives. There are currently no women on the Board or in 'executive officer' positions (as such term is defined in NI 58-101).

#### Nomination of Directors

The Board of Directors considers its size each year when it considers the number of directors to recommend to the shareholders for election at the annual meeting of shareholders, taking into account the number required to carry out the Board of Directors' duties effectively and to maintain a diversity of view and experience.

#### **Committees of the Board**

#### Audit Committee

Under National Instrument 52-110 – Audit Committees ("**NI 52-110**") a reporting issuer in those jurisdictions which have adopted NI 52-110 and that is not a "venture issuer" is required to provide disclosure with respect to its Audit Committee including the text of the Audit Committee's Charter, composition of the Committee, and the fees paid to the external auditor. Accordingly, the Company provides the following disclosure with respect to its Audit Committee:

#### Audit Committee Charter

#### 1. **Purpose of the Committee**

1.1 The purpose of the Audit Committee is to assist the Board of Directors in its oversight of the integrity of the Company's financial statements and other relevant public disclosures, the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements relating to financial reporting, the external auditors' qualifications and independence and the performance of the internal audit function and the external auditors.

#### 2. Members of the Audit Committee

- 2.1 All Members of the Audit Committee must be "financially literate" as defined under NI 52-110, having sufficient accounting or related financial management expertise to read and understand a set of financial statements, including the related notes, that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements.
- 2.2 The Audit Committee shall consist of no less than three Directors.
- 2.3 All Members of the Audit Committee must be "independent" as defined under NI 52-110.

#### 3. Relationship with External Auditors

- 3.1 The external auditors are the independent representatives of the shareholders, but the external auditors are also accountable to the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee.
- 3.2 The external auditors must be able to complete their audit procedures and reviews with professional independence, free from any undue interference from the management or directors.
- 3.3 The Audit Committee must direct and ensure that the management fully co-operates with the external auditors in the course of carrying out their professional duties.

3.4 The Audit Committee will have direct communications access at all times with the external auditors.

#### 4. Non-Audit Services

- 4.1 The external auditors are prohibited from providing any non-audit services to the Company, without the express written consent of the Audit Committee. In determining whether the external auditors will be granted permission to provide non-audit services to the Company, the Audit Committee must consider that the benefits to the Company from the provision of such services, outweighs the risk of any compromise to or loss of the independence of the external auditors in carrying out their auditing mandate.
- 4.2 Notwithstanding section 4.1, the external auditors are prohibited at all times from carrying out any of the following services, while they are appointed the external auditors of the Company:
  - (i) acting as an agent of the Company for the sale of all or substantially all of the undertaking of the Company; and
  - (ii) performing any non-audit consulting work for any director or senior officer of the Company in their personal capacity, but not as a director, officer or insider of any other entity not associated or related to the Company.

#### 5. Appointment of Auditors

- 5.1 The external auditors will be appointed each year by the shareholders of the Company at the annual general meeting of the shareholders.
- 5.2 The Audit Committee will nominate the external auditors for appointment, such nomination to be approved by the Board of Directors.

#### 6. Evaluation of Auditors

6.1 The Audit Committee will review the performance of the external auditors on at least an annual basis, and notify the Board of Directors and the external auditors in writing of any concerns in regards to the performance of the external auditors, or the accounting or auditing methods, procedures, standards, or principles applied by the external auditors, or any other accounting or auditing issues which come to the attention of the Audit Committee.

#### 7. Remuneration of the Auditors

- 7.1 The remuneration of the external auditors will be determined by the Board of Directors, upon the annual authorization of the shareholders at each general meeting of the shareholders.
- 7.2 The remuneration of the external auditors will be determined based on the time required to complete the audit and preparation of the audited financial statements, and the difficulty of the audit and performance of the standard auditing procedures under International Financial Reporting Standards ("**IFRS**") as issued by the International Accounting Standards.

#### 8. Termination of the Auditors

8.1 The Audit Committee has the power to terminate the services of the external auditors, with or without the approval of the Board of Directors, provided the Committee is acting reasonable and responsible.

#### 9. Funding of Auditing and Consulting Services

9.1 Auditing expenses will be funded by the Company. The auditors must not perform any other consulting services for the Company, which could impair or interfere with their role as the independent auditors of the Company.

#### 10. Role and Responsibilities of the Internal Auditor

10.1 Due to the Company's size and limited financial resources, the CEO and CFO of the Company shall be responsible for implementing internal controls and performing the role as the internal auditor to ensure that such controls are adequate.

#### 11. Oversight of Internal Controls

11.1 The Audit Committee will have the oversight responsibility for ensuring that the internal controls are implemented and monitored, and that such internal controls are effective.

#### 12. Continuous Disclosure Requirements

12.1 Due to the Company's size and limited financial resources, the Corporate Secretary of the Company is responsible for ensuring that the Company's continuous reporting requirements are met and in compliance with applicable regulatory requirements.

#### 13. Other Auditing Matters

- 13.1 The Audit Committee may meet with the Auditors independently of the management of the Company at any time, provided the Committee is acting reasonable and responsible.
- 13.2 The Auditors are authorized and directed to respond to all enquiries from the Audit Committee in a thorough and timely fashion, without reporting these enquiries or actions to the Board of Directors or the management of the Company.

#### 14. Annual Review

14.1 The Audit Committee Charter will be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee to assess the adequacy of this Charter.

### 15. Independent Advisers

15.1 The Audit Committee shall have the power to retain legal, accounting or other advisors to assist the Committee.

#### Composition of Audit Committee

Following the election of directors pursuant to this Information Circular, the following will be members of the Audit Committee:

Name	Independent <sup>(1)</sup>	Financially Literate <sup>(2)</sup>	Education and Experience
Ronald Andrews	Yes	Yes	Master's degree in political science, and a Bachelor's of Science degree in horticulture, and on the boards of two reporting issuers.
Peter Bojtos	Yes	Yes	Professional Engineer with over 50 years of worldwide experience in the mining industry

<sup>(1)</sup> A member of an audit committee is independent if the member has no direct or indirect material relationship with the Company, which could, in the view of the Board of Directors, reasonably interfere with the exercise of a member's independent judgment.

(2) An individual is financially literate if he has the ability to read and understand a set of financial statements that present a breadth of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of the issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements.

The third member of the Audit Committee was Gary Robertson (who was independent, financially literate,

and a Certified Financial Planner), who will retire on May 21, 2022. A new member will be appointed by the Board to the Audit Committee to replace Mr. Robertson following the Meeting.

### Relevant Education and Experience

The relevant education and/or experience of each current member of the Audit Committee are as follows:

<u>Ronald Andrews</u>: Mr. Andrews has a Bachelor of Science degree in horticulture from Washington State University and a Master's degree in Political Science. Mr. Andrews is the owner and operator of Andrews Orchards and sells and distributes agricultural chemicals and fertilizers. Mr. Andrews has acted as director and chairman of the audit committee of several public mining companies.

<u>Gary Robertson</u>: Mr. Robertson is a Certified Financial Planner. He has worked in the financial industry for the past twenty years, and has acted as director of several public mining companies. Mr. Robertson has gained considerable financial and business experience through his involvement in various businesses in the mining industries.

<u>Peter Bojtos</u>: Mr. Bojtos is a professional engineer with over 50 years of worldwide experience in the mining industry. He has an extensive background in corporate management as well as in all facets of the industry from exploration through the feasibility study stage to mine construction, operations and decommissioning. Mr. Bojtos graduated from the University of Leicester, England in 1972, following which he worked at open-pit iron-ore and underground base-metal and uranium mines in West Africa, the United States and Canada. Following that, he worked in Toronto for Kerr Addison Mines Ltd., a Noranda Group company, in increasingly senior management and officer positions for 12 years. From 1990 to 1992 he was the President and CEO of RFC Resource Finance Corp. developing a zinc mine in Washington State. From 1993 Mr. Bojtos was the President & CEO of Consolidated Nevada Goldfields Corp. which operated precious metal mines in the United States. From 1993 to 1995 he was Chairman and CEO of Greenstone Resources Ltd., constructing and operating several gold mines in Central America. From 2017 to 2019 he was president of Pembridge Resources plc. From 1996 to present Mr. Bojtos has been an independent director of numerous exploration and producing mining companies through out the world.

#### Audit Committee Oversight

At no time since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year was a recommendation of the Audit Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor not adopted by the Board of Directors.

#### Reliance on Certain Exemptions

At no time since the commencement of the Company's most recently completed financial year has the Company relied on the exemption in Section 2.4 of NI 52-110 (De Minimis Non-audit Services), or an exemption from NI 52-110, in whole or in part, granted under Part 8 of National Instrument 52-110.

## Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

The Audit Committee is authorized by the Board of Directors to review the performance of the Company's external auditors and approve in advance provision of services other than auditing and to consider the independence of the external auditors, including a review of the range of services provided in the context of all consulting services bought by the Company. The Audit Committee is authorized to approve in writing any non-audit services or additional work which the Chairman of the Audit Committee deems is necessary, and the Chairman will notify the other members of the Audit Committee of such non-audit or additional work and the reasons for such non-audit work for the Committee's consideration, and if thought fit, approval in writing.

# External Auditor Service Fees

The fees billed by the Company's external auditors in each of the last two fiscal years for audit and nonaudit related services provided to the Company or its subsidiaries (if any) are as follows:

Financial Year Ending	Audit Fees	Audit Related Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	Tax Fees <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	All Other Fees <sup>(4)</sup>	
December 31, 2021 <sup>(1)</sup>	C\$283,000	C\$0	C\$0	C\$68,512	
December 31, 2020 <sup>(1)</sup>	C\$253,000	C\$0	C\$0	C\$37,250	

(1) Estimated.

<sup>(2)</sup> Travel and expenses.

<sup>(3)</sup> Preparation of corporate tax returns.

<sup>(4)</sup> Procedures and letters related to financings.

For additional information, please refer to the Company's Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 and filed on March 16, 2022 as the Company's 2021 Annual Information Form under the Company's SEDAR profile (<u>www.sedar.com</u>).

# **Governance and Nominating Committee**

The Governance and Nominating Committee review/recommend matters to the Board of Directors with respect to the governance and nominating matters. In this regard, the purpose of the Committee is to:

- manage the corporate governance system for the Board of Directors;
- assist the Board of Directors to fulfill its duty to meet the applicable legal, regulatory and (self-regulatory) business principles and 'codes of best practice' of corporate behaviour and conduct;
- assist in the creation of a corporate culture and environment of integrity and accountability;
- monitor the quality of the relationship between the Board of Directors and management of the Company;
- review the Chief Executive Officer's succession plan;
- recommend to the Board of Directors' nominees for appointment of the Board;
- Assist the Board of Directors' annual review of the Chief Executive Officer's performance; and
- annually review and set an agenda of the Board of Directors on an ongoing basis.

The Governance and Nominating Committee currently consists of three directors, Ronald Andrews, Peter Bojtos, and Jasman Yee, three of the three directors to be at arm's length to the Company.

The charter of the Governance and Nominating Committee is available at the Company's website at <u>www.avino.com</u>.

# **Compensation Committee**

The Compensation Committee of the Company is responsible for, among other things, evaluating the performance of the Company's executive officers, determining or making recommendations to the Board with respect to the compensation of the Company's executive officers, making recommendations to the Board with respect to director compensation, incentive compensation plans and equity-based plans, making

recommendations to the Board with respect to the compensation policy for the employees of the Company or its subsidiaries and ensuring that the Company is in compliance with all legal requirements with respect to compensation disclosure. In performing its duties, the Compensation Committee has the authority to engage such advisors, including executive compensation consultants, as it considers necessary.

The Compensation Committee is currently composed of Ronald Andrews and Peter Bojtos, who are independent directors within the meaning set out in NI 58-101. All three members of the Compensation Committee are experienced participants in the business world who have sat on the board of directors of other companies, charities or business associations, in addition to the Board of the Company.

The recommendations of the Compensation Committee are based primarily on a benchmarking analysis which compares the Company's pay levels and compensation practices with other reporting issuers of similar size, and which are active in the industry and/or market in which the Company competes for talent. This analysis provides valuable information that will allow the Company to make adjustments, if necessary, to attract and retain the best individuals to meet the Company's needs and provide value to the Company's shareholders. In formulating its recommendations, the Compensation Committee benchmarked the compensation of the Company's directors and executive officers against companies with similar market capitalization, and asset value including the following companies: Maya Gold & Silver Inc., International Tower Hill Mines, Excelsior Mining Corp., Chesapeake Gold Corp, Auryn Resources Inc., Midas Gold Corp., and GoGold Resources.

The Compensation Committee has not engaged the services of independent compensation consultants to assist it in making recommendations to the Board with respect to director and executive officer compensation.

In performing its duties, the Compensation Committee has considered the implications of risks associated with the Company's compensation policies and practices. At its present early stage of development and considering its present compensation policies, the Company currently has no compensation policies or practices that would encourage an executive officer or other individual to take inappropriate or excessive risks.

The charter of the Compensation Committee is available at the Company's website at <u>www.avino.com</u>

# **Other Board Committees**

The Board has no other committees, other than the Audit Committee, Governance & Nominating Committee and Compensation Committee. The functions of the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee are described above. The function of the Governance & Nominating Committee is to monitor developments in corporate governance, review the Company's corporate governance policies and procedures, and recommend any required revisions or improvements to the Company's corporate governance governance policies and procedures to the Board of directors.

# Assessments

Due to the minimal size of the Company's Board of Directors, no formal policy has been established to monitor the effectiveness of the directors, the Board and its committees.

# **OTHER MATTERS**

MANAGEMENT KNOWS OF NO OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE MEETING OTHER THAN THOSE REFERRED TO IN THE NOTICE OF MEETING. HOWEVER, SHOULD ANY OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING; THE SHARES REPRESENTED BY THE PROXY SOLICITED HEREBY WILL BE VOTED ON SUCH MATTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BEST JUDGMENT OF THE PERSONS VOTING THE SHARES REPRESENTED BY THE PROXY.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information relating to the Company is available on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u>. Shareholders may contact the Company at Suite 900 - 570 Granville Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6C 3P1 to request copies of the Company's financial statements and management and discussion and analysis of financial results. Financial information is provided in the Company's comparative financial statements and MD&A for its most recently completed financial year.

# **BOARD APPROVAL**

The contents of this Information Circular have been approved and this mailing has been authorized by the directors of the Company.

Where information contained in this Information Circular, rests specifically within the knowledge of a person other than the Company, the Company has relied upon information furnished by such person.

# BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AVINO SILVER & GOLD MINES LTD.

<u>s/ "David Wolfin"</u>

David Wolfin, President, CEO and Director

# **SCHEDULE "A"**

# AVINO SILVER & GOLD MINES LTD. (the "Company")

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MANDATE**

# **INTRODUCTION**

The fundamental responsibility of the Board of Directors is to appoint a competent senior management team and to oversee the management of the business, with a view to maximizing shareholder value and ensuring corporate conduct in an ethical and legal manner via an appropriate system of corporate governance and internal controls.

The Board is responsible for the management or supervising the management of the Company's business and affairs. In supervising the conduct of the business, the Board, through the Chief Executive Officer (the "**CEO**"), sets the standards of conduct for the Company.

# **COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD**

- 1. Each director must be qualified to serve as a director pursuant to, and meet the requirements of, the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) (the "Act"), all applicable securities laws and the rules, instruments, policies, regulations and guidelines of all applicable securities regulatory authorities, including without limitation the securities commissions in each of the provinces of Canada, and all stock exchanges on which the Company's securities are listed, including without limitation the TSX Venture Exchange and NYSE MKT (collectively, "Applicable Laws").
- 2. The Board will be consisting of a majority of the "independent directors" as determined by Applicable Laws.
- 3. Nominees for directors are approved by the Board and elected annually at the Company's annual general meeting of shareholders.

# **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

# The Act requires that each director:

- (a) acts honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Company, including the duty:
  - (i) to disclose conflicts of interest;
  - (ii) not to appropriate or divert corporate opportunities;
  - (iii) to maintain confidential information of the Company and not use such information for personal benefit; and
  - (iv) not to disclose information vital to the business of the Company in the possession of a director;
- (b) exercises the care, diligence, and skill that a reasonably prudent individual would exercise in comparable circumstances; and
- (c) acts in accordance with the Act and the Company's Articles.

# 1. Meetings of the Board

- (a) The Board will meet a minimum of four times per year and may also hold additional meetings as considered necessary.
- (b) Each director of the Company is expected to use all reasonable efforts to attend all regularly scheduled Board and applicable committee meetings, except to the extent that any absence is due to medical or other valid reasons.
- (c) An *in-camera* session will be available for all independent directors at every Board meeting, if requested.

# 2. Managing the Affairs of the Board

The Board operates by delegating certain of its responsibilities and authority, including spending authorizations, to management, and by reserving certain powers to itself. Certain of the powers that the Board retains may be delegated to committees of the Board, pursuant to the policies, mandates and charters of such committees as approved by the Board.

The Board retains the responsibility for managing its own affairs, including:

- (a) annually reviewing the skills and experience represented on the Board in light of the Company's strategic direction and approving a Board composition plan recommended by the Governance & Nominating Committee;
- (b) annually, following each annual general meeting of shareholders:
  - (i) electing a Chair of the Board and appointing the President and CEO of the Company,
  - (ii) on the recommendation of the CEO, appointing the senior officers of the Company, and
  - (iii) appointing committees of the Board, including an Audit Committee, Governance & Nominating Committee, Compensation Committee, and any other standing committee the Board determines is necessary or advisable from time to time, and determining the composition of those committees;
- (c) establishing from time to time, as determined necessary or advisable by the Board, special committees of the Board;
- (d) periodically setting and updating (from time to time as determined to be necessary by the Board) the policies, mandates, and charters of the committees of the Board, as applicable;
- (e) determining and implementing an appropriate process for assessing the effectiveness of the Board, the Chair of the Board, each committee of the Board and each individual director in fulfilling their respective responsibilities;
- (f) periodically assessing the adequacy and form of director compensation, after considering recommendations by the Compensation Committee;
- (g) assuming responsibility for the Company's governance practices;
- (h) establishing new director orientation and ongoing director education processes;

- (i) ensuring that the independent directors meet regularly without executive directors and management present; and
- (j) to the extent feasible, satisfying itself as to the integrity of the Board as a whole.

# 3. Management Responsibility

The Board has the responsibility to:

- (a) Appoint the CEO and senior officers, approve their compensation, and monitor the CEO's performance against a set of mutually agreed corporate objectives directed at maximizing shareholder value.
- (b) In conjunction with the CEO, develop a clear mandate for the CEO, which includes a delineation of senior management's responsibilities.
- (c) Ensure that a process is established that adequately provides for succession planning, including the appointing, training and monitoring of senior management.
- (d) Establish limits of authority delegated to senior management.
- (e) Annual review and adoption of a strategic planning process and approval of the corporate strategic plan, which takes into account, among other things, the opportunities and risks of the business.

# 4. Financial and Corporate Matters

The Board has the responsibility to:

- (a) review and approve the Company's financial statements and oversee the Company's compliance with applicable audit, accounting and reporting requirements;
- (b) approve annual operating and capital budgets;
- (c) review operating and financial performance results relative to established strategy, budgets and objectives;
- (d) take reasonable steps to ensure the implementation and integrity of the Company's internal control and management information systems;
- (e) review and approve release by management of any materials reporting on the Company's financial performance or providing guidance on future results to its shareholders;
- (f) ensure the Company's public disclosure is disseminated on a timely and regular basis in accordance with Applicable Law, accurately and fairly reflects the state of affairs of the Company, and is in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, including quarterly results press releases and quarterly financial statements, any guidance provided by the Company on future results, Company information circulars, annual information forms, annual reports, prospectuses and registration statements;
- (g) ensure the CEO and CFO certify the Company's annual and interim financial statements, annual and interim MD&A and Annual Information Form, and that the content of the certification meets all legal and regulatory requirements;

- (h) approve financings, issuances and repurchases of shares, issuances of debt securities, listings of shares and other securities, issuances of commercial paper, and prospectuses or registration statements; and recommend changes in the Company's authorized share capital to shareholders for their approval, if required by Applicable Laws;
- (i) approve the incurrence of any material debt by the Company outside the ordinary course of business;
- (j) approve the commencement or settlement of litigation that may have a material impact on the Company; and
- (k) recommend to the Company's shareholders the appointment of external auditors and, if so authorized by the Company's shareholders, approve auditors' fees.

# 5. Board Process / Effectiveness

- (a) Ensure that Board materials are distributed to directors in advance of regularly scheduled meetings to allow for sufficient review of the materials prior to the meeting.
- (b) Engage in the process of determining Board member qualifications with the Governance & Nominating Committee, including ensuring that a majority of directors qualify as independent directors pursuant to National Instrument 58-101 *Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices* (as implemented by the Canadian Securities Administrators and as amended from time to time).
- (c) Approve the nomination of directors.
- (d) Establish an appropriate system of corporate governance, including practices to ensure the Board functions independently of management.
- (e) Establish appropriate practices for the regular evaluation of the effectiveness of the Board, its committees and its members.
- (f) Establish committees and approve their respective mandates and the limits of authority delegated to each committee.
- (g) Review and re-assess the adequacy of the Audit Committee Charter on a regular basis.
- (h) Review the adequacy and form of the directors' compensation to ensure it realistically reflects the responsibilities and risks involved in being a director.
- (i) Each member of the Board is expected to understand the nature and operations of the Company's business, and have an awareness of the political, economic and social trends prevailing in all countries or regions in which the Company invests, or is contemplating potential investment.
- (j) In addition to the above, adherence to all other Board responsibilities as set forth in the Company's Notice of Articles, Articles, applicable policies and practices and other statutory and regulatory obligations.

# 6. Business and Risk Management

The Board has the responsibility to:

- (a) ensure management identifies the principal risks of the Company's business and implements appropriate systems to manage these risks;
- (b) evaluate and assess information provided by committees of the Board, management and others about principal risks of the Company's business and the effectiveness of risk management systems in place; and
- (c) review the adequacy of security of information, information systems, and recovery plans.

# **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Mandate was approved and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company with immediate effect on February 14, 2017 (the "**Effective Date**").

# **GOVERNING LAW**

This Mandate shall be interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the federal laws of Canada applicable in that Province.





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# Form of Proxy - Annual General Meeting to be held on June 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time

# This Form of Proxy is solicited by and on behalf of Management.

# Notes to proxy

- 1. Every holder has the right to appoint some other person or company of their choice, who need not be a holder, to attend and act on their behalf at the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. If you wish to appoint a person or company other than the Management Nominees whose names are printed herein, please insert the name of your chosen proxyholder in the space provided (see reverse).
- 2. If the securities are registered in the name of more than one owner (for example, joint ownership, trustees, executors, etc.), then all those registered should sign this proxy. If you are voting on behalf of a corporation or another individual you may be required to provide documentation evidencing your power to sign this proxy with signing capacity stated.
- 3. This proxy should be signed in the exact manner as the name(s) appear(s) on the proxy.
- 4. If a date is not inserted in the space provided on the reverse of this proxy, it will be deemed to bear the date on which it was mailed to the holder by Management.
- 5. The securities represented by this proxy will be voted as directed by the holder, however, if such a direction is not made in respect of any matter, and the proxy appoints the Management Nominees listed on the reverse, this proxy will be voted as recommended by Management.
- 6. The securities represented by this proxy will be voted in favour, or withheld from voting, or voted against each of the matters described herein, as applicable, in accordance with the instructions of the holder, on any ballot that may be called for. If you have specified a choice with respect to any matter to be acted on, the securities will be voted accordingly.
- 7. This proxy confers discretionary authority in respect of amendments or variations to matters identified in the Notice of Meeting and Management Information Circular or other matters that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof, unless prohibited by law.
- 8. This proxy should be read in conjunction with the accompanying documentation provided by Management.

Proxies submitted must be received by 10:00 a.m., Pacific Daylight Time, on Friday, June 17, 2022.

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### If you vote by telephone or the Internet, DO NOT mail back this proxy.

Voting by mail may be the only method for securities held in the name of a corporation or securities being voted on behalf of another individual. Voting by mail or by Internet are the only methods by which a holder may appoint a person as proxyholder other than the Management Nominees named on the reverse of this proxy. Instead of mailing this proxy, you may choose one of the two voting methods outlined above to vote this proxy.

To vote by telephone or the Internet, you will need to provide your CONTROL NUMBER listed below.

### **CONTROL NUMBER**

I/We being holder(s) of securities of Av "Company") hereby appoint: David Wo Company, or failing this person, Jennifer Company (the "Management Nominees")	lfin, Presic	lent and Di	rector of the	Print the name of t appointing if this p other than the Mar Nominees listed he	erson is son agement					
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04. Jasman Yee										
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3. Appointment of Auditors To re-appoint Manning Elliott LLP as	Auditors	of the Co	mpany and to authoriz	e the Directors to fix th	eir remuner	ation.				

Signature of Proxyholder	Signature(s)	Date		
I/We authorize you to act in accordance with my/our instructions set out above. I/We hereby revoke any proxy previously given with respect to the Meeting. If no voting instructions are indicated above, and the proxy appoints the Management Nominees, this Proxy will be voted as recommended by Management.				
Interim Financial Statements - Mark this box if you would like to receive Interim Financial Statements and accompanying Management's Discussion and Analysis by mail. If you are not mailing back your proxy, you may register online to receive the above financial report(s) by mail at	Statements and ssion and Analysis by			



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# VOTING INSTRUCTION FORM

# AVINO SILVER & GOLD MINES LTD.

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# STEP 2

### **APPOINT A PROXY (OPTIONAL)**

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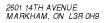
IF YOU WISE TO ATTEND THE MEETING OR DESIGNATE ANOTHER PERSON TO ATTEND, VOTE AND ACT ON YOUR BEHALF AT THE MEETING, OR ANY ADJOURNMENT OR POSTPONEMENT THEREOF, OTHER THAN THE PERSON(S) SPECIFIED ABOVE, PRINT YOUR NAME OR THE NAME OF THE OTHER PERSON ATTENDING THE MEETING IN THE SPACE PROVIDED HEREIN. UNLESS YOU INSTRUCT OTHERWISE, THE PERSON WHOSE NAME IS WRITTEN IN THIS SPACE WILL HAVE FULL AUTHORITY TO ATTEND, VOTE AND OTHERWISE ACT IN RESPECT OF ALL MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE MEETING OR ANY ADJOURNMENT OR POSTPONEMENT THEREOF, EVEN IF THESS MATTERS ARE NOT SET OUT IN THE FORM OR THE CIRCULAR. FOR VIRTUAL MEETINGS, YOU MAY NEED TO COMPLETE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTION FOR YOU OR YOUR APPOINTEE TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

PLEASE PRINT APPOINTEE NAME ABOVE

	STEP 3 🔪	COMPLETE YOUR VOTING DIRECTIONS	
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	02-Peter Bojtos		
	03-David Wolfin		
	04-Jasman Yee		

### ITEM(S): VOTING RECOMMENDATIONS ARE INDICATED BY BOLD TEXT OVER THE BOXES (FILL IN ONLY ONE BOX " ITEM IN BLACK OR BLUE INK)

1 To set the number of Directors at four (4).	RECOMMENDATION: FOR FOR AGAINST	
3 To re-appoint Manning Elliott LLP as Auditors of the Company and to authorize the Directors to fix their remuneration.	RECOMMENDATION: FOR FOR WITHHOLD	
		STEP 4       THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED         * ISSUER CONFIRMATION COPY - INFO ONLY *         signature(s)       *INVALID IF NOT SIGNED*         M       M       D       Y







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# **VOTING INSTRUCTION FORM**

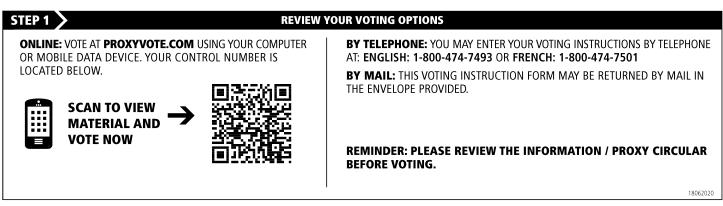
### ANNUAL MEETING

AVINO SILVER & GOLD MINES LTD.

WHEN: TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M. PDT

WHERE:

Suite 900 - 570 Granville Street Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 3P1



### WE NEED TO RECEIVE YOUR VOTING INSTRUCTIONS AT LEAST ONE BUSINESS DAY BEFORE THE PROXY DEPOSIT DATE. CONTROL NO.:→ PROXY DEPOSIT DATE: JUNE 17, 2022

#### The control number has been assigned to you to identify your shares for voting.

You must keep your control number confidential and not disclose it to others other than when you vote using one of the voting options set out on this form. Should you send this form or provide your control number to others, you are responsible for any subsequent voting of, or subsequent inability to vote, your shares.

Dear Client:

A meeting is being held for securityholders of the above noted issuer.

- You are receiving this Voting Instruction Form and the enclosed meeting materials at the direction of the issuer as a beneficial owner of securities. You are a beneficial owner because we, as your intermediary, hold the securities in an account for you and the securities are not registered in your name.
- 2. Votes are being solicited by or on behalf of the management of the issuer.
- 3. Even if you have declined to receive materials, a reporting issuer is entitled to deliver these materials to you and if requested to do so, it is our responsibility to forward them. These materials are being sent at no cost to you, in the language you requested, if available.
- 4. Unless you attend the meeting and vote in person or virtually (as applicable), your securities can only be voted through us as registered holder or proxyholder of the registered holder in accordance with your instructions. We cannot vote for you if we do not receive your voting instructions. Please provide your voting instructions to us promptly using one of the available voting methods or complete and return this form. We will submit a proxy vote on your behalf according to the voting instructions you provide, unless you elect to attend the meeting and vote in person or virtually (as applicable).
- 5. When you give us your voting instructions, you acknowledge that:
- You are the beneficial owner or are authorized to provide these voting instructions; and
  You have read the material and the voting instructions on this form.
- 6. You may not present this Voting Instruction Form at the meeting in order to vote.
- 7. To attend and vote your shares at the meeting:
  - Write your name or the name of your designate to act on your behalf on the "Appointee" line on the other side of this form, sign and date the form, and return it by mail, or
  - Go to ProxyVote.com (if available) and insert the name in the "Change Appointee(s)" section on the voting site.
  - For virtual meetings, you may need to complete additional information or take additional action for you or your Appointee to attend the meeting. Refer to the meeting material accompanying this voting instruction form for details.

You, or your designate, as the named "Appointee", must attend the meeting for your vote to be counted.

- 8. Unless prohibited by law or you instruct otherwise, the Appointee(s) or the person whose name is written in the space provided will have full authority to attend and otherwise act at, and present matters to the meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof, and vote on all matters that are brought before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof, even if these matters are not set out in this form or in the management proxy circular. Consult a legal advisor if you wish to modify the authority of that person in any way. If you require assistance, please contact the person who services your account.
- 9. If these voting instructions are given on behalf of a body corporate, set out the full legal name of the body corporate, the name and position of the person giving voting instructions on behalf of the body corporate and the address for service of the body corporate.
- 10. If the items listed in the management proxy circular are different from the items listed on the other side of this form, the management proxy circular will be considered correct.
- 11. The Appointee named in this form will exercise the voting rights attached to the securities in accordance with the instructions given. In the absence of any specific instructions as to voting being provided by you on this form, the item(s) will be voted as recommended on the reverse of this form or as stated in the management proxy circular, except in the case of your appointment of an Appointee.
- 12. This Voting Instruction Form should be read in conjunction with the accompanying management proxy circular.
- 13. To ensure that your instructions are received in sufficient time to be processed, please ensure that the Voting Instruction Form is received by us or voted online at least one business day before the proxy deposit date noted above or the proxy deadline specified in the management proxy circular. Voting instructions received on the proxy deposit date or later may not be able to be included in the final tabulation.

This Voting Instruction Form confers discretionary authority to vote on such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

#### If you have any questions or require help, please contact the person who services your account. <u>Disclosure of Information – Electing to Receive Financial Statements or Requesting</u> <u>Meeting Materials</u>

By electing to receive the financial statements or requesting meeting materials, your name and address may be provided to the reporting issuer (or its agent) for mailing purposes.