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## AVINO ANNOUNCES Q2 2017 PRODUCTION RESULTS

Avino Silver & Gold Mines Ltd. (NYSE-MKT:ASM: TSX.V, ASM; “Avino” or the “Company”) announces second quarter 2017 production results from its Avino property near Durango, Mexico.

### Consolidated Production Highlights for Second Quarter 2017 (Compared to Second Quarter 2016)

- Silver equivalent production increased by 11% to 698,174 oz\*
- Gold production increased by 29% to 1,954 oz
- Silver production increased by 1% to 386,002oz
- Copper production increased by 7% to 1,133,161 lbs

*\*For comparison purposes, the silver equivalent ratio has been calculated using metal prices of \$17.26 oz Ag, \$1,257 oz Au and \$2.57 Lb Cu. Mill production figures have not been reconciled and are subject to adjustment with concentrate sales. Calculated figures may not add up due to rounding.*

“We are pleased with the 11% increase in production this quarter compared to the second quarter of last year. The results are higher this quarter compared to the same period last year mainly due to the increased mill availability experienced in the second quarter of 2017.

At our current rate of production, we anticipate outputs to be similar in the second half of the year.

We are also very happy with the progression of the plant and mill expansions which will further develop and maintain a solid production profile going forward.”

**David Wolfen, President, CEO & Director, Avino Silver & Gold Mines Ltd.**

### Consolidated Second Quarter 2017 Production Highlights

Comparative production results from the second quarter 2017 and the second quarter 2016 are presented below:

	Q2 2017	Q2 2016	% Change
Total Silver Eq. Produced (oz) calculated*	698,174	629,780	11%
Total Gold Produced (oz) calculated	1,954	1,509	29%
Total Silver Produced (oz) calculated	386,002	380,620	1%
Total Copper Produced (Lbs) calculated	1,133,161	1,054,935	7%

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## Avino Mine Second Quarter 2017 Production Results

Comparative figures for the second quarter 2017 and the second quarter 2016 for the Avino Mine are as follows; production figures for the second quarter 2017 include production from Mill Circuit 2 and Mill Circuit 3:

	Q2 2017	Q2 2016	Quarterly Change %	2017 YTD	Notes
Tonnes Mined	115,519	101,400	14%	231,922	1
Underground Advancement (m)	773	1,242	-38%	1,418	1
Mill Availability (%)	98	87	13%	97	1
Total Mill Feed (dry tonnes)	117,386	97,666	20%	233,940	1
Feed Grade Silver (g/t)	76	64	19%	68	2
Feed Grade Gold (g/t)	0.53	0.26	106%	0.52	2
Feed Grade Copper (%)	0.49	0.55	-10%	0.47	2
Recovery Silver (%)	84%	85%	-1%	85%	3
Recovery Gold (%)	69%	60%	14%	68%	3
Recovery Copper (%)	89%	90%	-1%	90%	3
Copper Concentrate (dry tonnes)	2,615	2,222	18%	5,011	4
Copper Concentrate Grade Silver (kg/t)	2.87	2.36	22%	2.71	4
Copper Concentrate Grade Gold (g/t)	16.46	6.9	139%	16.36	4
Copper Concentrate Grade Copper (%)	19.66	21.54	-9%	19.54	4
Total Silver Produced (kg)	7,517	5,250	43%	13,600	5
Total Gold Produced (g)	43,037	15,317	181%	81,973	5
Total Copper Produced (Kg)	513,994	478,511	7%	978,880	5
Total Silver Produced (oz) <i>calculated</i>	241,686	168,787	43%	437,248	5
Total Gold Produced (oz) <i>calculated</i>	1,384	492	181%	2,635	5
Total Copper Produced (Lbs) <i>calculated</i>	1,133,161	1,054,935	7%	2,158,058	5
Total Silver Equivalent Produced (oz) <i>calculated*</i>	512,237	341,521	50%	951,399	6

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### Second Quarter 2017 Highlights

1. The tonnage processed increased by 20% due to circuits #2 and #3 being used exclusively for the processing of the Avino mine material. The mill availability rate increased by 13% over the second quarter of 2016 during which time there were mechanical issues with the ball mill of circuit #3. In the second quarter we opted to mine by slashing the vein to provide mill feed, therefore the mine development decreased by 38%.

2. Silver and gold feed grades increased by 19% and 106% respectively while the copper grade decreased by 10% due to the change in mineralization.
3. Gold recovery improved by 14% due to the higher feed grade realized, while the silver and copper recoveries remained stable with minor changes seen.
4. The higher tonnage processed resulted in 18% more concentrate produced although the copper feed grade decreased by 9%.
5. Gold production increased by 181%, while silver and copper increased by 43% and 7% respectively.
6. The higher tonnage processed, together with the higher silver and feed grades resulted in 50% more silver equivalent ounces produced.

### San Gonzalo Mine Second Quarter 2017 Production Highlights

Comparative figures for the second quarter 2017 and the second quarter 2016 for the San Gonzalo mine are as follows:

	Q2 2017	Q2 2016	Quarterly Change %	YTD 2017	Note s
Tonnes Mined	21,238	24,813	-14%	44,497	1
Underground Advancement (m)	1,089	1,098	-1%	1,920	
Mill Availability (%)	95	94	1%	95	
Total Mill Feed (dry tonnes)	20,107	33,946	-41%	40,241	1
Feed Grade Silver (g/t)	277	237	17%	253	2
Feed Grade Gold (g/t)	1.19	1.31	-10%	1.19	2
Recovery Silver (%)	81%	82%	-2%	82%	3
Recovery Gold (%)	74%	71%	5%	75%	3
Bulk Concentrate (dry tonnes)	728	1,262	-42%	1,426	4
Bulk Concentrate Grade Silver (kg/t)	6.17	5.19	19%	5.87	4
Bulk Concentrate Grade Gold (g/t)	24.36	20.97	16%	25.19	4
Total Silver Produced (kg)	4,489	6,589	-32%	8,361	5
Total Gold Produced (g)	17,724	31,645	-44%	35,906	5
Total Silver Produced (oz) <i>calculated</i>	144,315	211,833	-32%	268,822	5
Total Gold Produced (oz) <i>calculated</i>	570	1017	-44%	1,154	5
Total Silver Equivalent Produced (oz) <i>calculated*</i>	185,937	288,259	-35%	351,417	5

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### Second Quarter 2017 Highlights

1. Tonnage mined and processed decreased by 14% and 41% respectively due to circuit #2 being used for the Avino mine material.
2. The silver in the feed grade increased by 17% whereas the gold grade decreased by 10%.
3. The gold recovery improved by 5% while the silver recovery decreased slightly by 2%.

4. Concentrate tonnage produced also decreased by 42% due to the lower tonnage processed and the increased grades of silver and gold in the concentrate of 19 and 16% respectively.
5. The lower tonnage throughput, together with the changes in the feed grades and recoveries, resulted in a decrease of silver ounces by 32%, gold by 44% and overall silver equivalent by 35%.

### **Zinc Circuit**

Testing of the zinc circuit has been ongoing during the second quarter and the initial results have indicated slight improvements in the San Gonzalo gold and silver recoveries, however the grade of the concentrate has been low. We will continue with the testing to obtain a marketable product.

### **Quality Assurance/Quality Control**

Mill assays are performed at the Avino property's on-site lab. Check samples are sent to SGS Labs in Durango, Mexico for verification. All concentrate shipments are assayed by one of the following independent third party labs: AHK, Inspectorate in the UK, and LSI in the Netherlands.

### **Qualified Person(s)**

Avino's Mexican projects are under the supervision Jasman Yee P.Eng, Avino director, who is a qualified person within the context of National Instrument 43-101. He has reviewed and approved the technical data in this news release.

### **About Avino**

Avino is a silver and gold producer with a diversified pipeline of gold, silver and base metals properties in Mexico and Canada employing approximately 500 people. Avino produces from its wholly owned Avino and San Gonzalo Mines near Durango, Mexico, and is currently planning for future production at the Bralorne Gold Mine in British Columbia, Canada. The Company's gold and silver production remains unhedged. The Company's mission and strategy is to create shareholder value through its focus on profitable organic growth at the historic Avino Property near Durango, Mexico, and the strategic acquisition of mineral exploration and mining properties. We are committed to managing all business activities in an environmentally responsible and cost-effective manner, while contributing to the well-being of the communities in which we operate.

### **ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD**

**"David Wolfin"**

**David Wolfin**

**President & Chief Executive Officer**

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