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VANCOUVER, April 13, 2017 /CNW/ - Avino Silver & Gold Mines Ltd. (NYSE-MKT:ASM: TSX.V, ASM; "Avino" or the "Company") announces first quarter 2017 production results from its Avino property near Durango, Mexico.

Consolidated Production Highlights for First Quarter 2017 (Compared to First Quarter 2016)

- Silver equivalent decreased by 16% to 604,643 oz*
- Gold production increased by 23% to 1,837 oz
- Silver production decreased by 21% to 320,082 oz
- Copper production decreased by 24% to 1,024,853 lbs

For comparison purposes, the silver equivalent ratio has been calculated using metal prices of \$17.42 oz Ag, \$1,220 oz Au and \$2.65 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 have experienced lower production and development numbers this quarter compared to the first quarter of last year, with the exception of gold production, which has increased by 23%. While the results are lower mainly due to lower grade material, we are still looking to achieve another solid year. We anticipate that the grades will improve for the balance of the year as we enter a new high grade zone at San Gonzalo which is currently being developed, and should allow the yearly production levels to be consistent with the Company's internal expectations. In 2017, our objectives are to continue working towards our growth strategy which includes the plant and mine expansion to increase throughput capacity at the processing plant by an estimated 70%. We also remain focused on the optimization of the mill and plant with full automation to improve efficiencies and potentially increase recovery rates."

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

Consolidated First Quarter 2017 Production Highlights

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

	Q1 2017	Q1 2016	% Change
Total Silver Eq. Produced (oz) calculated*	604,643	715,933	-16%
Total Gold Produced (oz) calculated	1,837	1,497	23%
Total Silver Produced (oz) calculated	320,082	403,447	-21%
Total Copper Produced (Lbs) calculated	1,024,853	1,350,912	-24%

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Avino Mine First Quarter 2017 Production Results

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

	Q1	Q1	Quarterly	Notes
	2017	2016	Change %	
Tonnes Mined	102,005	99,199	3%	1
Underground Advancement (m)	646	1,143	-43%	1
Mill Availability (%)	98%	97%	1%	
Total Mill Feed (dry tonnes)	116,553	119,515	-2%	
Feed Grade Silver (g/t)	61	68	-10%	1
Feed Grade Gold (g/t)	0.50	0.27	83%	1
Feed Grade Copper (%)	0.44	0.58	-24%	1
Recovery Silver (%)	86.11	87%	-1%	2
Recovery Gold (%)	67.44	67%	1%	2
Recovery Copper (%)	90.87	89%	2%	2
Copper Concentrate (dry tonnes)	2,396	2,712	-12%	3
Copper Concentrate Grade Silver (kg/t)	2.54	2.60	-4%	4
Copper Concentrate Grade Gold (g/t)	16.25	7.87	106%	4
Copper Concentrate Grade Copper (%)	19.4	22.6	-14%	4
Total Silver Produced (kg)	6,083	7,038	-14%	5
Total Gold Produced (g)	38,935	21,353	82%	5
Total Copper Produced (Kg)	464,866	612,764	-24%	5
Total Silver Produced (oz) calculated	195,562	226,264	-14%	5
Total Gold Produced (oz) calculated	1,252	687	82%	5
Total Copper Produced (Lbs) calculated	1,024,853	1,350,912	-24%	5
Total Silver Equivalent Produced (oz) calculated*	439,163	474,206	-7%	5

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First Quarter 2017 Highlights

1. Tonnes mined are up 3%, which is a lower increase than anticipated, due to mechanical issues with some of the equipment, which is being addressed. Underground advancement decreased by 43% due to the higher grade lower levels not being available due to water issues, which have since been controlled. Therefore the upper levels took priority. Feed from the new zone resulted in an increase of 83% in gold, 10% decrease in silver and 24% decrease in copper.
2. Copper, silver and gold recoveries were stable with slight variances.
3. Copper concentrate production decreased by 12% due to the lower copper grade in the feed potentially due to the dilution from material being mined.
4. Gold in the concentrate increased by 106% whereas the silver and copper decreased by 4% and 14% respectively.
5. The change in feed grade resulted in an increase of 82% in gold production, a decrease of 24% and 14% in copper and silver production, respectively.

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

	Q1 2017	Q1 2016	Quarterly Change %	Notes
Tonnes Mined	23,259	24,402	-5%	
Underground Advancement (m)	831	1,183	-30%	1
Mill Availability (%)	96	95	1%	
Total Mill Feed (dry tonnes)	20,133	20,601	-2%	
Feed Grade Silver (g/t)	229	318	-28%	2
Feed Grade Gold (g/t)	1.188	1.49	-20%	2
Recovery Silver (%)	84	84	-	3
Recovery Gold (%)	76	82	-7%	3
Bulk Concentrate (dry tonnes)	698	800	-13%	4
Bulk Concentrate Grade Silver (kg/t)	5.55	6.85	-19%	5
Bulk Concentrate Grade Gold (g/t)	26	27	-4%	5
Total Silver Produced (kg)	3,873	5,511	-30%	6
Total Gold Produced (g)	18,182	25,193	-28%	6
Total Silver Produced (oz) calculated	124,520	177,183	-30%	6
Total Gold Produced (oz) calculated	585	810	-28%	6
Total Silver Equivalent Produced (oz) calculated*	165,480	241,727	-32%	6

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1. There was a reduction of 30% in underground development metres as the number of faces for development work had been reduced pending further geological interpretation and exploratory drilling.
2. The silver and gold in the feed grade decreased by 28% and 20% respectively due to the ore blocks that are presently being mined. The grade has been highly variable due to the mineralisation encountered.
3. There were no changes in the silver recovery of 84%, however the gold recovery decreased by 7% due to the change in mineralization. Some of the gold was found to be associated with sphalerite; and as a result a test zinc flotation circuit has been implemented to improve the gold recovery.
4. Concentrate production decreased by 13% mostly on account of the lower feed grade.
5. Silver and gold grade in the concentrate also decreased by 19% and 4%, respectively.
6. The lower feed grade reduced the silver and gold production by 30% and 28% respectively.

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, LSI, Alex Stewart and SGS and Inspectorate in the UK.

Qualified Person(s)

Avino's Mexican projects are under the supervision of Chris Sampson, P.Eng, Avino consultant, and Jasman Yee P.Eng, Avino

director, who are both qualified persons within the context of National Instrument 43-101. Both have reviewed and approved the technical data in this news release.

About Avino

Avino is a silver and gold producer 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

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President & Chief Executive Officer

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