

# Avino Announces Q1 2019 Production Results

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VANCOUVER, April 15, 2019 - Avino Silver & Gold Mines Ltd. (ASM: TSX/NYSE American, GV6: FSE, "Avino" or "the is pleased to announce its first quarter 2019 production results from its Avino property near Durango, Mexico.

The silver equivalent production in Q1, 2019 decreased by 6% compared to Q1, 2018, primarily due to a shutdown of n period of 7 days during the quarter to facilitate planned upgrades to the crushing circuit.

## Consolidated Production Highlights for Q1 2019 (Compared to Q1 2018)

- Silver equivalent production decreased by 6% to 615,019 oz\*
- Gold production decreased by 6% to 1,813 oz
- Silver production decreased by 13% to 268,399 oz
- Copper production increased by 10% to 1,062,702 lbs

\*In Q1, 2019, AgEq was calculated using metals prices of \$15.57 oz Ag, \$1304.40 oz Au and \$2.82lb Cu. In Q1, 2018, AgEq was calculated using metals prices of \$16.77 oz Ag, \$1,330 oz Au and \$3.16 lb Cu.

"The production results this quarter are reflective of the lower grades achieved, coupled with 7 days of lost production v upgrades to the crusher were being completed at the mill. The upgrades were significant to the overall operation as the enable us to realize more consistent throughput from the crusher during the rainy season in Mexico." said David Wolfing and CEO. "We continue to focus on profitable ounces and a considered approach to keeping costs controlled company particularly as we are experiencing lower metal prices."

## Consolidated Production Tables

Q1 2019

| Production by Mine               | Tonnes Processed | Silver Oz | Gold Oz | Copper Lbs | AgEq    |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|---------|------------|---------|
| Avino                            | 100,922          | 112,315   | 1,097   | 958,071    | 379,798 |
| San Gonzalo                      | 17,901           | 70,759    | 187     | -          | 86,406  |
| Historic Above Ground Stockpiles | 78,864           | 85,325    | 529     | 104,631    | 148,815 |
| Consolidated                     | 197,687          | 268,399   | 1,813   | 1,062,702  | 615,019 |

Q1 2019

| Grade & Recovery by Mine         | Grade Ag g/t | Grade Au g/t | Grade Cu % | Recovery Ag % | Recovery Au % | Recovery Cu % |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Avino                            | 41           | 0.48         | 0.49       | 84%           | 71%           | 87%           |
| San Gonzalo                      | 188          | 0.54         | -          | 65%           | 61%           | -             |
| Historic Above Ground Stockpiles | 61           | 0.40         | 0.21       | 55%           | 52%           | 29%           |
| Consolidated                     | 62           | 0.45         | 0.37       | 71%           | 62%           | 62%           |

The mill circuit configuration in Q1 2019 was the same as Q4 2018 where Mill Circuit 1 processed material from San Gonzalo, Mill Circuit 2 processed material from San Luis, Mill Circuit 3 processed material from Elena Tolosa and Mill Circuit 4 processed material from the AHAG's.

Avino Mine Production Highlights

|  | Q1      | Q1      | Quarterly |
|--|---------|---------|-----------|
|  | 2019    | 2018    | Change    |
| Total Mill Feed (dry tonnes)           | 100,922 | 120,631 | -16%      |
| Feed Grade Silver (g/t)                | 41      | 56      | -27%      |
| Feed Grade Gold (g/t)                  | 0.48    | 0.58    | -18%      |
| Feed Grade Copper (%)                  | 0.49    | 0.43    | 14%       |
| Recovery Silver (%)                    | 84%     | 81%     | 4%        |
| Recovery Gold (%)                      | 71%     | 68%     | 4%        |
| Recovery Copper (%)                    | 87%     | 84%     | 3%        |
| Total Silver Produced (oz)             | 112,315 | 174,603 | -36%      |
| Total Gold Produced (oz)               | 1,097   | 1,544   | -29%      |
| Total Copper Produced (Lbs)            | 958,071 | 970,165 | -1%       |
| Total Silver Equivalent Produced (oz)* | 379,798 | 480,315 | -21%      |

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Copper grades increased by 14%, compared to Q1 2018, and silver and gold grades decreased 27% and 18% respectively. The change in grades is due to variability in the deposit.

#### San Gonzalo Production Highlights

|  | Q1<br>2019 | Q1<br>2018 | Quarterly<br>Change<br>% |
|--|------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Total Mill Feed (dry tonnes)           | 17,901     | 20,186     | -11%                     |
| Feed Grade Silver (g/t)                | 188        | 264        | -29%                     |
| Feed Grade Gold (g/t)                  | 0.54       | 1.07       | -50%                     |
| Recovery Silver (%)                    | 65%        | 79%        | -17%                     |
| Recovery Gold (%)                      | 61%        | 75%        | -19%                     |
| Total Silver Produced (oz)             | 70,759     | 135,079    | -48%                     |
| Total Gold Produced (oz)               | 187        | 521        | -64%                     |
| Total Silver Equivalent Produced (oz)* | 86,406     | 176,384    | -51%                     |

\* In Q1, 2019, AgEq was calculated using metals prices of \$15.57 oz Ag, \$1304.40 oz Au and \$2.82 lb Cu. In Q1, 2018, AgEq was calculated using metals prices of \$16.77 oz Ag, \$1,330 oz Au and \$3.16 lb Cu.

At San Gonzalo, the mine is approaching its end of life and the grades, recoveries and production have started to tail off. This is in line with our internal expectations.

#### Historic Above Ground Stockpiles Production Highlights

|   | Q1<br>2019 |
|---|------------|
| Total Mill Feed (dry tonnes)                      | 78,864     |
| Feed Grade Silver (g/t)                           | 61         |
| Feed Grade Gold (g/t)                             | 0.40       |
| Feed Grade Copper (%)                             | 0.21       |
| Recovery Silver (%)                               | 55%        |
| Recovery Gold (%)                                 | 52%        |
| Recovery Copper (%)                               | 29%        |
| Total Silver Produced (oz)                        | 85,325     |
| Total Gold Produced (oz)                          | 529        |
| Total Copper Produced (Lbs)                       | 104,631    |
| Total Silver Equivalent Produced (oz) calculated* | 148,815    |

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Although recovery numbers look less favorable; due to the negligible cost of mining, the profit margin on this material is quite positive. We will continue to evaluate our feed and product mix to maximize profitability during the current metal price environment.

#### 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, and Inspectorate in the UK and LSI in the Netherlands.

#### Qualified Person(s)

Peter Latta, P.Eng, MBA, Senior Technical Advisor, Avino and Jasman Yee P.Eng, Avino director, both of whom are qualified persons within the context of National Instrument 43-101 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 close to 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. Avino is 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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