

# Avino Provides Update on Its 100% Owned La Preciosa Property, Preparing for Production

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VANCOUVER, February 28, 2024 - [Avino Silver & Gold Mines Ltd.](#) (TSX:ASM)(NYSE American:ASM)(GV6:FSE) is pleased to provide an update on recently completed and ongoing work in connection with La Preciosa, our development stage mineral property which hosts one of the largest undeveloped primary silver resources in Mexico. La Preciosa is located adjacent to Avino's existing operations in Durango, Mexico. The addition of La Preciosa's mineral resource inventory significantly increased Avino's consolidated NI 43-101 mineral resources, which is currently 371 million silver equivalent ounces.

At La Preciosa, capital for 2024 is expected to be between US\$3.0 - US\$4.0 million and will include surface works and equipment procurement intended for the first phase of mine development for the Gloria and Abundancia Veins. Avino already has the mining equipment necessary to commence operations at La Preciosa.

The application for the Environmental permit has been submitted by the Company to the relevant authorities. A further permit will be submitted shortly after receipt of the Environmental permit, which is required to commence the construction of the portal, haulage ramp, and the mining of the Gloria and Abundancia veins. Avino anticipates receiving these permits sometime in 2024.

The onsite drill core storage and office buildings are in good condition and are solar powered. Avino is committed to operating La Preciosa with a small environmental footprint and at a low cost.

## ONGOING WORKS AT LA PRECIOSA AND PREP WORK AT THE AVINO MILL INCLUDE:

### La Preciosa - Surface & Site Works

- Surface Office building rehabilitation
- Extensive sampling of historic surface mineralized stockpiles
- Haulage of historic stockpiles to the Avino milling complex
- Reinforcing stability of walls at the mine entrance and previously developed areas underground

### Avino Mill Processing Works

- Rehabilitation of an unused thickener tank in preparation for processing the previously mentioned stockpiles, in one of Avino's 250 TPD circuit's is currently in progress
- Once the rehabilitation work on the thickener is complete, production of a silver-gold concentrate from this stockpile material will commence which will be another milestone for the Company

David Wolfin, President and CEO commented "In early January, we announced that a long-term land-use agreement with a local community for the development of La Preciosa had been signed. This was a pivotal achievement and brought us another step closer to our goal of bringing La Preciosa into production. Given all the recent activity at site, we are incredibly pleased to provide this current update on ongoing works at the property."

## CSR ONGOING INITIATIVES AND STRATEGY

- The Company's local and senior management recently distributed Samsung Tablets and TVs to the local community schools for all age groups

- Avino is dedicated to a comprehensive strategy that provides educational resources to students who may otherwise not have those opportunities
- Avino is keen to educate a future work force
- Dedicated to strengthening relationships in the communities in which we operate
- Committed to providing educational tools to the schools
- Provide Information, education and support to communities
- Videos and photos can be viewed on the Company website by clicking this link

## About Avino

Avino is a silver producer from its wholly owned Avino Mine near Durango, Mexico. The Company's silver, gold and copper 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 and the strategic acquisition of the adjacent La Preciosa which was finalized in Q1 2022. Avino currently controls mineral resources, as per NI 43-101, with a total mineral content of 371 million silver equivalent ounces, within our district-scale land package. We are committed to managing all business activities in a safe, environmentally responsible, and cost-effective manner, while contributing to the well-being of the communities in which we operate. We encourage you to connect with us on X (formerly Twitter) at @Avino\_ASM and on LinkedIn at Avino Silver & Gold Mines. To view the Avino Mine VRIFY tour, please click here.

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All reserve and resource estimates reported by Avino were estimated in accordance with the Canadian National Instrument 43-101 and the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum ("CIM") Definition Standards. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") now recognizes estimates of "measured mineral resources," "indicated mineral resources" and "inferred mineral resources" and uses new definitions of "proven mineral reserves" and "probable mineral reserves" that are substantially similar to the corresponding CIM Definition Standards. However, the CIM Definition Standards differ from the requirements applicable to US domestic issuers. US investors are cautioned not to assume that any "measured mineral resources," "indicated mineral resources," or "inferred mineral resources" that the Issuer reports are or will be economically or legally mineable. Further, "inferred mineral resources" are that part of a mineral resource for which quantity and grade are estimated on the basis of limited geologic evidence and sampling. Mineral resources which are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.

This news release contains "forward-looking information" and "forward-looking statements" (together, the "forward looking statements") within the meaning of applicable securities laws and the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including the mineral resource estimate for the Company's Avino Property, including La Preciosa, located near Durango in west-central Mexico (the "Avino Property") with an effective date of November 30, 2022, prepared for the Company, and references to Measured, Indicated, Inferred Resources dated October 16, 2023 as well as the Prefeasibility Study dated January 16, 2024 and references to Measured, Indicated Resources, and Proven and Probable Mineral Reserves referred to in this press release. This information and these statements, referred to herein as "forward-looking statements" are made as of the date of this document. Forward-looking statements relate to future events or future performance and reflect current estimates, predictions, expectations or beliefs regarding future events and include, but are not limited to, statements with respect to: (i) the estimated amount and grade of mineral reserves and mineral resources, including the cut-off grade; (ii) estimates of the capital costs of constructing mine facilities and bringing a mine into production, of operating the mine, of sustaining capital, of strip ratios and the duration of financing payback periods; (iii) the estimated amount of future production, both ore processed and metal recovered and recovery rates; (iv) estimates of operating costs, life of mine costs, net cash flow, net present value (NPV) and economic returns from an operating mine; and (v) the completion of the full Technical Report, including a Preliminary Economic Assessment, and its timing. Any statements that express or involve discussions with respect to predictions, expectations, beliefs, plans, projections, objectives or future events or performance (often, but not always, using words or phrases such as "expects",

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