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## AVINO MINES & RESOURCES LIMITED (AVO-V) MAJOR HIGH GRADE BRALORNE GOLD TARGET TO BE DRILLED

The current exploration program on the Loco property, 100%-owned by Avino Mines, is cleaning out and rehabilitating the No.8 production level of the King Mine section of the Bralorne mine. (SEE OVERLEAF PAGES 1 AND 2 FOR MAPS) This work is in preparation for a June 1991 underground diamond drilling program of a series of 300 to 400-foot holes to test the down-dip continuation of the Peter vein at 1,200 feet below surface. The Peter vein has been tested at surface and to about 550 feet below surface by programs over the last four years.

The Loco property adjoins to the north the King mine production levels of the Bralorne Pioneer mine at Gold Bridge, 100 miles north of Vancouver, B.C. For stany years the property was held by the Taylor Bridge River Mining Co. which carried out many exploration programs seeking the extension of the Bralorne King mine. On surface, the Peter vein is covered with as much as 20 feet of overburden. The King vein was a long lived producer which was mined to in excess of 2,500 feet vertically. Like many of the Bralorne veins, it had great vertical continuity. The King vein also was well above the Bralorne mine average grade of just over 0.5 oz. gold per ton. The King vein averaged in excess of 0.75 oz. gold per ton. The current work on the Peter vein has confirmed many similarities with the King vein. The Peter vein is close to the King vein across a major fault.

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The No.8 main haulage level had been rehabilitated several years ago and was in good shape from the portal 1,800 feet to the King Corner. Under the direction of Chris J. Sampson, P.Eng., consulting geologist, Avino has rehabilited 2,000 feet of the old workings, beyond the King Corner and has 1,000 feet of further workings By late June 1991, Avino will to reach the face. complete the rehabilitation work. Then a number of drill stations will be cut and a program of sampling and mapping of the known veins on the old level will start. Then drilling will begin with 10,000 feet in 20 holes to explore the Peter vein at about 1,100 feet below the surface outcrop. At the No.8 level, the vein which dips ! at about 70 degrees to the north east, has a 1,200-foot dip length from the surface trench exposure.

Louis Wolfin, president of Avino, pointed out the Peter vein was first opened on surface in the fall of 1987 when trench sampling following up on a number of soil sample anomalies of gold and other tracer elements. This trenching traced the vein as it folds and rolls over an 1,800 foot strike, with widths varying from a few inches to 10 feet and a high sample of 3 oz. gold per ton over 9.2 feet. The parallel Millchuck vein 1,000 feet to the north of the Peter vein has been traced by trenching for 2,200 feet with the best results being 0.3 oz. gold/t across 5 feet.

The next stage of exploration was the drilling of a series of 14 shallow holes to about 200 feet below surface and over 600 feet along the vein. The best hole returned 9 feet grading 0.48 oz.gold/t. The third stage of exploration was the driving of an adit level at about 100 feet below the vein exposed in the trenches. This

underground work opened a vein for 215 feet averaging 0.38 oz. gold/t across a 4-foot average width, including 105 feet grading 0.62 gold per ton over a 4-foot width. This drift terminated in mineralization assaying 0.58 oz. gold/t. Since then the company has drilled three holes from surface each of which cut the vein about 550 feet below the trench values on surface. These holes confirmed the veins continue to 500 feet below. The best of these intersections assayed 0.33 oz. gold/t across a 7-foot width. (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE - During a recent property tour, James Miller-Tait, B.Sc., project geologist, noted that given the history of the Bralorne gold camp there is a good chance 25% of the 1,800-foot strike length of the Peter vein will make ore, probable of the Brilorne mine average grade (450 ft. strike, 5-foot width, 1,200-foot dip length to the 800 level, at 12 cu. ft. per ton, suggests 225,000 tons or 112,500 oz. gold. On the 2,000 level of the Excelorne mine, 12,00 feet below the 800 level and 2,400 feet below the surface outcrop, the old records suggest the Peter vein might also be present. If the Peter vein does persist to that depth, then the tonnage implications are considerable. FINANCINGS:

On July 27, 1990, Avino sold 500,000 units at 69# each, with two-year warrants exercisable at 69¢ in year one and at 79¢ in year two. On April 5,1991, Avino agreed to a private placement of 700,000 flow-thru units at 60¢ per unit. Warrant exercise price is 75¢ per 5h. Placees are chiefly Ronald A.Brimacombe as to 200,000 shs., Peter M. Brown 150,000, Ronald K.Netolitzky 100,090 Intercan Holdings Ltd. 80,000, Douglas Varley 50,000 & Brian Harwood 40,000 shs. A finder's fee of \$21,000 is payable in cash to L.O.M. Western Securities Ltd. Avino currently has 9,595,849 shares issued or 11,700,249 fully diluted shares. Avino 15 currently registration for a material facts statement for the offering of 1,000,000 units for further financing, terms of which have not yet been reported. This funding is expected to receive regulatory approval in July.

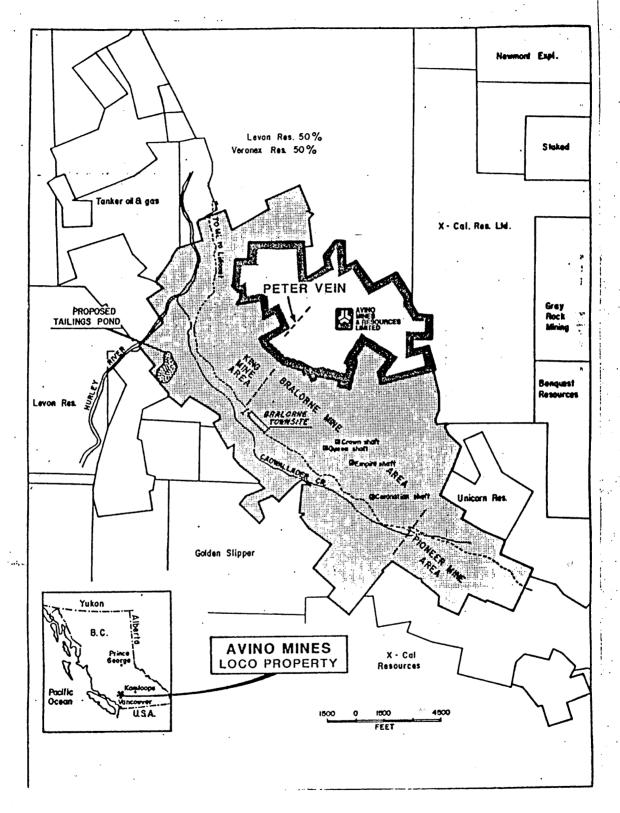
On Aug. 1,1990, to July 31, 1991, Avino retained Strategic Relations, of Orlando, Florida, for public and financial relation services.

ACQUISITION TERMS OF THE LOCO PROPERTY

On Oct. 18, 1990, Avino agreed to purchase a 30% interest in the Loco property from Coral Gold Corp. for \$278,000 cash plus a promissory note for \$122,000. This agreement was approved by regulatory authorities in Dec. 1990. In Feb. 1991, Avino completed negotiations to purchase a 40% interest in the Loco property from Love Oil Company Inc. of Wyoming, U.S.A. for US\$150,000 payable over two years plus 200,000 share of Avino and a warrant to purchase a further 100,000 shares of Avino at a price yet to be set for two years. When completed This purchase will increase Avino's interest in the Loco property to 100%, subject to no royalties. (SEE GCNL No.41, 27Feb91, P.2 FOR PREYIOUS PROJECT INFORMATION)

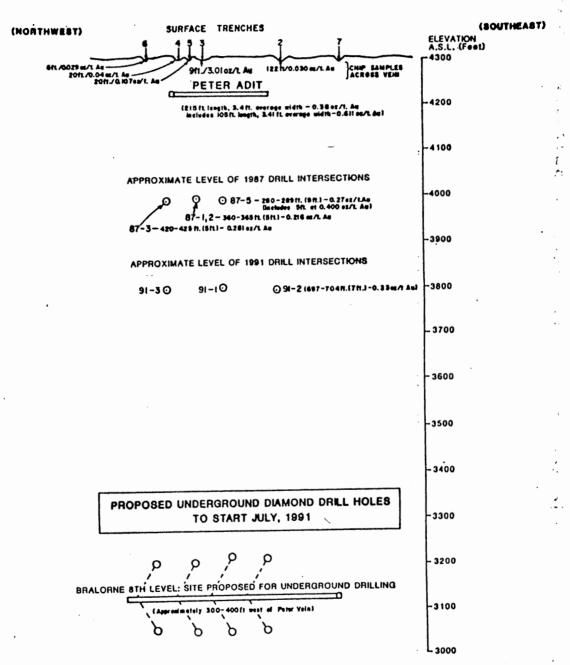
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