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INTERNATIONAL AVINO MINES LTD.
[IVV-V; IVVRF-NASDAQ] 3,580,727 SHS.
BRALORNE-PIONEER GOLD MINES LTD.
[BPN-V] 5,577,774 SHS.

MINE DRILLING TO START - Louis Wolfin, president, International Avino Mines Ltd., and 50/50 joint venture partner Bralorne-Pioneer Gold Mines Ltd. a diamond drilling program will start within two weeks at the Bralorne Gold mine near Gold Bridge, about 120 miles north of Vancouver, BC. This program will be targeted at the Peter Zone and will generate further confidence in the grade and continuity of this largely unexplored area. The initial program will be for 3,000 feet with additional footage as results dictate.

There has been little drilling on this large and attractive zone. Widespread intercepts have ranged from 0.05 oz.gold/ton across 4.5 feet to 0.33 oz.gold/ton across 7 feet. A 215 foot exploration drift averaged 0.38 oz.gold/ton across 3.4 feet within which was a 105 foot section averaging 0.611 oz.gold/ton across 3.4 feet.

About 2,000 tons of ore were extracted from surface on this zone late in 1996 with grades of 0.1 to 0.3 oz.gold/ton. Included in this

material is unknown tonnage of sulphide enriched quartz vein material assaying 16.7 oz.gold/ton with silver values of 40 oz/ton. This material plus 2,500 tons stockpiled will be used as mill feed when the mill starts up in the next six to eight weeks.

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