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BRALORNE-PIONEER GOLD MINES LTD.

[BPN-V] 5,493,774 SHS.

INTERNATIONAL AVINO MINES LTD.

[IVV-V;IVVRF-NASD OTC BB] 5,436,774 SHS.

MILLING PLANT PURCHASED FOR GOLD MINE - Louis Wolfin,
president.

reports Bralorne-Pioneer Gold Mines Ltd. and joint venture partner International Avino Mines Ltd. have purchased a milling plant which is in excellent condition. Dismantling and transportation to the Bralorne mine site near Goldbridge about 150 miles north of Vancouver, B.C. has begun.

Gary Hawthorne, metallurgical consultant, has been retained to oversee the dismantling and re-installation of the mill at the Bralorne site. The ore will be milled by gravity and a flotation concentrator to produce gold bullion. Recoveries are expected to be 95% and the milling plant will start at 150 tons per day increasing to 450 tons per day when fully operational.

Existing geological reserves above the 800 level (main haulage tunnel) are about 476,835 tons grading 0.31 oz.gold/ton. The reserves below the 800 level to 2,600 level currently stand at: 605,432 tons grading 0.27 oz.gold/ton. Initial production will start above the 800 level. Recent discoveries at Bralorne called Peter, Big Solly and Maddy Zones, are now being explored and will increase the reserves substantially.

The Bralorne property consists of the following former producing mines; King, Lorne, Coronation, Bralorne and Pioneer mines. The historical average grade from the mines was 0.53 oz/ton. 8,000,000 tons were mined producing 4,100,000 ounces of gold. (SEE GCNL NO.230, 30Nov95, P.2 FOR PREVIOUS BRALORNE GOLD MINE PROJECT INFORMATION)

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