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Anvil Confirms Denial of Unfounded Allegations

PERTH – Anvil Mining Limited (TSX, ASX: AVM) confirmed today that it would vigorously defend any inference or allegation that it had knowledge of, or provided assistance to, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) armed forces (known as FARDC) in the committing of any human rights violations during the suppression of a rebel insurgency in the town of Kilwa, in October 2004.

Since October 2002, Anvil has operated a copper/silver mine at Dikulushi, 50 kilometres from Kilwa and about 400 kilometres from Lubumbashi, the Provincial Capital.

Anvil President and CEO Mr Bill Turner repeated his earlier response stated in a news release dated June 7, 2005 that the allegations against Anvil are deplorable and without foundation.

Mr Turner confirmed that:

- Following the taking of the town of Kilwa by rebels on October 14, 2004, the Military of the DRC Government had commandeered Anvil vehicles, drivers and chartered aircraft to assist the Military in suppressing the rebel insurgency. Given Anvil's previous experience with rebel activity in the Kilwa area, during which Anvil's vehicles were, after initial resistance, commandeered at gunpoint, Anvil had absolutely no choice but to provide the transport required by the DRC Military and had no reason to suspect that this would involve anything other than the lawful enforcement of the laws of the DRC. Anvil had no knowledge of what was planned for the Military operations and was not involved in the Military operations in any way.
- Anvil was aware, following the October 2004 insurgency, that the United Nations were conducting an investigation, but Anvil was not contacted by the UN in relation to the incident other than to confirm the security situation in the Kilwa area.
- After Anvil personnel, who had been evacuated from the area on October 14, returned to Kilwa on October 16, Anvil coordinated relief efforts and ensured that the situation was normalised as quickly as possible. At this stage, there were rumours of looting by the military and some of the villagers. Anvil established and manned a Crisis Centre at the mission and delivered three truckloads of food to Kilwa from the Dikulushi Mine to ensure that basic foodstuffs were available to locals and to the Military personnel, to ensure no further looting took place.
- Anvil was encouraged by the Government of DRC to reopen its operations as soon as possible to ensure that Kilwa could normalise as quickly as possible. Mining operations recommenced on October 19, 2004.
- Anvil is cooperating fully with investigations of the October 14 incident by the United Nations Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC), which maintains about 16,000 peacekeepers in the DRC.

"Although at the time, Anvil had no knowledge of the occurrence of human rights abuses, we are now learning, it was a terrible event. The climate of fear and retribution that exists in this strife-torn

part of the world means that it takes a considerable amount of time for any party to obtain all information that relates to such events as occurred at Kilwa. We will of course co-operate with any further inquiry into the incident." Mr Turner said that he and all Anvil employees were deeply upset that deaths occurred as a result of the military activity in the town of Kilwa in October last year.

Mr Turner confirmed that despite operating in one of the most difficult and poorest regions of the world, the Company had made, and was continuing to make a significant and meaningful contribution to the region through employment and community initiatives, the latter being funded out of a 10% interest in the project held via a trust structure for the benefit of the local community.

Anvil employs 621 Congolese nationals and 27 expatriate staff. The local employees are estimated to support approximately 6,000 other locals with their salaries in an area where there is almost total unemployment and no other source of reasonable income. In addition, the Company conducts training programs for young Congolese geologists, mining engineers, surveyors, metallurgical engineers, welders and electricians. The Company draws approximately one third of its workforce from the town of Kilwa, transporting approximately 200 staff from Kilwa to the mine every day.

Anvil's community projects include providing a new school in Dikulushi for 200 children, refurbishing the Kilwa hospital, upgrading roads and bridges, and providing power lines to the local high school and mission. Mr Turner said that despite the terrible allegations and the impact on its many employees, the Dikulushi Mine is operating normally.

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Additional Notes:

Caution Regarding Forward Looking Statements: Statements regarding the Company's plans with respect to future mining activities in the DRC are forward-looking statements. There can be no assurance that Anvil's future plans will materialize or that future required regulatory approvals will be obtained. There can be no assurance as to the exact result of the recent expansion of the Dikulushi operation.