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TSX, ASX: AVM
Shares outstanding: 25.6 million

Anvil Completes C\$27.5 million Private Placement

TORONTO - Anvil Mining Limited (TSX, ASX: AVM) is pleased to announce that it has completed its previously announced brokered private placement and that the over-allotment option was fully exercised. The Company sold an aggregate of 5,240,000 special warrants at a price of C\$5.25 each for gross proceeds of C\$27,510,000, in a syndicated offering led by Haywood Securities Inc. and including Euroz Securities Ltd. and Canaccord Capital Corporation.

Each special warrant entitles the holder to receive one common share and one-half of one share purchase warrant. Each full share purchase warrant issued on exercise of the special warrants will convert to shares upon the payment of the exercise price of C\$6.25. The share purchase warrants will expire December 16, 2007. However, if the trading price of the Company's common shares exceeds C\$8.00 for a period of 20 consecutive days on either the TSX or the ASX, then the Company will have the right to accelerate the expiry date of the share purchase warrants, on 30 days notice to the holders. The special warrants and the underlying common shares and warrants will be subject to a 4 month hold period from closing, which hold period expires on April 16, 2005.

A total of 2,000,000 of the special warrants were immediately converted to a share plus one half warrant, as allowed under the ASX 15% placement capacity rule, with the balance converting upon the receipt of Anvil shareholder approval. Shareholder approval is to be requested at a meeting of shareholders scheduled for January 20, 2005. As a consequence of this issue, Anvil has 25,624,229 common shares outstanding as of December 16, 2004.

Anvil received net proceeds of approximately C\$9.8 million at closing. An additional approximately C\$17 million of gross proceeds is held in escrow pending receipt of shareholder approval. The Company intends to use the proceeds from the placement to fund its previously announced acquisition of an interest in the Mutoshi Joint Venture and to develop both the Mutoshi and the Kinsevere - Nambulwa Projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo ("DRC"), as well as for working capital purposes.

Anvil Mining Limited is an unhedged copper and silver producer whose shares are listed for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange and the Australian Stock Exchange under the symbol AVM. It owns and operates the Dikulushi copper-silver mine in the Katanga Province of the DRC, which was brought into production in October 2002 and recently underwent an expansion

to increase production by approximately 50% to 20,000 tonnes of copper and 1.6 million ounces of silver per year.

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Additional Notes:

The securities offered have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements.

Scientific or technical information in this news release has been prepared under the supervision of Bill Turner, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a qualified person under National Instrument 43-101.

Caution Regarding Forward Looking Statements: Statements regarding the Company's plans to complete the acquisition and development of mining operations at the Mutoshi and Kinsevere-Nambulwa Projects are forward-looking statements. There can be no assurance that either of these acquisitions will be satisfactorily completed nor that any mineral resource established can be economically exploited nor that either of the proposed mining developments will be satisfactorily completed. Furthermore, there can be no assurance that the resources determined as a result of exploration can be profitably mined. Plans with respect to the expansion and future operation of the Dikulushi Mine are also forward-looking statements for which there can be no assurance that Anvil's expectations with respect to future operations at the Dikulushi Mine will be met.