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News Release

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Anvil finances mining equipment for Dikulushi Mine with \$2.4 million loan from RMB Resources Limited

TORONTO - Anvil Mining Limited (TSX and ASX: AVM) is pleased to announce that RMB Resources Limited (RMB Resources), part of the Rand Merchant Bank Group of South Africa, has approved a US\$2.4 million loan to finance a replacement mining fleet for the Company's Dikulushi Mine in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). This loan is in addition to the US\$6.5 million facility currently drawn down with RMB Resources. The new loan is based on the same interest rate as the previous facilities provided to Anvil and repayments will fit into the existing repayment schedule.

The replacement mining fleet, to be owned and operated by Anvil, will consist of two new excavators, three new front-end loaders, a new rock breaker, a re-built bulldozer, a re-built grader and other ancillary equipment. Some of this equipment is already on site at the mine with the balance on route from South Africa.

In addition to the equipment that RMB Resources is financing, Anvil has leased seven 40-tonne haulage trucks (Bell ADTs) that have already been operating on site for several weeks. This haulage fleet replaced the 20 and 25 tonne trucks that had been used by Con Roux, the South African mining contractor, prior to its being placed into receivership in June 2004. As the new equipment arrives on site, the equipment owned by Con Roux is being returned to the liquidator in South Africa.

The replacement mining fleet consists of larger equipment which will provide increased capacity for the recently completed Stage II expansion, and improved economies of scale as well as the ability to catch up on waste stripping which had fallen behind schedule since Con Roux was placed into receivership.

Update on Resumption of Operations at Dikulushi Mine

The Company also wishes to advise that following its News Release of October 18, 2004, concerning the normalization of the situation in Kilwa, a village located 54 kilometres south of the mine, operations at the Dikulushi Mine have now returned to normal. The recently installed ball mill and flotation plant resumed operations early on October 19 and mining operations resumed the previous day. Loading of the concentrate trucks also resumed on October 19, and export of concentrates via the Company's barge across Lake Moero to Zambia resumed on October 20.

The Company is in consultation with an external security consultant and is continuing its discussions with the Government of the DRC to provide additional security for the mine and the surrounding region to prevent such incidents and unscheduled disruptions to the mine operations occurring in the future.

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. For the last financial year (to June 2004), the

Dikulushi Mine produced 13,587 tonnes (29.9 million pounds) of copper and 1.2 million ounces of silver at a cash cost of US\$0.49 cents per pound (after silver credits).

The Company recently completed a US\$7.5 million expansion at the Dikulushi Mine to increase production by approximately 50% to 20,000 tonnes of copper and 1.6 million ounces of silver per year. The expansion has been successfully commissioned and is now fully operational.

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Additional Notes:

Scientific or technical information in this news release has been prepared under the supervision of Bill Turner, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, 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 with respect to the expansion of the Dikulushi operation are forward-looking statements. There can be no assurance regarding the anticipated improved efficiencies with the larger replacement mining equipment, nor the exact result of the recent expansion of the Dikulushi operation.