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Anvil Mining Revises Development Plans for Kulumaziba Tailings Project, Kolwezi Region, DRC

TORONTO – **Anvil Mining Limited** (TSX, ASX: AVM) is pleased to announce that, as a result of higher than expected copper grades being found at the upstream section of the Kulumaziba coarse rejects/tailings deposit located in the Kolwezi Region of the Congo (DRC), the Company has decided to substantially revise its development plans for the starter-project on this deposit.

The first stage of the development will now utilize the surplus Heavy Media Separation (HMS) plant from the Company's Dikulushi Mine rather than building a new, larger HMS plant. This approach will enable a more rapid development of this starter-project and reduce the development costs by more than 50%. As was the case with the first stage of the Dikulushi Mine development, tailings from the proposed Kulumaziba HMS operation will be stored in a retention dam for subsequent reprocessing.

The revised approach will provide the Company with sufficient copper oxide concentrate production (grading approximately 30% copper) to justify development of a solvent extraction electro-winning (SXEW) facility to produce cathode copper for sale in the DRC.

The Kulumaziba coarse rejects/tailings deposit comprises mineralized material from a former washing plant operated at the Mutoshi Mine between 1960 and 1987, and discharged into the Kulumaziba watercourse. Recent sampling of the narrower first 7.5 kilometres of the deposit to a depth of three metres has outlined an inferred mineral resource of 1.5 million tonnes at 6.8% copper using a top cut of 11.5% for approximately 102,000 tonnes of contained copper. The resource has been estimated to a vertical depth of only three metres because samples could only be taken with safety to this depth during the wet season. Below a depth of three metres, there is a further tonnage of coarse rejects/tailings of approximately 300,000 tonnes (established through spiral auger testing) which will be sampled by test pitting after the end of the wet season.

The Inferred Mineral Resource for the first three kilometres of the deposit to a depth of three metres are as follows:

Kulumaziba Coarse Rejects/Tailings Deposit		
Resources (to 3 metres depth) for first 3 km downstream		
Distance downstream	Inferred Resource	Grade (%Copper)
0-1 km	285,000 tonnes	8.9% Cu
1-2 km	365,000 tonnes	7.5% Cu
2-3 km	280,000 tonnes	6.1% Cu

The maximum recorded depth of the coarse rejects/tailings in the upper section of the creek was 6.8 metres. Sampling of the downstream section of the river, which is considerably wider than the upstream section and very water-logged at this time of year, will commence in approximately two

months after the wet season is finished. Once the sampling of the downstream section of the creek is completed, the Company expects to establish a total target containing in the region of 200,000 tonnes of copper.

The mineral resource in the first 7.5 kilometers of the Kulumaziba deposit (to a vertical depth of three metres) is sufficient to produce approximately 16,500-17,000 tonnes of copper per year (assuming a metallurgical recovery of 65% and a treatment rate of 380,000 tonnes per annum) for an initial four year mine life.

The resource figures in this news release are based on an independent technical report prepared by Mr Gerry Fahey (who is a NI 43-101 Qualified Person) of FinOre Pty Ltd, a geological consulting company in Perth, Australia. The technical report was prepared in accordance with Canadian National Instrument 43-101 and has been filed on SEDAR with the relevant Canadian securities commissions. A copy is available at www.sedar.com. A copy has also been lodged with the Australian Stock Exchange for information purposes.

“The revised development plans for the starter-project on the Kulumaziba deposit will provide the Company with a sizeable stream of oxide copper concentrates that would justify examining downstream processing options,” commented Bill Turner, President and CEO of Anvil. “This is the direction in which we have always wanted to move with our new oxide copper projects in the DRC Copperbelt. The combination of higher than expected resource grades and readily available plant make the decision rather straightforward.”

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:

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 development of the Kulumaziba coarse rejects/tailings deposit and to the expansion of the Dikulushi operation are forward-looking statements. There can be no assurance that Anvil's development plans will be successfully completed, that required regulatory approvals will be obtained or that the suggested production levels for the Kulumaziba project or at the Dikulushi Mine will be achieved. Furthermore, there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to confirm the presence of an economic mineral deposit at the Kulumaziba coarse rejects/tailings deposit or successfully mine and process the Kulumaziba deposit.