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## A big year – a bigger future

By President and Chief Executive Bill Turner

Anvil Mining has emerged as an important copper and silver producer in 2004.

The Company has stepped up production and commissioned a significant expansion, based on the success of our first operation at Dikulushi.

Anvil's achievements of 2004 include –

- consolidation of the Dikulushi operations
- the introduction of value-adding processing
- the start of our community development programs
- encouraging exploration results, and
- agreements to establish new mining operations in the near future.

The Company's success is a combination of excellent work, good resources and strong support.

Our employees – most of whom were recruited and trained locally - have picked up the tempo of modern mining to create a productive and efficient copper-silver operation. Many of Anvil's employees have made the transition from inexperienced recruits to genuine mining professionals, providing the nucleus for our expansion in the future. This is the most satisfying element of our business growth.

The Congo Government, including the provincial and district authorities, has given us unequivocal support. Government backing has been important in planning for growth and investing with confidence.

The Dikulushi deposit has delivered the excellent grades and product we anticipated. I am optimistic that current exploration and resource evaluation will confirm the potential for a long mine life and high value operation.

Anvil's exploration teams have delivered outstanding results in identifying new opportunities for growth.

Their success has gone beyond the technical demands of picking the mineral winners. Our exploration managers and geologists have created opportunities by negotiating sound agreements for new tenements and establishing good relationships with the communities in which we operate.

We have also had the benefit of a highly qualified and motivated management group. Our senior



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executives have considerable experience in the Congo mining industry and other parts of the world. All of them share a real belief in the future of our business and the resurgence of the Congo mining industry.

However, we still have some important objectives to reach.

Our safety standards are improving - but they are not yet acceptable.

The best mining companies have the best safety records – and this depends on the whole workforce making safety the Company's first priority. Training, communication, engineering and procedures are all part of the safety effort. We cannot claim to be a world class success until we have safe work places in every area our operations. Safety must become a way of life for everyone at Anvil.

Another of our key objectives will be to build strong partnerships with our communities. Important initiatives began last year with the development of a new school and health facilities at Dikulushi.

Anvil's resident medical practitioner, Dr Makusudi Okoko has made a personal commitment to work with our communities to improve local health and hygiene.

The Company will be playing a significant role in the community by providing medicines, water supplies, and other infrastructure and support. The programs at Dikulushi will set a pattern for community involvement at other projects in the years ahead.

All of us have much to gain from Anvil's exciting future.

During the past few weeks, we have announced plans for new exploration and mining projects at Kinsevere and Kolwezi. I will discuss these projects in more detail as the plans take shape.

In the meantime, we are building towards capacity production and processing at Dikulushi improving the Company's productivity and shareholder value.

We are also building a valuable skills base for the future of a growing minerals sector in the Congo.