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Anvil Mining Reports Second Quarter 2009 Results

Montréal, Canada: Anvil Mining Limited (TSX, ASX: AVM), (“Anvil” or the “Company”), today announced a net loss for the second quarter ended June 30, 2009, of \$11.3 million (-\$0.13 per share), compared to net income of \$8.5 million (\$0.12 per share) for the second quarter of 2008. Net sales for the second quarter of 2009 totalled \$7.7 million, compared to \$59.8 million for the corresponding quarter in 2008. Negative cash flows from operating activities, before working capital movements, of \$6.4 million (-\$0.07 per share), compared to a positive cash flow of \$24.6 million (\$0.35 per share) in the second quarter of 2008. At June 30, 2009, the Company had a cash balance of \$48.7 million, available for sale investments of \$12.6 million, trade receivables of \$5.4 million and almost no debt. Copper production for the second quarter of 2009 totalled 5,372 tonnes.

The Company’s 2009 second quarter results were negatively affected by a number of factors including: significantly lower production and sales resulting mainly from the cessation of mining and processing operations at the Dikulushi and Mutoshi mines, lower realized copper prices and one-off charges of \$6.1 million.

Bill Turner, President and CEO of Anvil, commented, “While the strategy put in place during the fourth quarter of 2008 and implementation of a range of further initiatives have involved significant one-off impacts on the Company’s financial performance, we believe that the Company is now better positioned to move forward. The Kinsevere HMS plant which recommenced operations in late March 2009 is on target to produce 8,900 tonnes of copper through to the third quarter of 2009.”

Mr. Turner further commented, “We are especially pleased to have reached agreement with Trafigura for a combined debt and equity financing arrangement for an aggregate amount of \$200 million that represents a fully financed solution for the development of Kinsevere Stage II. With approximately 50% of the Stage II capital cost already incurred, this financing package will enable us to commence commissioning of Kinsevere Stage II in late 2010 and achieve commercial production in 2011. Annual production is expected to be 60,000 tonnes of Grade A copper cathode at an estimated “C1”¹ cash cost of \$0.89 per pound of copper. We believe that Trafigura, an internationally renowned, independent commodities trading company, represents an excellent long-term partner for Anvil and we look forward to working with them to successfully complete Kinsevere Stage II and further develop the Company’s interests in the DRC.”

¹ The C1 Cash cost is the mine gate cash cost that includes export duties and transportation and marketing charges but does not include royalties.

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The complete second quarter 2009 unaudited financial statements together with the related Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) are available on Anvil's website at www.anvilmining.com under the heading "Financial Reports" within the Investor Relations section.

Cash and Liquidity

As at August 12, 2009, Anvil had approximately \$40.0 million in cash, \$10.5 million in available-for-sale investments and \$5.2 million of receivables, the majority of which it expects to realize during the third quarter of 2009. During the next 12 months the Company's commitments include \$12.2 million for *Pas de Porte* (entry premium) payments due to *La Générale des Carrières et des Mines* ("Gécamines") with respect to the Kinsevere and Mutoshi amended agreements and \$19.5 million that relates to the Kinsevere Stage II development. In July 2009, the Company paid to Gécamines the first tranche of the *Pas de Porte* of \$10 million for Kinsevere, less an amount of \$2.2 million due to Anvil by Gécamines with respect to past purchases of copper concentrates by Gécamines.

Kinsevere HMS Production

The Kinsevere HMS plant was restarted on March 27, 2009, with feed to the plant sourced from the Run of Mine ("ROM") stockpile and at June 30 has produced 21,655 tonnes of concentrate, grading 25.7% for 5,571 tonnes of copper. The HMS plant is expected to produce approximately 8,900 tonnes of copper contained in concentrates through to the end of the third quarter of 2009, at an operating cash cost at the mine gate of less than \$0.50/lb Cu (inclusive of sunk costs). Table 1 below sets out the details of the performance of the HMS plant for the second quarter and year to date.

In order to extend the operation of the HMS plant beyond the end of the third quarter 2009, during August, the Company plans to resume mining in the Stage I Central (Tshifufia) Pit where ore faces and broken stocks with an inventory of approximately 825,000 tonnes with a grade in excess of 5.0% copper are available.

Table 1. Performance of Kinsevere HMS Plant

	Second Quarter ended June 30, 2009	Year to date at June 30, 2009
Ore mined (tonnes)		
Ore processed ¹	83,084	85,780
HMS feed grade (%Cu)	7.9	8.0
Contained copper (tonnes)	6,566	6,837
HMS copper recovery (%)	70.9	70.9
Copper produced in concentrate	5,372	5,571
Copper sold ² (tonnes)	3,060	4,121
Operating cash cost (ex mine-gate) \$/tonne of concentrate	484	734

1. Ore processed relates to ore processed through the HMS plant.

2. At July 31, 2009, the Company held a stockpile of 5,295 tonnes of copper contained in concentrate.

Kinsevere Stage II

On August 10, 2009 the Company announced that it had reached agreement with Trafigura Beheer B.V. ("Trafigura") for a combined debt and equity financing arrangement for an aggregate amount



of \$200 million that represents a fully financed solution for the development of Kinsevere Stage II. Under the terms of the equity financing, Trafigura will subscribe for Anvil equity units by way of private placement, which will result in proceeds to Anvil of \$100 million. Each Anvil equity unit will be issued at a price of C\$2.20 and consist of one common share of Anvil and 0.232 of one common share purchase warrant. The equity financing will be undertaken in two tranches, the first of which will bring Trafigura's aggregate equity interest in Anvil to 19.9% and the second of which, will increase Trafigura's shareholding to approximately 36% of the issued and outstanding common shares of Anvil, with an opportunity to increase its shareholding to approximately 39% on a fully-diluted basis should it exercise the common share purchase warrants.

Trafigura will also make available to the Company a loan facility with a total commitment of \$100 million. The term of the loan facility is five years from the first drawdown and all amounts outstanding under the loan facility will bear interest at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR plus 4%, plus the cost of political risk insurance.

The second tranche of the equity financing, the debt finance and the additional agreements described below are subject to normal regulatory approvals and shareholder approval.

In addition to the agreements reached in connection with the equity and debt financing, the Company has reached agreement with Trafigura on the principal terms of an offtake agreement, a technical services agreement and an ancillary rights agreement.

In July 2009, the Company re-engaged with Ausenco Limited ("Ausenco"), signing a contract for recommencement of work on engineering and design work relating mainly to electrical, piping and instrumentation, which was approximately 80% complete at the time the project was placed on hold in November 2008. The Company is also working to put in place a Lump Sum Turnkey contract for completion of the construction and fabrication works, the awarding of which is conditional upon receiving the normal regulatory approvals and shareholder approval of the funding package with Trafigura..

As at August 12, 2009 approximately \$199 million (\$179.5 million spent, \$19.5 million committed) of the budgeted cost of \$394 million had been invested. The increase in capital cost is a result of several factors including: redundancy payments to Kinsevere Stage II personnel; payment of demobilisation costs to contractors; charges associated with the cancellation of the engineering and design works; penalties in connection with the cancellation and suspension of orders; provision for reestablishment of contracts and remobilisation and some escalation primarily due to the contract being a LSTK contract rather than an engineering, procurement and construction management contract.

Conclusion of DRC Government Review of Anvil's Mining Agreements

During July 2009 the Company finalised an amendment agreement with Gécamines and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo ("DRC") on the revised terms of its Mutoshi Joint Venture ("JV") Agreement. As a result, the Company's interest in the Mutoshi JV has reduced from 80% to 70% and an additional *Pas de Porte* payment of \$14.4 million is payable to Gécamines in two tranches; \$7.2 million is to be paid within 6 months of the amended agreement and the balance (\$7.2 million) within 18 months. The finalisation of the Mutoshi JV negotiations, together with the amendment agreement reached on the Company's Kinsevere Lease Agreement and the Dikulushi Mining Convention, brings to an end the DRC Government's review of the Company's mining agreements.



Cancellation of Q2 Conference Call and Webcast

Please note that the second quarter 2009 conference call, previously scheduled to take place at 8:30 a.m. (Canada, Toronto time) today, Thursday August 13, 2009, has been cancelled due to the recent update provided at the conference call held on Monday August 10, 2009 on the agreement reached with Trafigura regarding a \$200 million funding package; the status of Kinsevere Stage II and the Company's cash position.

Anvil Mining Limited is a copper producer whose shares are listed for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange (as common shares) and the Australian Securities Exchange (as CDIs) under the symbol AVM.

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Appendix

Key Financial and Production Data (unaudited)

	3 months ended June 30		6 months ended June 30	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Revenues: (\$ millions)	7.7	59.8	9.4	135.1
Operating (loss) / profit : (\$ millions)	(7.7)	16.0	(22.1)	49.7
Provision for impairment: (\$ millions)	(0.2)	-	(3.9)	-
Exploration expenditure written off (\$ millions)	(3.2)	-	(3.2)	-
Net (loss)/ Income: (\$ millions)	(11.3)	8.5	(30.2)	30.0
PRODUCTION STATISTICS:				
Consolidated Group				
Copper produced in concentrates (tonnes)	5,372	10,521	5,571	22,548
Silver produced in concentrates (ounces)	-	248,816	-	731,472
Per Mine				
Kinsevere mine				
Ore mined (tonnes)	-	578,350	-	1,520,731
Ore processed (tonnes) ²	83,084	94,403	85,780	186,394
Copper grade (% Cu)	7.9	10.0	8.0	9.6
Contained copper in ore (tonnes)	6,566	9,424	6,837	17,823
Recovery Cu (%)	70.9	68.3	70.9	63.3
Copper produced in concentrates (tonnes)	5,372	6,433	5,571	11,288
Copper produced in blister (tonnes)	-	-	461	-
Costs of production (\$)				
Operating cash costs per tonne of concentrate (ex mine gate) \$/t	484	278	734	321
Dikulushi mine				
Ore mined (tonnes)	-	33,159	-	63,470
Ore processed (tonnes) ³	-	110,990	-	210,523
Feed grade (% Cu)	-	3.1	-	4.2
Contained Copper in Ore (tonnes)	-	3,399	-	8,903
Recovery Cu (%)	-	76.7	-	84.2
Copper produced in concentrates (tonnes)	-	2,607	-	7,491
Silver produced in concentrates (ounces)	-	248,816	-	731,472
Operating cash cost (ex mine gate) (after silver credits) (\$/lb)	-	0.73	-	0.39
Total cash costs from operations (\$/lb)	-	1.24	-	0.89

1. Includes provisional and final pricing adjustments and treatment and refining charges.
2. Kinsevere commenced production in June 2007 as an HMS processing operation.
3. Ore processed at Dikulushi relates to ore processed through the ball mill and flotation plant.

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Key Financial and Production Data (cont.)

PRODUCTION STATISTICS:	3 months ended June 30		6 Months ended June 30	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Mutoshi mine				
Ore mined (tonnes)	-	200,035	-	287,991
Ore processed (tonnes) ⁴	-	130,693	-	237,427
Copper grade (% Cu)	-	3.7	-	4.0
Contained copper in ore (tonnes)	-	4,872	-	9,545
Recovery Cu (%)	-	30.4	-	39.5
Copper produced in concentrates (tonnes)	-	1,481	-	3,768
Costs of production: (\$)				
Operating cash costs per tonne of concentrate (ex mine gate)	-	1,164	-	871

4. Ore processed at Mutoshi and Kinsevere relates to ore processed through the HMS plants.

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Consolidated Balance Sheets (unaudited)
(Expressed in thousands of United States dollars)

	June 30 2009	December 31 2008
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	48,677	45,033
Restricted cash	964	871
Accounts receivable	9,478	24,243
Inventories	23,964	31,064
Available-for-sale investments	12,635	24,032
Prepaid expenses and deposits	33,142	51,258
	128,860	176,501
Equity accounted investment	-	1,320
Long-term inventory	10,651	10,651
Long-term receivable	13,411	12,464
Exploration and acquisition expenditure	49,790	51,352
Property, plant and equipment	320,120	280,334
	522,832	532,622
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	29,059	34,731
Income taxes payable	414	463
Other liabilities	1,759	2,460
Current portion of long-term debt	535	362
	31,767	38,016
Future income tax liability	19,167	24,431
Long-term debt	195	321
Asset retirement obligations	13,410	12,980
	64,539	75,748
Non-controlling interest	1,118	1,909
	65,657	77,657
Shareholders' equity		
Equity accounts	412,444	383,419
Retained earnings	40,805	70,987
Accumulated other comprehensive income	3,926	559
Total shareholders' equity	457,175	454,965
	522,832	532,622

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Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income (unaudited)

(Expressed in thousands of United States dollars except per share amounts)

	3 Months Ended June 30		6 Months Ended June 30	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Sales	7,738	59,789	9,384	135,056
Operating expenses	(11,371)	(27,928)	(23,823)	(61,986)
Amortization	(4,032)	(15,897)	(7,697)	(23,390)
	(7,665)	15,964	(22,136)	49,680
Other income	125	2,428	446	5,247
Share of loss in associates	-	-	-	(336)
Provision for impairment of assets	(258)	-	(4,935)	-
Exploration expenditure written off	(3,224)	-	(3,224)	-
General, administrative and marketing	(3,208)	(7,021)	(5,842)	(12,413)
Foreign exchange gains	905	334	1,545	382
Stock based compensation	254	(433)	(1,106)	(1,000)
Interest and financing fees	(280)	748	(518)	(857)
(Loss) / earnings before income tax and non-controlling interest	(13,351)	12,020	(35,770)	40,703
Income tax recovery / (expense)	1,692	(3,712)	5,234	(9,309)
Non-controlling interest share of loss / (gain)	310	208	354	(1,439)
Net (loss) / income	(11,349)	8,516	(30,182)	29,955
Other comprehensive income, net of taxes				
Net unrealized gain on available-for-sale investments	3,367	200	3,367	342
Total comprehensive (loss) / income	(7,982)	8,716	(26,815)	30,297
Basic (loss) / earnings per share (\$)	(0.13)	0.12	(0.37)	0.42
Diluted (loss) / earnings per share (\$)	(0.13)	0.12	(0.37)	0.42



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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows (unaudited)

(Expressed in thousands of United States dollars)

	3 Months Ended June 30		6 Months Ended June 30	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities				
Net (loss) / earnings for the period	(11,349)	8,516	(30,182)	29,955
Items not affecting cash				
Amortization	4,032	15,897	7,697	23,390
(Gain) on derivative instruments	-	(960)	-	-
Share of loss in associates	-	-	-	336
(Gain) / Loss on sale of assets	52	(31)	42	257
Exploration expenditure written off	3,224	-	3,224	-
Provision for impairment of assets	258	-	4,935	-
Accretion expense	215	-	430	-
Non-controlling interest share of (loss) / income	(310)	(208)	(354)	1,439
Unrealized foreign exchange losses	(552)	467	59	550
Future tax	(1,719)	530	(5,265)	3,063
Stock based compensation	(254)	433	1,106	1,000
Changes in non-cash working capital	1,025	(7,008)	11,806	(23,362)
	(5,378)	17,636	(6,502)	36,628
Cash flows from investing activities				
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(9,649)	(55,956)	(27,297)	(95,198)
Proceeds from sale of assets	342	61	352	240
Payments for exploration and evaluation expenditure	(42)	(10,592)	(1,108)	(15,359)
Proceeds of principal repayments from investments	11,060	6,057	11,528	7,305
	1,711	(60,430)	(16,525)	(103,012)
Cash flows from financing activities				
Proceeds from issue of shares (net of issue expenses)	27,199	302	27,199	518
Proceeds from borrowings (net of fees incurred)	-	-	-	800
Repayment of borrowings	-	(38)	-	(38)
Movement in restricted cash	(79)	(1,291)	(93)	(1,193)
Disbursements on behalf of Dikulushi Trusts	(434)	(2,304)	(437)	(3,099)
	26,686	(3,331)	26,669	(3,012)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	23,019	(46,125)	3,642	(69,396)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	25,617	192,498	45,033	215,754
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash held in foreign currencies	41	(187)	2	(172)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	48,677	146,186	48,677	146,186