



PRESS RELEASE

AVANTI MINING ANNOUNCES COMPLETE RESULTS OF RECENT DRILLING PROGRAM AT THE KITSALT MOLYBDENUM MINE

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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwire - Jan. 12, 2009) - Avanti Mining Inc. (CNSX:AVT) ("Avanti") is pleased to announce the remainder of the results of a recently completed thirty-three hole, 10,127 meter drilling program at its 100% owned, past producing Kitsault molybdenum mine in British Columbia. Thirty of the holes were assayed and compiled, and of those, twenty-six encountered substantial intervals of molybdenum mineralization, with the remaining four holes confirming the barren to intermittent mineralized nature of the barren core. The three holes not reported are being retained for metallurgical testing purposes.

Highlights include; hole K08-13 which contained 292.6 meters grading 0.103% Mo, hole K08-20 containing 318 meters grading 0.101% Mo, hole K08-21 containing 198 meters grading 0.180% Mo and an additional 103.3 meters grading 0.101% Mo, hole K08-23 containing 135 meters grading 0.194% Mo, hole K08-25 containing 247.4 meters grading 0.128% Mo, hole K08-29 containing 155.9 meters grading 0.118% Mo and hole K08-30 containing 141 meters grading 0.119% Mo. Most holes not highlighted contain significant intersection of greater than 0.10% Mo within substantial intersections.

The Kitsault mine, a past producer in the 1970's and 1980's, had an existing database of 139 historical drill holes totaling 27,651 meters. The current program had several objectives, including verification of the historical drilling, better understanding of the barren core of the deposit, upgrading the resource classification (especially in areas of inferred resources), acquiring geotechnical, metallurgical, and hydrological information to support feasibility study planning, and testing deeper mineralization previously encountered in the historic drilling.

Results from the remaining holes are tabled below:

Hole Number	From (m)	To (m)	Interval width (m)	Avg. Mo%
K08-06	3.1	93	89.9	0.093
K08-06	105	114	9.0	0.046
K08-10	369	381	12.0	0.041
K08-11	72	354	282.0	0.071
including	228	261	33.0	0.101

K08-13	6.1	298.7	292.6	0.103
including	6.1	36	29.9	0.127
	48	165	117.0	0.129
	177	195	18.0	0.110
K08-14	3.1	114	110.9	0.094
including	3.1	69	65.9	0.119
K08-15	57	423	366.0	0.089
including	108	156	48.0	0.103
including	198	342	144.0	0.103
including	396	414	18.0	0.109
K08-16	4.6	54	49.4	0.061
K08-16	87	96	9.0	0.063
K08-17	4.6	189	184.4	0.087
including	48	123	75.0	0.103
K08-17	249	264	15.0	0.055
K08-17	327	339	12.0	0.096
K08-18	3.1	63	59.9	0.071
K08-19	3	168	165.0	0.085
including	3	36	33.0	0.105
including	54	99	45.0	0.134
K08-20	3	321	318.0	0.101

including	57	90	33.0	0.106
including	102	174	72.0	0.113
including	186	285	99.0	0.128
K08-21	3	201	198.0	0.180
including	6	135	129.0	0.231
including	153	186	33.0	0.113
K08-21	222	325.3	103.3	0.101
including	276	325.3	49.3	0.122
K08-22	21	54	33.0	0.038
	171	310.3	139.3	0.082
including	237	288	51.0	0.106
K08-23	3.05	138	135.0	0.194
including	3.05	111	108.0	0.224
K08-24	132	141	9.0	0.043
	183	225	42.0	0.048
	384	396	12.0	0.094
K08-25	4.57	252	247.4	0.128
including	9	153	144.0	0.167
including	210	225	15.0	0.131
K08-28	108	120	12.0	0.056
	147	288	141.0	0.09
including	159	201	42.0	0.135
including	246	255	9.0	0.153

K08-29	6.1	162	155.9	0.118
including	9	123	114.0	0.142
K08-30	3.05	144	141.0	0.119
including	3.05	81	78.0	0.174

Note: Not all holes were submitted for sample preparation and assaying precisely in sequence. Holes listed above were composited using a cut-off grade of 0.036% Mo and may include subgrade intervals of up to 9 meters. The higher grade, Including Intervals were composited at a cut-off of 0.1% Mo and may include subgrade intervals of up to 9 meters.

A map of the drill hole locations is linked herewith as Figure 1:
<http://media3.marketwire.com/docs/AVTFigure1.pdf>. A location Table and extended composite Table can be found on Avanti's website as can a composite table of all historic drilling on the project.

Craig J. Nelsen, President and CEO, stated, "The preliminary results of our 2008 drill program have met all the objectives we set out. An initial review of these results in section show that the drilling confirms previous results on the property. The next step will be to complete a more quantitative assessment of results and an updated resource study in the first quarter of 2009. This resource will form the basis of a Preliminary Feasibility Study."

The sample preparation and assay program, conducted by ALS Chemex laboratory, was monitored by a program of quality control samples including the insertion of certified standard reference material at the rate of one standard every twenty samples, one certified blank sample every thirty samples, and the sampling and analysis of coarse reject and pulp material at the same rate. Within every group of twenty samples, there is one standard; and within every thirty samples, there is one blank, one coarse reject duplicate sample for check assay, and one pulp duplicate sample for check assay. Assay results from control samples are falling within control limits.

Dr. Bruce Davis, FAusIMM, Manager of Business Development for Avanti, is the Qualified Person responsible for the technical information reported in this news release. The results of Avanti's diamond drilling program have been reviewed, verified (including sampling, analytical and test data) and compiled by Avanti's geological staff (which includes Dr. Davis). Dr. Davis was satisfied with the data verification process and believes that the drill program has been conducted in a competent and professional manner.

Further information about the Kitsault molybdenum property is available in a National Instrument 43-101 Technical Report dated August 5, 2008 and titled Technical Report Kitsault Molybdenum Property, British Columbia, Canada, which has been filed on SEDAR (www.sedar.com).

Avanti Mining Inc. is a company focused on acquiring, exploring, and developing mineral resource projects. It intends to acquire advanced Molybdenum prospects and move them towards development; to purchase by-product Molybdenum production streams from copper producers; and to become a consolidator in the junior Molybdenum market.

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