



**AVZ Minerals
Limited**

21 March 2017

Companies Announcement Office
ASX Limited
Level 6, 20 Bridge Street
Sydney NSW 2000

AVZ TO COMMENCE DRILLING AT MANONO PROJECT

AVZ Minerals Ltd (**ASX: AVZ**) is pleased to announce that diamond drilling will commence today at the Manono project in the south of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The drill program has been designed to test both the Kitotolo and Manono areas and will consist of 13 holes for approximately 2,000 metres.

The Company is also completing mapping, trenching and sampling of the Manono pegmatites. This work has shown that the pegmatites are more extensive than previously thought.

Due to the slight delay in the commencement of the drill program, the Company has agreed with its joint venture partners to extend the date for completion of the due diligence to 28 April 2017. The due diligence review by the Company's legal adviser in the DRC is progressing and the Company expects to receive a detailed update prior to the Company's shareholder meeting to be held on 6 April 2017.

As a result of the extension of the due diligence period, the Company now expects to settle the acquisition (assuming the results of the due diligence are to the Company's satisfaction and shareholders approve transaction related resolutions) and the second tranche of the placement on or around 3 May 2017.

Further information about AVZ is available at www.avzminerals.com.au, or contact:

Klaus Eckhof
Executive Chairman
Phone: +377 680 866 300
Email: klauseckhof@monaco.mc