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CHANGES TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Avocet Mining is pleased to announce the appointment of Gordon Toll to the board of the Company in the position of Technical Director. Aged 57, Gordon is an Australian mining engineer with over 36 years experience in the mining industry. He has an MBA from Columbia University in the USA and is a Member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. His career in the mining and minerals industry has included six and a half years with BHP Iron Ore in Australia including four years as production manager. Following this, he worked for Texasgulf Inc as Manager of Mining International. In the 1980s, Gordon worked for Atlantic Richfield Coal and was heavily involved in building two world-class coalmines, one in Indonesia as General Manager of ARCO Indonesia Coal and the other in Venezuela as President of ARCO de Venezuela. He then worked for seven years with Rio Tinto finishing as Group Mining Executive in London. Until 2001 he was the Chairman of Emperor Gold Mines, a gold mining company listed in Australia and owner of a gold mine in Fiji, and concurrently and until December 2004 was Deputy Chairman of Ivanhoe Mines, listed in Canada and currently exploring a world class copper/gold deposit in Mongolia, as well as various operating mines located globally with a primary focus in Asia.

The Company also announces that Johannes Oelofse has resigned from the board and from his position of Chief Operating Officer on mutually agreeable terms. He will leave the Company's employment permanently on 30th September 2005.

Nigel McNair Scott, Chairman, commented:

"With three gold mines now operating in three different countries Avocet will expand through internal and external growth. I warmly welcome Gordon Toll to the board of Avocet. His extensive experience in developing mines and growing companies, particularly in Asia, will help us in this process"

Avocet is a mining company listed on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange. The Company's principal activities are gold mining and exploration in Malaysia (as 100% owner of the Penjom mine, the country's largest gold producer), Tajikistan (as 75% owner of the Zeravshan Gold Company, Tajikistan's principal gold mine), and Indonesia (as 80% owner of the North Lanut gold mine in North Sulawesi).

Matters required under Schedule 2(f) of the AIM Rules in respect of appointment of director:

Full name: Gordon Leonard Toll

Age: 57

Names of current and past directorships in the past five years:

Current	Past
Compass Resources NL Fortescue Metals Group Limited LinQ Capital Limited Toll Management Limited	Emperor Mines Limited Intec Limited Ivanhoe Mines Limited

There are no other matters to be disclosed under Schedule 2(f) (iii) - (viii) of the AIM Rules.

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