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Resumption of production at Avnel Gold Mining Limited's Kalana Mine -  
Resignation of CFO

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ST. PETER PORT, Guernsey, Jan. 7 /CNW Telbec/ - Avnel Gold Mining Limited ("Avnel" or the "Company") (TSX: AVK) - As announced on December 11, 2008 operations at the No. 2 Shaft at the Kalana mine (the mine's production shaft) was suspended on December 5, 2008 due to mechanical problems with the winder gearbox.

Avnel is pleased to announce that production has now recommenced at the No. 2 Shaft following the re-engineering of parts of the gearbox and the complete refurbishment of the gearbox by Stork Gears & Services BV in Rotterdam. The gearbox was returned to the mine site on December 26, 2008 and installed and commissioned during the period December 27-30, 2008 and production has now resumed and will soon build up to the planned rates.

Avnel regrets to announce that Mr. Firdaus (Fred) Abbasi has resigned as Chief Financial Officer with immediate effect due to ill health. Mr. Abbasi's colleagues at Avnel wish him well and thank him for his endeavours in the short period that he was with Avnel.

#### About the Company:

Avnel is a gold mining producing company operating the Kalana gold mine and is engaged in the exploration of the Kalana Exploitation Permit and Fougadian exploration permit.

Avnel's principal asset is an 80% interest in Société d'Exploitation des Mines d'Or de Kalana ("SOMIKA"). SOMIKA is the holder of a 30 year exploitation permit encompassing 387.4 sq. km. around and to the south of the operating Kalana gold mine in South West Mali. Avnel also holds the Fougadian exploration permit covering an area of 150 sq. km. which lies to the South of the main Kalana exploitation permit.

#### Forward-Looking Information

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