

TORONTO, July 17, 2017 /CNW/ - [Orvana Minerals Corp.](#) (TSX:ORV) (the "Company" or "Orvana") is providing the following production results for the El Valle Mine ("El Valle") in Spain and Don Mario Mine ("Don Mario") in Bolivia for the third quarter of fiscal 2017 ("Q3 2017").

- Record consolidated quarterly gold production of 26,414 ounces;
- Consolidated gold equivalent production of 35,292 ounces in Q3 2017 representing an increase of 27% compared to Q2 2017;
- On track to meet fiscal 2017 production guidance;
- El Valle gold and copper production increased by 15% and 24%, respectively, compared to Q2 2017 due to higher recoveries and tonnes milled; mill throughput averaged 2,284 tonnes per day ("tpd") in the period;
- Don Mario completed first full quarter of commercial production from the re-commissioned carbon-in-leach circuit ("CIL Circuit") achieving a 48% increase in gold production compared to Q2 2017 and gold recovery of 89.3%, exceeding target of 80%.

Production Highlights

	Q3 2017			Q2 2017			YTD 2017 FY 2017	
	El Valle	Don Mario	Total	El Valle	Don Mario	Total	Total	Guidance
Operating Performance								
Ore milled (tonnes) (dmt)	197,469	166,370	363,839	157,621	150,231	307,852	1,012,292	
Gold Equivalent								
Production (oz)	18,265	17,027	35,292	15,908	11,775	27,683	87,384	
Gold								
Grade (g/t)	2.35	2.66	2.49	2.60	2.50	2.55	2.33	
Recovery (%)	91.9	89.3	90.6	90.4	71.1	81.2	82.5	
Production (oz)	13,705	12,709	26,414	11,917	8,596	20,513	62,626	85,000 – 95,000
Copper								
Grade (%)	0.53	0.79	0.65	0.58	0.75	0.66	0.72	
Recovery (%)	80.2	68.3	73.7	74.1	54.6	63.7	64.0	
Production ('000 lbs)	1,857	1,980	3,837	1,503	1,364	2,867	10,292	13,000 – 14,000
Silver								
Grade (g/t)	11.69	5.40	8.81	13.49	5.48	9.58	10.81	
Recovery (%)	75.0	68.8	73.3	74.7	58.2	70.1	71.2	
Production (oz)	55,682	19,896	75,578	51,080	15,405	66,485	250,343	300,000 – 350,000

"The recent significant investments we have made into our operations are resulting in consistent quarter over quarter improvements in our production results. We are pleased to report the highest quarterly consolidated gold production in Orvana's history," said Jim Gilbert, Chairman and CEO. "With the improved gold production from the successful implementation of the CIL Circuit at Don Mario, we are well positioned to extend the life of Don Mario. At El Valle, the return to sustained higher mill throughput rates, in excess of our target of 2,000 tonnes per day, has allowed for higher metal production despite mining through lower grade skarn zones. We look forward to reporting Orvana's continued progress over the remainder of fiscal 2017."

- The El Valle and Carlés Mines produced 13,705 ounces of gold in Q3 2017, an increase of 15% compared to 11,917 ounces of gold produced in Q2 2017.
- Copper production in Q3 2017 was 1.9 million pounds, compared to 1.5 million pounds in Q2 2017.
- Mill throughput in Q3 2017 averaged 2,284 tpd, an increase of 24% compared to 1,844 tpd in Q2 2017 and in excess of target mill throughput rate of 2,000 tpd.
- The increased metal production was primarily due to higher tonnes milled of 197,469 tonnes in Q3 2017 versus 157,621 tonnes in Q2 2017, as well as higher average recoveries, offset by lower head grades.

Production & Don Mario Mine

- During Q3 2017, the first full quarter of commercial production for the CIL Circuit, Don Mario surpassed its targeted gold recovery rate of 80%. Gold production increased to 12,709 ounces, or 48% compared to 8,596 ounces of gold produced in Q2 2017. Gold production was also positively impacted by higher gold grades of 2.66 g/t in Q3 2017 versus 2.50 g/t in Q2 2017.
- Copper production in Q3 2017 was 2.0 million pounds, compared to 1.4 million pounds in Q2 2017, primarily driven by an increase in copper recoveries of 25%.

About Orvana

Orvana is a multi-mine gold and copper producer. Orvana's operating assets consist of the producing gold-copper-silver El Valle and Carlés mines in northern Spain and the producing gold-copper-silver Don Mario mine in Bolivia. Additional information is available at Orvana's website (www.orvana.com).

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The forward-looking statements herein relate to, among other things, Orvana's ability to achieve improvement in free cash flow; the potential to extend the mine life of El Valle and Don Mario beyond their current life-of-mine estimates; Orvana's ability to optimize its assets to deliver shareholder value; the Company's ability to optimize productivity at Don Mario and El Valle; estimates of future production, operating costs and capital expenditures; mineral resource and reserve estimates; statements and information regarding future feasibility studies and their results; future transactions; future metal prices; the ability to achieve additional growth and geographic diversification; future financial performance, including the ability to increase cash flow and profits; future financing requirements; and mine development plans.

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