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Orvana Appoints T. Sean Harvey as President and Chief Executive Officer

TORONTO, ONTARIO, April 4, 2005 – The Board of Directors of Orvana Minerals Corp. (TSX: ORV; “Orvana” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that Mr. T. Sean Harvey has been appointed President and Chief Executive Officer and a Director of Orvana. He will assume his duties effective today.

Mr. Harvey’s most recent management positions in the mining industry were as President and Chief Executive Officer of Atlantico Gold Inc., a private company, and TVX Gold Inc., a NYSE and TSX listed company. The former was acquired by Wheaton River Minerals Inc. in 2004 and the latter was acquired by Kinross Gold Corporation in 2003. Prior to holding these positions he was employed by a South American merchant bank for one year. Before that, he worked for over ten years’ in investment banking, including in senior investment banking roles with Deutsche Bank Securities Limited and Nesbitt Burns Inc. Mr. Harvey holds both a Bachelor of Law degree and a Master of Business Administration degree. He is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada.

George Hamilton, Chairman of Orvana’s Board of Directors, said, “The Board of Directors is very pleased to have Sean Harvey join our Company and our Board. Sean has a track record of creating shareholder value and we know he will work diligently on behalf of our shareholders. He brings an additional skill set to our management and Board that should enhance Orvana’s ability to more rapidly achieve its objective of having a portfolio of low cost, long-life gold mines in the Americas. Jaime Urjel has relinquished the position of President and Chief Executive Officer because of additional responsibilities and commitments. He has agreed to become Deputy Chairman of the Board. We are grateful for the tremendous contributions that Mr. Urjel has made to Orvana as President and Chief Executive Officer and we fully expect that he will continue to make significant contributions to Orvana in his new role as Deputy Chairman. Under the terms of an existing services agreement with Compania Minera del Sur S.A. (“Comsur”), Comsur will continue to provide managerial, technical and commercial support to Orvana’s Bolivian subsidiaries until at least September 30, 2005.

About Orvana

Orvana Minerals Corp. is a Canadian gold mining and exploration company based in Toronto, Ontario, involved in the evaluation, development and mining of precious metal deposits in the Americas. The Company owns the Don Mario gold mine in eastern Bolivia. Orvana's long-term goal is to become a low cost, multi-mine producer in the Americas. Orvana's shares have been listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange since 1992 under the trading symbol ORV.

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