UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
May 21, 2010

ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

AVI BioPharma, Inc.

File No. 1-14895 - CF#25218

AVI BioPharma, Inc. submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form 10-Q filed on May 10, 2010.

Based on representations by AVI BioPharma, Inc. that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit will not be released to the public for the time period specified:

Exhibit 10.81	through May 10, 2015

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

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