

February 5, 2013

VIA EMAIL

Paul Mercredi
Environmental Assessment Officer
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
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Dear Mr. Mercredi,

RE: Meeting Summary and Newly Agreed-Upon Commitments for Thor Lake Rare Earth Element Project Environmental Assessment (EA1011-001)

Attached to this cover letter is a meeting summary identifying newly agreed-upon commitments between officials from Avalon Rare Metals Incorporated and the Government of the Northwest Territories. Both parties respectfully request this submission be posted to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board public registry for the Thor Lake Rare Earth Element Project.

Please contact me if you may require any further details.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

Avalon Rare Metals Incorporated – Government of the Northwest Territories
Meeting for Thor Lake Rare Earth Element Project Environmental Assessment

Meeting Date: January 28, 2013

Time: 2:00pm to 2:30pm

Location: 4th floor boardroom, Scotia Centre, 5102 50th Avenue, Yellowknife

Attendees: See attendee list on page 2.

Summary of Discussion:

Representatives from the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and Avalon Rare Metals Incorporated (Avalon) engaged in discussions and agreed to the following commitments.

Commitments:


1. Avalon will comply with the provisions of the *Public Health Act* and Regulations applicable to it and its activities.
2. Avalon agreed to provide notification to the GNWT in advance of temporary closures of its Nechalacho Mine and flotation plant sites and/or the hydrometallurgy site. This notification of temporary closures excludes the annual two-week shutdown of the hydrometallurgy plant every summer.



4-Feb-2013

David Swisher
Vice President, Operations
Avalon Rare Metals Incorporated

Date



5-Feb-2013

Shafic Khouri
Environmental Assessment Analyst
Government of the Northwest
Territories

Date

**Avalon Rare Metals Incorporated – Government of the Northwest Territories
Meeting for Thor Lake Rare Earth Element Project Environmental Assessment**

Attendees:

Avalon

David Swisher	Vice President, Operations, Avalon
Kelly Cumming	Northern Relations Manager, Avalon

GNWT

Britanny Shuwera	Industrial Initiatives Analyst, ITI
Deb Bain	Acting Manager, Partnerships and Agreements, Advanced Education, ECE
Derek Rains	Health Analyst, HSS
Dianna Beck	Industrial Initiatives Analyst, ITI
Rachel Bowden	Impact Assessment Analyst, HSS
Shafic Khouri	Environmental Assessment Analyst, ENR

Department acronyms: Education, Culture and Employment (ECE); Health and Social Services (HSS); Environment and Natural Resources (ENR); Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI).