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Via email: pmercredi@reviewboard.ca

Attention: Mr. Mercredi

RE: Environment Canada's Final Hearing Presentation – EA1011-001 – Thor Lake Rare Earth Element Project, Avalon Rare Metals Inc.

Environment Canada (EC) is pleased to submit to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) our Departmental Presentation for the Thor Lake Project proposed by Avalon Rare Metals Inc. in connection with the Public Hearings scheduled for February 18th to 20th.

EC staff will be in attendance at the public hearings in Yellowknife to make a formal presentation and will be available to respond to any questions which the MVEIRB members, the Proponent, or the public may have concerning the issues raised by EC.

If you wish clarification on any aspect of this submission prior to the public hearing, please contact Sarah-Lacey McMillan at (867) 669-4724 or by email at Sarah-Lacey.McMillan@ec.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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