

EA1011-001
Thor Lake Rare Earth Element Project, Avalon Rare Metals Inc.

Review Board Hearing Directive

December 10th, 2012

The purpose of this Hearing Directive is to define tasks and due dates for hearing process steps from the submission of the developer's post-technical report response to the closing of the public record in March 2013. The public hearing in Yellowknife and community hearing in Fort Resolution will provide the opportunity for the public to present concerns directly to the Review Board. The hearing in Yellowknife will focus on technical issues and the community hearing in Fort Resolution will allow for both technical issues and the views of community residents to be presented.

Hearing process steps and due dates are as follows:

- January 8th – due date for Avalon Technical Report response, updated list of commitments, and a summary of any project description changes to date.
- January 25th – pre-hearing conference in Yellowknife.
- February 4th – deadline for parties' hearing presentations.
- February 8th – due date for developer's hearing presentations.
- **February 18th-22nd** - conduct of public hearings in Yellowknife.
- **February 26th** – conduct of community hearing in Fort Resolution.
- March 12th – filing of hearing undertakings by the developer and parties.
- March 19th – final written submissions from parties.
- March 21st – final written submission from Avalon Rare Metals Inc.
- March 21st – closure of public record.

Sincerely,

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