



September 13, 2012

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Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
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Dear Mr. Edjericon

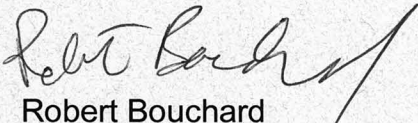
Re: Delays in Avalon Rare Metals Environmental Assessment Process

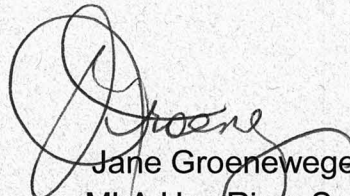
It has come to our attention that the review board has required a second round of information requests for Avalon Rare Metals environmental assessment. The suggested tentative public hearing date of February 2013 would not allow permitting before the summer construction season.

This is a very important project for the South Slave region. As you are aware this company has partnered with Deninu Kue First Nation and this development will benefit both the First Nation and the whole of the NWT as they will provide employment and many business opportunities.

We support Avalon in their request to have these public hearing's scheduled before the Christmas holidays so that the project can proceed on schedule.

If you have any questions or require further information regarding this letter of support, please feel free to contact us at 867-875-7215.


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