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October 4, 2013

VIA EMAIL

Chief Dora Enzoe
Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation
P.O. Box 28
Lutsel K'e, NT X0E 0N0

Re: Acknowledgement of receipt of LKDFN letter regarding the *Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision: Avalon Rare Minerals Inc. – Nechalacho Rare Earth Element Project (EA1011-001)*

Dear Chief Enzoe,

On behalf of the responsible ministers with jurisdiction in relation to the Nechalacho Rare Earth Element Project, this letter is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 23, 2013, and to thank you for the comments you provided to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development on the *Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision*.

Please note that full and fair consideration is being given to all of the issues and concerns that have been raised by Aboriginal groups who were party to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's Environmental Assessment of the project.

Sincerely,

Matthew Spence
Director General
Northern Projects Management Office

cc: Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Government of the Northwest Territories
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
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VIA EMAIL

Garry Bailey, President
Northwest Territory Métis Nation
P.O. Box 720
Fort Smith, NT X0E 0P0

RE: Acknowledgement of receipt of NWTMN letter regarding the *Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision: Avalon Rare Minerals Inc. – Nechalacho Rare Earth Element Project (EA1011-001)*

Dear Mr. Bailey,

On behalf of the responsible ministers with jurisdiction in relation to the Nechalacho Rare Earth Element Project, this letter is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 27, 2013, and to thank you for the comments you provided on the *Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision*.

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VIA EMAIL

Chief Edward Sangris
Chief Ernest Betsina
Yellowknives Dene First Nation
P.O. Box 2514
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P8

Re: Acknowledgement of receipt of YKDFN letter regarding the *Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision: Avalon Rare Minerals Inc. – Nechalacho Rare Earth Element Project (EA1011-001)*

Dear Chiefs,

On behalf of the responsible ministers with jurisdiction in relation to the Nechalacho Rare Earth Element Project, this letter is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 23, 2013, and to thank you for the comments you provided on the *Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision*.

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VIA EMAIL

Chief Louis Balsillie
Deninu K'ue First Nation
P.O. Box 1899
Fort Resolution, NT X0E 0M0

Re: Acknowledgement of receipt of DKFN letter regarding the *Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision: Avalon Rare Minerals Inc. – Nechalacho Rare Earth Element Project (EA1011-001)*

Dear Chief Balsillie,

On behalf of the responsible ministers with jurisdiction in relation to the Nechalacho Rare Earth Element Project, this letter is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 23, 2013, and to thank you for the comments you provided on the *Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision*.

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VIA EMAIL

Bill Enge, President
North Slave Métis Alliance
P.O. Box 2301
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Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P7

RE: Acknowledgement of receipt of NSMA letter regarding the *Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision: Avalon Rare Minerals Inc. – Nechalacho Rare Earth Element Project (EA1011-001)*

Dear Mr. Enge,

On behalf of the responsible ministers with jurisdiction in relation to the Nechalacho Rare Earth Element Project, this letter is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 22, 2013, and to thank you for the comments you provided to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development on the *Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision*.

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