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**Re: Avalon Rare Metals Inc. – Thor Lake Rare Earth Element Project
AANDC Response – Undertaking #2**

The Water Resources Division (WRD) of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) contacted NRCAN – CanMET MINING Green Mining Program for information on the status of work related to Rare Earth Elements. NRCAN provided the following web-link for provision to the board:

<http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/minerals-metals/technology/4475>

Additional inquiries on this matter can be directed to Mr. John King, Senior Environmental Assessment Officer, Natural Resources Canada, at (613) 995-7686 or John.King@NRCAN-RNCan.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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