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Avalon Announces Voting Results of Annual and Special Meeting including Approval of Name Change

Toronto, ON - [Avalon Advanced Materials Inc.](#) (TSX: AVL and OTCQX: AVLNF) (“Avalon” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that at the Annual and Special Meeting of shareholders held in Toronto, Ontario on February 24, 2016 (the “Meeting”), shareholders approved the motion to change the Company’s name to Avalon Advanced Materials Inc..

As noted in the Information Circular, Avalon’s management and Board of Directors felt that the name “Avalon Rare Metals Inc.” was too closely associated with rare earths and no longer adequately reflected the Company’s diversified specialty metals and minerals asset base. Don Bubar, President and CEO, noted “With the Company’s increasing focus on lithium and tin-indium, the new name will help investors discover how Avalon’s other assets can also contribute to increased shareholder value and recognize the critical importance of these commodities in clean technology.”

Also during the Meeting, six of the seven director nominees listed in the Company’s information circular dated January 12, 2016 were elected as directors of the Company.

One of management’s proposed directors, Phil Fontaine, decided for personal reasons not to stand for re-election, even though his name had been included in the information circular.

The detailed results of the vote are as follows:

<u>Director</u>		<u>Number of Votes Cast</u>	<u>Percentage of Votes Cast</u>
Donald Bubar	In Favour:	23,874,135	96.22%
	Withheld:	938,627	3.78%
Alan Ferry	In Favour:	23,932,074	96.45%
	Withheld:	880,688	3.55%
Brian MacEachen	In Favour:	23,909,524	96.36%
	Withheld:	903,238	3.64%
Peter McCarter	In Favour:	23,947,916	96.51%
	Withheld:	864,846	3.49%
Jane Pagel	In Favour:	23,900,478	96.32%
	Withheld:	912,284	3.68%

Kenneth G. Thomas	In Favour:	23,897,505	96.31%
	Withheld:	915,257	3.69%

At the Meeting, Don Bubar welcomed Jane Pagel to the Board as “an experienced executive from the environmental field with a broad background in both industry and government including leadership roles in energy, clean tech and sustainability organizations”. He also expressed gratitude to Phil Fontaine for his six years of service on the Company’s Board of Directors as an inspiration and a role model for Aboriginal participation in the Canadian mineral industry.

In addition, at the Meeting shareholders appointed Deloitte LLP as auditors of the Company, and approved a resolution adopting By-law No.2 of the Company pertaining to advance notice for the nomination of Directors of the Company.

About Avalon Advanced Materials Inc.

Avalon Advanced Materials Inc. is a Canadian mineral development company specializing in niche market metals and minerals with growing demand in new technology. The Company has three advanced stage projects, all 100%-owned, providing investors with exposure to lithium, tin and indium, as well as rare earth elements, tantalum, niobium, and zirconium. Avalon is currently focusing on its Separation Rapids Lithium Project, Kenora, ON and its East Kemptville Tin-Indium Project, Yarmouth, NS. Social responsibility and environmental stewardship are corporate cornerstones.

For questions and feedback, please e-mail the Company at ir@AvalonAM.com, or phone Don Bubar, President & CEO at 416-364-4938.

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