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Donald Bubar, Avalon’s chief executive officer and president, commented: “The receipt of this land use permit represents

another milestone in the ongoing development of the Nechalacho rare earth elements project. This permit allows us to proceed with the work necessary in 2014 to keep the project on schedule to achieve commercial operations by 2017/2018. Realizing this goal will ultimately depend on when all project financing is in place. Certainly, timely receipt of all necessary permits and licences helps mitigate perceived investment risk.”

The company is continuing the application process for securing full construction and operations permits by early 2015. Mark Wiseman, Avalon’s vice-president, sustainability, commented, “Based on the co-operative approach and responsiveness experienced to date with the MVLWB staff, we do not anticipate any significant delays in achieving this goal.”

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