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## **Avalon Announces Non-Brokered Private Placement for Gross Proceeds of up to C\$9.3 Million**

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TORONTO, ON (Dec. 7, 2023)— Consistent with its strategic objective to build Ontario’s first vertically integrated lithium supply chain serving the North American EV battery market, [Avalon Advanced Materials Inc. \(TSX: AVL and OTCQB: AVLNF\)](#) (“Avalon” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce a non-brokered private placement of up to a maximum of 93,000,000 units of the Company (each, a “Unit”) at a price of C\$0.10 per Unit for aggregate gross proceeds of up to C\$9.3 million (the “Offering”). It is expected that insiders of the Company will subscribe for up to C\$250,000 of Units pursuant to the Offering.

Each Unit comprises of one common share in the capital of the Corporation (a “Share”) and one-half (½) of one Share purchase warrant (each whole warrant, a “Warrant”). Each Warrant will entitle the holder to acquire one Share (a “Warrant Share”) at a price of C\$0.15 per Warrant Share for a period of 36 months following the closing date of the Offering, provided, however, that if at any time following the closing date, the closing price of the common shares of Avalon (“Common Shares”) on the Toronto Stock Exchange (“TSX”), or the principal stock exchange on which the Common Shares may then trade, equals or exceeds C\$0.30 for a period of 20 consecutive trading days, the Company may, by notice to the holder (supplemented by a news release of general dissemination) accelerate the expiry date of the Warrants to a date not less than 30 days from the date of delivery of such notice (the “Accelerated Expiry Date”), and any Warrant that remains unexercised by the holder thereof shall expire on the Accelerated Expiry Date without further notice to the holder.

The net proceeds of the Offering are expected to be used to fund: (i) site preparation and the preparation of a feasibility study for the Corporation’s Thunder Bay Lithium Hydroxide Processing Facility; (ii) the preparation of an updated feasibility study for the Nechalacho Rare Earths & Zirconium project; (iii) repayment of the convertible debenture, including accrued interest thereon, to SCR Sibelco NV; and (iv) for working capital and general corporate purposes. Closing of the Offering will occur in one or multiple tranches, with the first tranche of the Offering expected to close on or about December 15, 2023.

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**About Avalon Advanced Materials Inc.**

Avalon Advanced Materials Inc. is a Canadian advanced manufacturing company focused on vertically integrating the Ontario lithium supply chain. The Company, through its joint venture with SCR-Sibelco NV, is currently developing its Separation Rapids lithium deposit near Kenora, ON, while also continuing to advance the Snowbank lithium and Lilypad lithium-caesium projects located nearby. Avalon is also working to develop its Nechalacho rare earths and zirconium project located in the Northwest Territories. This deposit contains critical minerals for use in advanced technologies in the communications and defense industries among other sectors.

In addition to these upstream activities, Avalon is executing on a key initiative to develop Ontario's first midstream lithium hydroxide processing facility in Thunder Bay, ON, a vital link bridging the lithium resources of the north with the downstream EV battery manufacturing base in the south.

Avalon is listed on the TSX: AVL and OTCQB: AVLNF.

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*This news release contains "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation. Forward-looking information includes, but is not limited to, information with respect to the Company's expectations with respect to the use of proceeds and the use of the available funds following completion of the Offering; the completion of the Offering, if it is to be completed at all; the expected closing date of the Offering; sourcing of additional funding if and when required; and completion of the Company's business objectives, and the timing, costs, and benefits thereof. Generally, forward-looking information can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "add" or "additional", "advancing", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate", "appears", "believes", "can be", "conceptual", "confidence", "continue", "convert" or "conversion", "deliver", "demonstrating", "estimates", "encouraging", "expand" or "expanding" or "expansion", "expect" or "expectations", "forecasts", "forward", "goal", "improves", "increase", "intends", "justification", "plans", "potential" or "potentially", "promise", "prospective", "prioritize", "reflects", "robust", "scheduled", "suggesting", "support", "top-tier", "updating", "upside", "will be" or "will consider", "work towards", or variations of such words and phrases or state that certain*



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