



Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Statements for the three and nine months ended May 31, 2019

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MDA") of Avalon Advanced Materials Inc. (the "Company" or "Avalon") is an analysis of the Company's financial results for the three and nine months ended May 31, 2019 (the "Period"). The following information should be read in conjunction with the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the Period and the consolidated financial statements and Annual Information Form for the year ended August 31, 2018. This MDA is prepared as of July 9, 2019.

Nature of Business and Overall Performance

Avalon is a Canadian mineral exploration and development company that is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange in Canada, traded on the OTCQB Venture Market in the United States and also trades on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange in Germany. The Company seeks to build shareholder value by becoming a diversified sustainable producer and marketer of specialty metals and minerals and by expanding the markets for its mineral products.

Avalon operates primarily in Canada with a focus on the "Technology Metals" or "Cleantech Materials", including tin, lithium, tantalum, niobium, cesium, indium, gallium, germanium, rare earth elements ("REE"), yttrium, and zirconium.

The Company is in the process of exploring or developing four of its five mineral resource properties. The Company completed an updated preliminary economic assessment ("PEA") of its Separation Rapids Lithium Project in August, 2018. The Company completed a PEA for its East Kemptville Tin-Indium Project (the "East Kemptville Project") in July, 2018. Previously, the Company completed a feasibility study on its Nechalacho Rare Earths Elements Project (the "Nechalacho Project" or "Nechalacho") in April 2013 (the "Nechalacho FS"), and its Report of Environmental Assessment (the "Report of EA") was approved by the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada ("AANDC") in November 2013. Work on the Nechalacho Project has been recently re-activated due to growing demand for the "magnet rare earths" neodymium and praseodymium.

The Company has embraced the principles of sustainability as core to its business practice and has made a strong commitment toward implementing corporate social responsibility ("CSR") best practices. In November 2018, the Company released its seventh comprehensive Sustainability Report entitled *Refocus, Revive and Restore* (the "2018 Sustainability Report").

The Company believes that industrial demand for the advanced materials products it seeks to produce, particularly lithium, rare earths and tin, is growing rapidly due to their critical importance in an expanding array of applications in new clean technology, notably energy storage and electric vehicles.

Exploration and Development Activities

Resource property expenditures for the three months ended May 31, 2019 (the "Quarter") totalled \$260,885, a 54% decrease from the level of expenditures for the same quarter in fiscal 2018 (\$572,177) primarily due to the preliminary economic assessment studies that were conducted on the Separation Rapids Lithium Project and the East Kemptville Project in fiscal 2018 and reduced level of metallurgical testwork for the Separation Rapids Lithium Project. Of these expenditures,

52% were incurred on the Separation Rapids Lithium Project, 34% were incurred on the East Kemptville Project, and 14% were incurred on the Nechalacho Project.

No properties were abandoned or impairment losses recorded during the Quarter.

Resource property expenditures for the nine months ended May 31, 2019 (the "Nine Month Period") totaled \$874,244, a 50% decrease from the level of expenditures for the nine months ended May 31, 2018 (\$1,746,907). Of these expenditures, 41% were incurred on the Separation Rapids Lithium Project, 32% were incurred on the East Kemptville Project, and 27% were incurred on Nechalacho. Expenditures on the Separation Rapids Project decreased to \$356,075 from \$1,179,410 in the same period in fiscal 2018, primarily due to the diamond drilling program conducted in 2018 and the metallurgical laboratory testwork on the optimization of both the petalite and lepidolite flotation process flowsheets completed in 2018. The expenditures on the East Kemptville Project decreased to \$283,023 from \$345,977 in the prior period primarily due to the preliminary economic assessment study that was conducted in 2018. Expenditures on Nechalacho increased to \$231,531 from \$221,540 in the prior period. No properties were abandoned during the Nine Month Period. An impairment loss of \$639,034 was recognized on the East-Kemptville Project related to the costs incurred on three peripheral exploration licences which were not renewed during the Nine Month Period.

Separation Rapids Lithium Project

The Separation Rapids property consists of seventeen mineral claims and one mining lease covering a combined area of approximately 3,712 hectares ("ha")(9,172 acres) in the Paterson Lake Area, Kenora Mining Division, Ontario, all of which are owned 100% by Avalon. The lease covers an area of 420.39 hectares over the area of the lithium pegmatite deposit and adjacent lands that may be used for mine development infrastructure. The deposit is a potential source of lithium minerals for use in the glass and ceramics industry and specialty composite materials as well as lithium compounds for the battery industry.

During fiscal 2018, the Company completed an updated PEA on a simplified business model that focuses on initial production of lithium mineral concentrates for the glass industry, with potential for future expansion into production of the battery materials lithium carbonate and/or lithium hydroxide. This smaller scale development model reduces capital expenditure requirements substantially from the original model completed in September 2016, while generating attractive returns and reducing overall business and permitting risk.

During the Quarter, the Company incurred \$135,963 (2018 - \$240,028) in exploration and development expenditures on the Separation Rapids Project. Approximately 33% of these were incurred primarily on planning for a bulk sampling program tentatively scheduled for late summer subject to arranging financing, 27% was spent on on-going environmental studies and permitting, and 38% on metallurgical testwork to optimize recovery and lithium grade of petalite concentrate. In addition, approximately \$50,000 was expended on lithium market development work towards securing offtake agreements for the petalite products.

Lithium Markets

While lithium battery materials are getting most of the attention in the market and the media, demand for lithium in high strength glass products is also growing. Many existing and new high strength glass formulations for automotive, aircraft, cell phones, and video displays where durability and light weight are key, require lithium to achieve the desired properties. Avalon's new "Super Petalite" product is well-suited for this market. Global lithium prices are off their highs of last year with lithium carbonate reportedly near US\$11,000/tonne in June 2019, while spodumene concentrate prices (6% Li₂O, FOB Australia) are down to just above US\$ 600/tonne. The outlook for demand continues to be very good with companies like Volkswagen, BMW and Toyota continuing to make positive announcements about their EV plans.

Numerous expressions of interest have been received from potential customers for the Company's lithium mineral products and discussions on off-take commitments with potential partners from Europe and China were accelerated during the Quarter following completion of the PEA. There has also been new interest from China, Japan and Brazil following reports of global petalite supply shortages during the Quarter. Accordingly, the Company is now developing a work plan with a potential new partner to extract up to a 5,000 tonne bulk sample of the petalite ore for pilot plant processing this summer. With demand for lithium growing rapidly and few advanced lithium projects ready to commence production, the Company is well-positioned to bring a new supply of lithium minerals to the market to serve priority customers, once project financing is in place.

Environmental Assessment and Community Engagement

Avalon is committed to developing the Separation Rapids Project based on modern CSR principles and reporting on its performance in its annual Sustainability Reports. These CSR principles include commitments to minimize environmental impacts, ensuring the health and safety of employees, creating benefits for local communities and providing full transparency in its social and environmental performance. The Company and the project are now well known in the local community.

The project is located in the traditional land use area of the Wabaseemoong Independent Nations ("WIN") for which they have stewardship under an agreement with the Province. The Company first signed an MOU with WIN in 1999 which was renewed when the project was re-activated in 2013. Avalon management has been keeping WIN leadership informed on project activities and remains committed to fulfilling its community consultation obligations and partnering with WIN on business opportunities and providing training for community members. The Company has also initiated dialogue with the Métis Nation of Ontario which holds Indigenous rights in the area. Engagement is ongoing with local Indigenous communities, regulators, and local government who continue to be supportive of the project.

Results of recent packer testwork confirmed initial expectations that the local rock has low hydraulic permeability, and thus a low risk of water inflow from the English River into the pit. Additional tests will be completed during Feasibility Study work planned for 2019-20 to confirm these initial results. Groundwater samples were also collected for analysis. A report received from environmental consultants, Knight Piesold, confirmed that historical environmental baseline data is comparable to the present site conditions and thus can be utilized for future permitting. This avoids repeating baseline data collection with consequent cost savings and reduced risk of delays.

The additional data collection also confirmed that there are no species at risk at site. Fisheries data collected will allow trade off studies in the next project phase in an effort to identify a more cost effective tailings management area. Much of this data will also be utilized for the design of a bulk sampling program and the associated permit applications in the near term. Work to complete the power line route study will get underway once funding is available.

The site is approved for advanced exploration, and public discussions and a positive multi-ministry meeting were held during the quarter to update the existing closure plan. Full approval for the bulk sample is anticipated in the next quarter.

Future Work

The next step in the project's development is to proceed with a short pilot plant program on another bulk sample to finalize flowsheet parameters for engineering purposes including reagent recycling and water treatment processes, after which a bankable feasibility study can be completed. This work is expected to proceed in the summer of 2019 subject to the completion of off-take or strategic partnership agreements and additional project financing being in place. Planning for this program was initiated subsequent to the end of the Quarter. The use of gravity concentration methods for up-grading mined ore are to be further investigated- the objective being to either produce a higher grade ore for direct sale or to reduce the Capex and Opex of the plant by feeding it a higher grade material. Some additional drilling is also contemplated to bring more of the Inferred resources into

the Measured and Indicated categories and collect more geotechnical data for pit design work. Continued exploration on the Paterson Lake claims in the vicinity of the new Snowbank pegmatite discovery and the Glitter pegmatite is planned for summer, 2019, including drilling if funding is available. Environmental studies of the proposed power transmission line route will be initiated once funding is available. Permitting for the bulk sample was well advanced at the end of the Quarter, along with a proposal for a multi-Ministry meeting and engagement on this proposed program. As the environmental studies are largely complete, once applications are submitted, it is anticipated that all permits can be obtained in under a year. Construction activities for many project components can be initiated prior to receipt of all permits.

Unless otherwise noted, the technical information on the Separation Rapids Lithium Project has been reviewed and approved by the Company's Senior Vice President, Metallurgy and Technology Development, Mr. David Marsh, FAusIMM (CP), or Dr. William Mercer, PhD, P.Geo. (Ontario), P. Geo. (NS), Vice President, Exploration, who are both Qualified Persons under NI 43-101.

Nechalacho Rare Earth Elements Project

The Nechalacho Project is located at Thor Lake in the Mackenzie Mining District of the Northwest Territories ("NWT"), approximately 100 kilometres southeast of the city of Yellowknife. The property is now comprised of eight contiguous mining leases totalling 14,229 acres (5,786 hectares), after three mining claims totalling 332 hectares on the southwest side of the original five leases were converted to mining leases. The original five leases are subject to one independently owned 2.5% Net Smelter Returns ("NSR") royalty agreement. Avalon has the contractual right to buy out this royalty on the basis of a fixed formula, which is currently approximately \$1.56 million and which will increase at a rate equal to the Canadian prime rate until the royalty is bought out.

The property is situated in an area referred to as the Akaitcho Territory, an area which is subject to comprehensive land claim negotiations between the Government of Canada and the Treaty 8 Tribal Corporation, which consists of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation ("YKDFN"), the Deninu K'ue First Nation ("DKFN") and the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation ("LKDFN"). The Company has signed an Accommodation Agreement with the DKFN. The Company also recognizes that the Tłı̄cho First Nation ("TFN") has a settled land claim with the Government of Canada which provides for certain harvesting rights in the area of the Nechalacho site. The general area around the Nechalacho site is subject to Indigenous rights asserted by two Métis organizations: the NWT Métis Nation ("NWTMN") and the North Slave Métis Alliance ("NSMA"). During 2014, Avalon concluded a Participation Agreement with the NWTMN and commenced discussions with the NSMA.

With the re-activation of the project in 2018, Avalon's exploration permitting allows for additional study at the T-Zone and historical areas, including partial dewatering of the adit for obtaining a bulk sample for testing. It also includes approval for the extension of the airstrip, road and plant site construction which can utilize any inert waste rock and optical sorting process rejects produced during exploration and development. In discussion with regulators, there is also potential to initiate future small scale mining activities under the existing exploration permit or the existing early works Land Use Permit and Water License. This has the environmental and cost benefits of avoiding the need for additional quarry development and allows for a rapid development of the low risk, low impact small scale mining activities.

During the Quarter, the Company and a private Australian company, Cheetah Resources Pty Ltd. ("Cheetah"), entered into definitive agreement (the "Agreement"), under which Cheetah will acquire ownership of the near surface resources in the T-Zone and Tardiff Zones of the property for a total cash consideration of \$5 million while the Company will retain ownership of the mineral resources below a depth of 150 metres above sea level, a 3% NSR royalty and will continue to have access to the property for exploration, development and mining purposes. The first \$200,000 was provided as a deposit following the signing of the terms sheet in January 2019 and an additional \$1.5 million has been received since the signing of the Agreement. The balance of the cash consideration of \$3.3 million will be paid incrementally over a four-month period from June 23, 2019.

Avalon continues to participate in advocacy efforts to secure Federal government funding for road and power line development, and continues to participate in GNWT regulatory developments.

Expenditures during the Quarter totalled \$88,186 (2018 - \$176,762), which were incurred primarily on geological resource modelling work on the T-Zone and mining lease payments.

Rare Earth Markets

Interest in rare earth projects outside China (including Avalon's) has re-surfaced recently following the US National Defense Authorization Act banning the purchase of rare earths and rare earth magnets from China for the US Department of Defense. In addition, the Malaysian government has suggested that Lynas Corporation's operating permit for its Rare Earth Separation Plant and Refinery which expires in September 2019 may not be renewed unless Lynas disposes of 450,000mt of radioactive waste stored at the plant site in Malaysia. This new development coupled with the ongoing US trade dispute with China has created considerable new supply chain uncertainty for these critical materials.

Rare earth magnets remain vital to many clean technology applications requiring high efficiency, lightweight electric motors and generators. This includes motors for electric vehicles, which can require 5-10kg of rare earth magnets per vehicle.

Recent Work and Future Development Plans

Avalon and Cheetah are now investigating the possibility for Cheetah to initiate development at Nechalacho in the near term as a small-scale producer of Neodymium-Praseodymium ("Nd-Pr") rich concentrates from near surface resources in the T-Zone. A low-cost mining, crushing and ore-sorting operation is contemplated that has significant advantages over the already-approved Basal Zone Project development plan both from a cost and an environmental footprint standpoint. The barren waste rock generated from the ore-sorting process (being environmentally benign) would negate the need for the originally proposed aggregate quarry for site development and the process flowsheet would not involve extensive use of water or other chemical reagents.

Avalon completed a field program in September 2018 to conduct additional sampling in the area of the T-Zone and Tardiff Zones to collect more analytical data on the Nd-Pr rich bastnaesite mineralization. Additional samples of the bastnaesite mineralization were also collected for initial ore-sorting process testwork initiated during the Quarter. The Company acknowledges the contribution towards the partial financing of the program from the Government of the NWT Mineral Incentive Program.

Following the receipt of the new Exploration Type B Land Use Permit in June, that will remain valid until June 2023, Avalon also received approval for the extension of its existing Land Use Permit and Water License for the first year of site preparation and preliminary low impact construction activities. These are valid until April 2021 and May 2021 respectively. Ongoing engagement with local Indigenous communities was also completed with no concerns identified. Site waste rock materials were collected for future testing to confirm that this material is environmentally inert, similar to other previously tested waste rock at the site, with additional testing of ore and ore-sorting rejects planned following the production of samples during metallurgical testing.

A work plan is now being developed for 2019 in collaboration with Cheetah with the overall objective of getting the T-Zone ready for initial small-scale production of Nd-Pr (bastnaesite) concentrates by Cheetah in late 2020.

Unless otherwise noted, the technical information on the Nechalacho Project has been reviewed and approved either by the Company's Senior Vice President Metallurgy and Technology Development, Mr. David Marsh, FAusIMM (CP), or Dr. William Mercer, PhD, P.Geo. (Ontario), P. Geo. (NWT), Vice President, Exploration, who are both Qualified Persons under NI 43-101.

East Kemptville Tin-Indium Project

The 100% owned East Kemptville Tin-Indium Project is located 55km northeast of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada. The property consists of a Special Licence (soon to be converted to a Mineral Lease) plus one additional exploration licence covering approximately 2,400 hectares (6,000 acres) in aggregate. East Kemptville was an operating tin mine from 1985-1992 and was North America's only large primary tin producer, before closing prematurely in 1992 due to a collapse in tin prices. Increasing global demand for tin and tightening supplies have resulted in strengthening tin prices, creating an opportunity for Avalon to consider re-developing East Kemptville.

Avalon is presently in the process of securing full tenure to the site under a Mineral Lease to put the Company in a position to re-start production at a small scale, utilizing the existing stockpile resources for initial feed to a gravity concentrator, supplemented by accessing near-surface higher grade tin resources. The present model will remediate the existing environmental liability and ultimately result in the full rehabilitation of the site. During fiscal 2018 the Company completed a PEA based on this new re-development model that indicated positive economics.

During the Quarter, the Company continued preparing the application for the Mineral Lease which was largely completed and submitted in December. As a result of regulatory changes to the Mining Act, some minor additional work is ongoing to meet new requirements for the closure plan. Submission of the Closure Plan is scheduled for Q3 calendar 2019, including an external review and certification. Once received, the Mineral Lease will allow Avalon to proceed with site development once final feasibility study work is completed and project financing is in place. Environmental work was completed to allow the finalization of the Environmental Impact Assessment (referred to as a Project Environmental Assessment Designation in Nova Scotia) and the Crown Land Lease Transfer. These processes are anticipated to take approximately 4-6 months once submitted and therefore should be completed in late 2019. This will include the environmental benefits of the ongoing ore-sorting test work. Once all approvals are in place, financing is secured and feasibility work completed, the operation could be brought to initial production in 12-16 months, potentially by the end of 2020.

The Company incurred \$36,736 (2018 - \$155,387) in expenditures during the Quarter on the East Kemptville Project, which were mainly incurred on environmental studies and permitting and assay analysis of samples collected from the stockpile.

Project Development Update

As disclosed in the Company's news release dated [September 17, 2018](#) the Company received further encouraging results from an ore-sorting testwork program conducted on small samples of East Kemptville tin mineralization. These results provide further encouragement that sensor-based ore-sorting ("SBS") technology can be successfully implemented at East Kemptville to reduce both the capital and operating costs estimated for the 2018 PEA, and to reduce the volume of tailings generated from the proposed operation. This work was conducted by Cronimet Mining Processing SA (Pty) Ltd ("CMPSA"), who are providing technical and metallurgical services to Avalon in relation to the East Kemptville Project. CMPSA has also expressed interest in partnering with Avalon on the development of the project.

As a result of the success of bench-scale ore-sorting testwork, Cronimet requested a larger bulk sample be collected for advanced testwork to confirm the results from the bench-scale work. In January, 40 tonnes of typical Low Grade Stockpile rock was extracted for this purpose and twenty-seven tonnes have been shipped to Cronimet's test facility for a pilot-scale evaluation of SBS technology on the tin mineralization, which testwork is in progress. The remaining sample, comprising thirteen tonnes, will be retained near the site for future testwork.

During the bulk sampling program, some smaller samples were also collected at various depths within the stockpile that will be used to confirm tin grade distribution within the stockpile along with the results of the planned stockpile drilling program.

In addition to extensive engagement during the year with NGOs, political and business leaders, engagement continued to accelerate with the Acadia First Nation ("AFN") during the Quarter. Regular meetings have been scheduled with AFN leadership to discuss business opportunities. A meeting was held with the Benefits Committee of the KMKNO (Provincial Mi'kmaq) Assembly toward concluding an IBA type agreement and to initiate their input into the permitting process. The responsibility for the IBA negotiation was transferred to the local AFN, which will simplify and improve this process. The AFN continue to be supportive of the Company's development plans for the East Kemptville site.

The ore-sorting testwork, combined with a confirmation drilling program on the stockpile, will be utilized to finalize the small-scale site re-development model to the feasibility level of confidence. On permitting, in addition to the Mining Lease and Crown Land Lease transfer, work will also be initiated on the required Industrial Approval.

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Lilypad Cesium Project

The Lilypad Cesium Project consists of 166 new claim units, totalling slightly over 3,200 ha, covering a field of lithium, tantalum and cesium mineralized pegmatites, and located 150 kilometres northeast of Pickle Lake, Ontario. The claims were staked by the Company between January 1999 and October 2000 and are 100% owned by the Company with no underlying royalties. Previous owners of the property drilled some 50 shallow drill holes and Avalon completed 32 drill holes totaling 4,781 metres in 2000 and 2001 in a program focused primarily on tantalum potential that produced encouraging initial results including the discovery of significant cesium mineralization as the ore mineral pollucite.

The project has been inactive since 2002 awaiting a recovery in tantalum prices or new demand for cesium minerals. Two developments in 2018 have encouraged Avalon to resume exploration at the property. Firstly, development plans for the Ring of Fire area, north of the property, increase the probability of new road access being developed into the area in the near future. Secondly, because of recent increasing market interest in both lithium and cesium, a field program is justified primarily to further investigate the cesium potential of the property due to a global supply shortage. During the Quarter, Cabot Corp. announced the sale of its Specialty Fluids division (owner of the pollucite-producing Tanco Mine in Manitoba) to Sinomine, a large Chinese mining and chemical company with a division focused on rare metals supply. This news suggests that an opportunity may now exist to create a new pollucite supply chain to serve cesium markets outside China.

Renewed exploration work now planned for summer 2019, subject to financing, will comprise geological mapping and geochemical sampling to better understand cesium distribution, identify new drill targets, initiate preliminary environmental activities and to obtain samples suitable for metallurgical testwork. The 2000 and 2001 work program recognized exceptional cesium potential over a broad area on the property with drill intercepts assaying up to 6.205% Cs₂O over 1.70 metres in one mineralized dyke known as the Pollucite Dyke.

The project is located in the traditional territory of the Eabametoong First Nation. The Company has re-started discussions with community members on opportunities for collaboration.

Other Projects

The Company did not complete any work on any of its other projects during the Quarter.

Corporate Social Responsibility

In November 2018, the Company released its 2018 Sustainability Report, which is available for download on the Company's website at: <http://www.avalonAM.com>

The 2018 Sustainability Report was prepared in accordance with the streamlined October 2016 Global Reporting Standards. The 2018 Sustainability Report incorporates a self-assessment of Fiscal 2018 performance and sets targets for 2019 against the applicable Mining Association of Canada "Toward Sustainable Mining" indicators.

During the Quarter the Company received a PDAC-AME "Safe Day Everyday Bronze Award" for zero lost time incidents during the 2017 field season. In addition, the Company was recognized as one of six companies that has reported to the annual safety survey for more than ten consecutive years, with Avalon reporting for 12 years.

In addition to the Company's safety performance, the report includes many other accomplishments such as energy efficiency initiatives, community outreach, and metallurgical process improvements that contribute to improved environmental performance. Avalon is committed to working closely with its Indigenous partners to create lasting economic and social benefits in the communities. In addition to its partners in the NWT, dialogue is ongoing with the Acadia First Nation in Nova Scotia as it relates to the East Kemptonville Project and with Wabaseemoong Independent Nations ("WIN") and Métis Nation of Ontario with respect to the Separation Rapids Lithium Project, and was recently initiated with the Eabametoong First Nation for the Lilypad Cesium Project.

To provide independent advice as to the efficacy of the Company's CSR work, the Company maintains an independent Sustainability Advisory Committee ("SAC") that meets intermittently to review all of the Company's sustainability-oriented work at all its projects. Recently, meetings have been infrequent due to the low level of current development activity although the members were all invited to review and comment on the 2018 report. In recognition of its sustainability efforts, Avalon has once again placed among *Corporate Knights'* 2018 Future 40 Responsible Corporate Leaders in Canada from a shortlist of eligible small and mid-size organizations.

The methodology for the 2018 Future 40 Responsible Corporate Leaders in Canada ranking is based on 16 key performance indicators covering resource, employee and financial management. The full methodology for this year's ranking is available from Corporate Knights here: <http://www.corporateknights.com/reports/future-40/2018-future-40-methodology-15085128/>. Private or publicly-listed companies headquartered in Canada with revenue of under \$1 billion and evidence of ESG reporting are eligible. Ranking is based on publicly-disclosed data, verified by the companies prior to project completion. In addition to this recognition, Avalon's sustainability leadership has been recognized on other ways including the adoption and use by the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada, of Avalon's GHG measurement and reporting system.

The full ranking can be viewed in *Corporate Knights Magazine's* Spring 2018 issue or online at www.corporateknights.com/reports/2018-future-40/2018-future-40-results-15241106/.

The Company's focus is on materials that enable clean technology, including solar and wind power. In order to do this sustainably, Avalon designs its operations to minimize environmental impacts and greenhouse gas emissions, while planning for rehabilitation and productive use of the land post closure. The Company also now applies a staged-development approach to its cleantech materials projects, which involves starting production at a modest scale, to minimize project footprint and potential risks to environment, while also reducing operating costs, investment risk and creating opportunities for its Indigenous business partners.

The Company continues to be recognized as a leader in advocating for equity participation by Indigenous business in mineral development. Avalon's CEO, Don Bubar, was recently recognized with the 2019 PDAC Distinguished Service Award for his work with PDAC in establishing its Aboriginal Affairs Committee in 2004 and success in advancing its mission toward increased

Indigenous participation in the mineral industry and increased co-operation between companies and Indigenous communities.

Administration and Other

Corporate and Administrative expenses totalled \$564,961 during the Quarter, a 23% decrease from the amount incurred in the same quarter in Fiscal 2018 (\$733,103). The main areas of decreased operating expenses for the Quarter were expenses on public and investor relations and marketing and sales related expenses.

Expenses on public and investor relations for the Quarter decreased by \$106,110 (82%) to \$23,906 compared to \$130,016 for the same quarter in fiscal 2018. The decrease is primarily related to the reduced amount of work provided by consultants with respect to investor relations activities in the US and in Europe. The Company also participated in fewer capital and investment conferences during the Quarter compared to the same quarter in Fiscal 2018. During the Quarter, PDAC 2019 was the only significant investment conference attended by the Company. The Company did participate in the World Bank's launch of its Climate Smart Mining Facility initiative in Washington, DC on May 1, which provided an opportunity for the Company to present its model of environmentally and socially responsible cleantech materials production to a new audience of international impact investors and end-users.

A small net credit was recognized on marketing and sales related expenses during the Quarter compared to expenses of \$22,904 for the same quarter in fiscal 2018, which primarily related to the decrease in registration fees and travel expenses to attend industry conferences, as well as a vendor credit for which the related cost was expensed in 2018.

Salaries and benefits for the Quarter totaled \$381,218 compared to \$386,475 for the same quarter in fiscal 2018.

Share based compensation decreased to \$16,806 for the Quarter compared to \$34,014 for the same quarter in fiscal 2018. This decrease is primarily related to the decrease in the estimated fair values of options earned during the Quarter compared to the same quarter in fiscal 2018.

For the Nine Month Period, corporate and administrative expenses totalled \$1,845,836 compared to \$2,076,600 for the same period in fiscal 2018. The main areas of decreased operating expenses for the Nine Month Period were expenses on public and investor relations, marketing and sales related expenses, insurance and shareholders' communications and filing fees. Expenses on other functional areas were at about the same level as for the comparative period in fiscal 2018.

Consistent with the Quarter and for similar reasons, expenses on public and investor relations for the Nine Month Period decreased by \$105,802 (40%) to \$158,583 compared to \$264,385 for the same period in fiscal 2018.

Marketing and sales related expenses decreased by \$47,456 (82%) to \$10,205 during the Nine Month Period compared to the same period in fiscal 2018, which primarily related to the decrease in travel for meetings with potential customers. The Company also participated in fewer industry conferences.

Insurance expenses decreased by \$29,646 (30%) to \$68,355 during the Nine Month Period compared to the same period in fiscal 2018, which primarily related to the reduction in premium for the Company's directors' and officers' liability insurance policy.

Shareholders' communications and filing fees for the Nine Month Period decreased by approximately 14% to \$121,273 compared to \$140,370 for the same period in fiscal 2018. This decrease is primarily related to the cost savings realized by printing its 2019 AGM proxy materials in black and white instead of color and by delivering the AGM proxy materials electronically to all eligible shareholders in the U.S.

Salaries and benefits for the Nine Month Period increased slightly to \$1,082,472 from \$1,067,160, compared to the same period in fiscal 2018. The increase in salaries and benefits was primarily related to the increase in the provision for accrued vacation days.

The Company recognized a financing transaction cost expense of \$177,503 during the Nine Month Period relating to the issuance of the convertible note payable issued on November 30, 2018, and the financing transaction cost expense of \$467,565 recognized during the same period in fiscal 2018 was related to the issuance of 300 B1 Preferred Shares at a price of \$5,000 per share for gross proceeds of \$1,500,000 in January 2018.

Stock-based compensation decreased to \$62,084 from \$112,462 during the Nine Month Period compared to the same period in fiscal 2018. This decrease is primarily related to the decrease in the estimated fair values of options earned during the Nine Month Period compared to the same period in fiscal 2018.

On May 31, 2019, the fair values of the Company's outstanding derivative liabilities (which included the warrants denominated in US\$ warrants and warrants with exercise prices that are subject to adjustment from time to time in the event of certain common share rights offerings) were re-measured using the Black-Scholes pricing model, which resulted in a loss of \$431,650 for the Nine Month Period (being the increase in the estimated value of these warrants between August 31, 2018 and May 31, 2019) and a loss of \$531,943 for the Quarter (being the increase in the estimated value of these warrants between February 28, 2019 and May 31, 2019). The changes in the estimated value of these warrants are mainly caused by the fluctuation in the trading price of the Company's common shares on May 31, 2019 compared to August 31, 2018 and February 28, 2019.

The fair values of the Company's outstanding convertible redeemable preferred shares (issued in March 2017, January 2018 and June 2018) were also re-measured, which resulted in losses of \$329,438 and \$68,250 for the Nine Month Period and the Quarter, respectively.

Summary of Quarterly Results

The following selected financial data is derived from the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Company.

Fiscal Year For the Quarters Ended	2019		2018				2017	
	May 31	Feb. 28	Nov. 30	Aug. 31	May 31	Feb. 28	Nov. 30	Aug. 31
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue (Interest)	10,655	15,126	13,941	14,340	20,204	12,484	14,749	16,080
Net Loss before discontinued operations	1,127,319	638,820	1,569,937	786,927	682,931	1,142,848	628,038	835,616
Net Loss	1,127,319	638,820	1,569,937	786,927	682,931	1,142,848	628,038	835,616
Net Loss, per share, basic and diluted	0.004	0.002	0.006	0.004	0.003	0.005	0.003	0.004

The fluctuation in quarterly net loss is primarily due to share-based compensation expenses recognized as stock options granted to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company are earned, the impairment losses recognized on resource properties, changes in the fair value of derivative liabilities and convertible redeemable preference shares, and expensed financing transaction costs. The costs of resource properties are written down at the time the properties are abandoned or considered to be impaired in value.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

In management's view, given the nature of the Company's operations, which consists mainly of the exploration and development of mineral properties, the most relevant financial information relates primarily to current liquidity, solvency, and planned property expenditures. The Company's financial success will be dependent on the economic viability of its resource properties and the extent to

which it can discover and develop new mineral deposits. Such development may take several years to complete and the amount of resulting income, if any, is difficult to determine. The sales value of any mineralization discovered by the Company is largely dependent on factors beyond the Company's control, including the market value of the metals and minerals to be produced.

The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it based on the funds available to the Company in light of changes in general economic conditions, the Company's short term working capital requirements, and its planned exploration and development program expenditure requirements.

As the Company is in the development stage, its principal source of capital is from the issuance of equity securities. In order to achieve its objectives, the Company expects to spend its existing working capital and raise additional funds as required.

As at May 31, 2019, the Company has current assets of \$426,181 and current liabilities of \$1,779,181. The holder of the Company's convertible redeemable preferred shares is entitled to demand repayment of the applicable redemption value per share in cash (which totalled \$1,272,500 as at May 31, 2019) upon the occurrence of certain Redemption Events. Excluding the deferred flow-through share premium of \$74,577, the Company's adjusted working capital deficit was \$1,278,423 (calculated by adding back the deferred flow-through share premium of \$74,577 to the working capital deficit of \$1,353,000). As the de-recognition of the balance of the deferred flow-through share premium will not require the future outflow of resources by the Company, it is management's belief that the adjusted working capital figure provides useful information in assessing the Company's liquidity risk. As at August 31, 2018, the Company had adjusted working capital deficit of \$170,908 and cash and cash equivalents on hand of \$319,057.

The Company's monthly operating expenditures, excluding expenditures on resource property work programs, average \$280,000 during periods of moderate project activity. The Company's anticipated resource property expenditures for Fiscal 2019, assuming the requisite financing is in place, are budgeted at approximately \$1,300,000 (excluding capitalized salaries and benefits), of which approximately \$470,000 had been incurred by May 31, 2019.

As disclosed earlier under "Nechalacho Rare Earth Elements Project", subsequent to the Quarter, the Company has received an additional \$1.5 million in cash from Cheetah after entering into the Agreement. The remaining balance of \$3.3 million will be received incrementally over a four-month period from June 23, 2019.

The completion of the Agreement with Cheetah on the Nechalacho Project has provided the Company with a source for \$4.8 million in new non-dilutive working capital to cover its immediate needs for operating expenses. The Company will need to raise additional capital to fund significant new work programs on the Separation Rapids, East Kemptville and Lilypad Projects. Initiatives to raise additional capital are in progress. There continues to be some uncertainty as to the Company's ability to raise sufficient additional funds on favourable terms for all of its planned program expenditures. Discussions with potential joint venture partners to provide project financing will also be undertaken. This condition creates some uncertainty about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The Company's expenditures on other discretionary exploration and development activities have some scope for flexibility in terms of amount and timing, which can be adjusted accordingly.

The Company does not have any externally imposed capital requirements other than those certain Redemption Events contained in the preferred share terms. The Company continues to work on attracting more substantial project financing through the participation of one or more strategic partners, a long term construction debt financing facility, and/or through the equity markets. If the Company is not able to secure financing on satisfactory terms, expenditures on the development of its projects will need to be delayed.

All of the Company's resource properties are owned, leased or licenced with minimal holding costs. The most significant holding costs being annual lease rental fees on Nechalacho of \$24,841 and the

annual expenditures related to the mining leases at Separation Rapids and Warren Township totalling \$3,327. As at May 31, 2019, the Company is required to incur additional Canadian Exploration Expenditures of \$348,024 by December 31, 2019. This amount represents the remaining balance of the required expenditures resulting from the private placements completed in December, 2018.

A joint venture with an industry partner or end-user may represent an attractive alternative for financing the further stages in the development of any of the Company's projects once the capital requirements become relatively large.

The Company has an operating lease for its premises. As at the date of this MDA, the minimum lease commitments under these leases are as follows:

Fiscal year ended August 31, 2019	\$	26,746
2020	\$	335,841
2021	\$	350,721
2022	\$	354,442
2023	\$	361,882
2024 and thereafter	\$	487,469

Off Balance Sheet Arrangements

As at May 31, 2019, the Company had no material off balance sheet arrangements such as guaranteed contracts, contingent interests in assets transferred to an entity, derivative instrument obligations or any instruments that could trigger financing, market or credit risk to the Company.

Transactions with Related Parties

Balances and transactions between the Company and its subsidiaries have been eliminated on consolidation and are not disclosed here. Details of the transactions between the Company and other related parties are disclosed below:

a) Trading transactions

There has been no material trading transactions with related parties during each of the six month periods ended May 31, 2019 and 2018, other than the participation by certain related parties in certain equity offerings as listed below:

- (i) In November 2018, Mr. Donald Bubar, Director, President and CEO subscribed for 1,000,000 Units at \$0.07 per Unit; and
- (ii) the participation by certain related parties in the November 2017 private placement, whereby Donald Bubar, Mark Wiseman, Vice President Sustainability, Patricia Mohr, former Director subscribed for 200,000, 55,000 and 50,000 flow-through shares at \$0.145 per share, respectively.

b) Compensation of key management personnel

The remuneration of directors and other members of the Company's senior management team during each of the three and nine months ended May 31, 2019 and 2018 are as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	May 31, 2019	May 31, 2018	May 31, 2019	May 31, 2018
Salaries, benefits and directors' fees ⁽¹⁾	\$ 383,719	\$ 462,371	\$ 1,193,849	\$ 1,274,004
Share based compensation ⁽²⁾	17,283	28,553	57,293	95,086
	<u>\$ 401,002</u>	<u>\$ 490,924</u>	<u>\$ 1,251,142</u>	<u>\$ 1,369,090</u>

(1) Salaries and benefits of key management personnel capitalized to exploration and evaluation assets and PPE for the Quarter and for the Nine Month Period totaled \$80,332 (2018 - \$144,450) and \$286,217 (2018 - \$412,583), respectively.

(2) Fair value of stock options earned and recognized as share based compensation during the respective reporting period.

Unpaid directors' fees and salaries included in accrued liabilities and owing to the directors and members of the Company's senior management team totaled \$797,464 as at May 31, 2019 (August 31, 2018 - \$137,500).

Subsequent Events

Subsequent to the end of the Period, the Company:

- granted an aggregate of 665,000 stock options with a weighted average exercise price of \$0.12 per share to certain employees, directors and consultants of the Company. The weighted average contract life of these options at issuance was 4.4 years;
- issued 700,000 common shares pursuant the exercise of 700,000 warrants at the exercise price of \$0.12 per share;
- had 204,000 brokers' compensation warrants with an exercise price of \$0.15 per share expire;
- issued a total of 3,354,934 common shares pursuant to the conversion of 30 B1 Preferred Shares and 10 C1 Preferred Shares;
- issued 3,567,421 common shares pursuant to the conversion of \$200,000 convertible note payable; and
- as described under Nechalacho Rare Earth Elements Project, entered into the Agreement with Cheetah under which Cheetah will acquire ownership of the near surface resources in the T-Zone and Tardiff Zones of the Nechalacho REE Project for a total cash consideration of \$5 million. As at July 9, 2019, the Company has received cash payments totaling \$1.7 million from the total cash consideration of \$5 million.

Financial Instruments

The Company's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, convertible note payable, convertible redeemable preferred shares, warrants denominated in foreign currency, and warrants with exercise prices that are subject to adjustment from time to time.

Management does not believe these financial instruments expose the Company to any significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair market values of

cash and cash equivalents, receivables, and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their carrying values.

The Company has 6,466,513 warrants outstanding as at May 31, 2019, with an original exercise price of US\$0.56 per share ("US\$ Warrants"). These warrants are subject to certain anti-dilution provisions, which may reduce the exercise price, with a floor of US\$0.5095 per share. The adjusted exercise price as calculated by the anti-dilution provisions as at May 31, 2019 and as at the date of this MDA is US\$0.5223. These warrants are exercisable until June 13, 2021. These warrants were recorded at fair value at the time of issuance, and are re-measured at fair value using the Black-Scholes pricing model at each financial statement reporting date, with the resulting change in fair value being recorded in the statement of comprehensive loss.

As the Company has the right to redeem all of the outstanding B1 and C1 Preferred Shares at any time at a 5% premium to the redemption value, the total fair value of the 130 B1 Preferred Shares and the 80 C1 Preferred Shares as at May 31, 2019 is \$853,125 and \$483,000, respectively. The number of common shares to be issued would be 12,475,490 if all of the outstanding B1 and C1 Preferred Shares had been converted into common shares based on the closing price of the Company's common shares on the TSX of \$0.12 on May 31, 2019.

As the Company has the option to buy back the convertible note at any time for the outstanding face value, as such the fair value of the convertible note as at May 31, 2019 is its face value of \$600,000.

Interest income from cash and cash equivalents are recorded in the statement of comprehensive loss.

Outstanding Share Data

a) Common and Preferred Shares

The Company is presently authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares without par value. The Company is also authorized to issue up to 25,000,000 preferred shares without par value, of which 950 have been issued and 210 are outstanding as at May 31, 2019.

As at May 31, 2019, the Company had 299,687,088 common shares, 130 Series B1 Preferred Shares and 80 Series C1 Preferred Shares issued and outstanding. Subsequent to the end of the Quarter, and as described earlier under "Subsequent Events", 7,622,355 common shares were issued pursuant to the conversion of 30 Series B1 Preferred Shares and 10 Series C1 Preferred Shares, the conversion of \$200,000 convertible note payable, and the exercise of 700,000 warrants. As at the date of this MDA, the Company has 307,309,443 common shares, 100 Series B1 Preferred Shares and 70 Series C1 Preferred Shares outstanding.

b) Options

As at May 31, 2019, the Company had an aggregate of 9,196,250 incentive stock options outstanding with a weighted average exercise price of \$0.17 (of which 6,200,000 were vested and 2,996,250 were unvested). Subsequent to the end of the Quarter, 665,000 options were granted (as described earlier under "Subsequent Events"). As at the date of this MDA, the Company has 9,861,250 incentive stock options with a weighted average exercise price of \$0.17 outstanding.

c) Warrants

As at May 31, 2019 the Company has the following common share purchase warrants outstanding:

- i. 6,466,513 US\$ Warrants, with an original exercise price of US\$0.56 per share and are exercisable until June 13, 2021. These warrants are also subject to certain anti-dilution provisions, which may reduce the exercise price, with a floor of US\$0.5095 per share. The adjusted exercise price as calculated by the anti-dilution provisions as at May 31, 2019 and as at the date of this MDA is US\$0.5223;
- ii. 30,000 warrants, issued pursuant to the Accommodation Agreement, with an average exercise price of \$0.31 per share and will expire as follows: 10,000 warrants on July 31, 2019, 10,000 warrants on July 31, 2020 and 10,000 warrants on August 2, 2021;
- iii. 2,400,000 warrants with an exercise price of \$0.16 per share and exercisable until November 3, 2019;
- iv. 6,900,000 A1 Warrants with an exercise price of \$0.23 per common share which are exercisable until March 10, 2022;
- v. 6,250,000 B1 Warrants with an exercise price of \$0.15 per common share which are exercisable until January 15, 2023;
- vi. 1,400,000 warrants with an exercise price of \$0.12 per share expiring on June 29, 2020, or if the closing price of the common shares on the TSX is \$0.16 or higher for a period of twenty consecutive trading days after June 29, 2018, the Company may, by notice to the holder reduce the expiry date of the warrants to not less than 30 days from the date of such notice;
- vii. 2,750,000 warrants with an exercise price of \$0.12 per share expiring on July 11, 2020, or if the closing price of the common shares on the TSX is \$0.16 or higher for a period of twenty consecutive trading days after July 11, 2018, the Company may, by notice to the holder reduce the expiry date of the warrants to not less than 30 days from the date of such notice;
- viii. 3,750,000 C1 Warrants with an exercise price of \$0.125 per common share which are exercisable until June 29, 2023;
- ix. 2,100,000 warrants with an exercise price of \$0.12 per share expiring on November 1, 2020, or if the closing price of the common shares on the TSX is \$0.16 or higher for a period of twenty consecutive trading days after November 1, 2018, the Company may, by notice to the holder reduce the expiry date of the warrants to not less than 30 days from the date of such notice;
- x. 287,500 warrants with an exercise price of \$0.12 per share expiring on November 23, 2020, or if the closing price of the common shares on the TSX is \$0.16 or higher for a period of twenty consecutive trading days after November 23, 2018, the Company may, by notice to the holder reduce the expiry date of the warrants to not less than 30 days from the date of such notice; and
- xi. 4,575,000 warrants with an exercise price of \$0.07 per share expiring on November 30, 2021.

Subsequent to the end of the Quarter, 700,000 warrants with an exercise price of \$0.12 per share were exercised (as described earlier under “Subsequent Events”).

The Company is also committed to issue 20,000 warrants to the NWTMN in two equal installments of 10,000 warrants upon the Nechalacho Project meeting certain milestones. These warrants will have a contractual term of five years and will have an exercise price

based on the then current market price of the Company's common shares at the date of issue of the warrants.

d) *Brokers' Compensation Warrants*

As at May 31, 2019, the Company had the following compensation warrants outstanding:

- i. 204,000 compensation warrants with an exercise price of \$0.15 per common share, which are exercisable until June 12, 2019;
- ii. 186,000 compensation warrants with an exercise price of \$0.145 per common share, which are exercisable until August 16, 2019;
- iii. 288,000 compensation warrants with an exercise price of \$0.15 per common share, which are exercisable until November 3, 2019; and
- iv. 132,000 compensation warrants with an exercise price of \$0.15 per common share, which are exercisable until December 22, 2019.

Subsequent to the end of the Quarter, 204,000 brokers' compensation warrants with an exercise price of \$0.15 per share expired (as described earlier under "Subsequent Events").

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that material information is gathered and reported to senior management, including the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), as appropriate, to permit timely decisions regarding public disclosure.

Management, including the CEO and CFO, has designed or caused to be designed under their supervision, disclosure controls to provide reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed in annual filings, interim filings, or other reports filed or submitted under Canadian securities legislation, or reports filed or submitted under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time period specified in those rules.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

The CEO and CFO are also responsible for the design of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting ("ICFR") to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS. Because of its inherent limitation, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements.

There have been no changes to the Company's design of internal controls over financial reporting that occurred during the Quarter that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to affect, the Company's ICFR.

Critical Accounting Judgments and Estimation Uncertainties

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires that the Company's management make critical judgments, estimates and assumptions about future events that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto. Actual results may differ from those estimates. Estimates and assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant under the circumstances. Revisions to estimates are accounted for prospectively.

The Company has identified the following significant areas where critical accounting judgments, estimates and assumptions are made and where actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions and may materially affect financial results or the financial position reported in future periods.

Further details of the nature of these assumptions and conditions may be found in the relevant notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

Information about assumptions and estimation uncertainties that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment are included in the following notes:

Recoverability of Exploration and Evaluation Assets, Development Assets and Property, Plant and Equipment

The Company assesses its long-lived assets, specifically all exploration and evaluation assets, development assets and PPE at each reporting date to determine whether any indication of impairment exists. Where an indicator of impairment exists, a formal estimate of the recoverable amount is made, which is the higher of the fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. These assessments require the use of estimates and assumptions such as long-term commodity prices, discount rates, foreign exchange rates, future capital requirements, exploration potential and operating performance.

Determination of Reserve and Resource Estimates

Mineral reserves and resources are estimates of the amount of ore that can be economically and legally extracted from the Company's exploration and development properties. The estimation of recoverable reserves is based upon factors such as estimates of commodity prices, production costs, production techniques, future capital requirements and foreign exchange rates, along with geological assumptions and judgments made in estimating the size and grade of the ore body. Changes in the reserve or resource estimates may impact the carrying value of exploration and evaluation assets, development assets, PPE, site closure and reclamation provision and amortization expense.

Fair Value of Share Based Payments and Warrants

The Company follows IFRS 2, Share-based Payment, in determining the fair value of share based payments. This calculated amount is not based on historical cost, but is derived based on assumptions (such as the expected volatility of the price of the underlying security, expected hold period before exercise, dividend yield and the risk-free rate of return) input into a pricing model. The model requires that management make forecasts as to future events, including estimates of: the average future hold period of issued stock options and compensation warrants before exercise, expiry or cancellation; future volatility of the Company's share price in the expected hold period; dividend yield; and the appropriate risk-free rate of interest. The resulting value calculated is not necessarily the value that the holder of the option or warrant could receive in an arm's length transaction, given that there is no market for the options or compensation warrants and they are not transferable. Similar calculations are made in estimating the fair value of the warrant component of an equity unit. The assumptions used in these calculations are inherently uncertain. Changes in these assumptions could materially affect the related fair value estimates.

Site Closure and Reclamation Provision

The Company's accounting policy for the recognition of a site closure and reclamation obligation requires significant estimates and assumptions such as: requirements of the relevant legal and regulatory framework, the magnitude of possible disturbance and the timing thereof, extent and costs of required closure and rehabilitation activity, and discount rate. These uncertainties may result in future actual expenditures differing from the amounts currently provided.

Site closure and reclamation provision recognized is periodically reviewed and updated based on the facts and circumstances available at the time.

Property, Plant and Equipment - Estimated Useful Lives

Management estimates the useful lives of PPE based on the period during which the assets are expected to be available for use. The amounts and timing of recorded expenses for depreciation of PPE for any period are affected by these estimated useful lives. The estimates are reviewed at least annually and are updated if expectations change as a result of physical wear and tear, technical or commercial obsolescence and legal or other limits to use. It is possible that changes in these factors may cause significant changes in the estimated useful lives of the Company's PPE in the future.

Critical Judgments

Information about critical judgments in applying accounting policies that have most significant effect on the consolidated financial statements are as follows:

Capitalization of Exploration and Evaluation Costs

Exploration and evaluation costs incurred during the year are recorded at cost. Capitalized costs include costs directly attributable to exploration and evaluation activities, including salaries and benefits of employees who are directly engaged in the exploration and evaluation activities. Administrative and other overhead costs are expensed. Exploration and evaluation costs incurred that have been determined to have future economic benefits and can be economically recoverable are capitalized. In making this judgment, management assesses various sources of information including but not limited to the geologic and metallurgic information, history of conversion of mineral deposits to proven and probable mineral reserves, scoping and feasibility studies, proximity of operating facilities, operating management expertise and existing permits.

Changes in Accounting Policies Including Initial Adoption

The Company adopted the following new accounting standards during the Nine Month Period:

a) IFRS 9, Financial Instruments

On September 1, 2018, the Company adopted IFRS 9, "Financial Instruments" ("IFRS 9") which replaces IAS 39, "Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement" ("IAS 39"). The retrospective adoption of IFRS 9 had no material impact to the Company's condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

IFRS 9 contains three principal classification categories for financial assets: measured at amortized cost; fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI"); or fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"). The classification of financial assets under IFRS 9 is generally based on the business model in which a financial asset is managed and its contractual cash flow characteristics. IFRS 9 eliminates the previous IAS 39 categories of held to maturity, loans and receivables and available for sale. IFRS 9 largely retains the existing requirements in IAS 39 for the classification and measurement of financial liabilities.

The following table shows the original measurement categories under IAS 39 and the new measurement categories under IFRS 9 for each class of the Company's financial assets and financial liabilities:

<u>Financial Instrument</u>	<u>Measurement Category</u>	
	<u>IAS 39</u>	<u>IFRS 9</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	Loans and receivables at amortized cost	Amortized cost
Other receivables	Loans and receivables at amortized cost	Amortized cost
Accounts payable	Other financial liabilities at amortized cost	Amortized cost
Accrued liabilities	Other financial liabilities at amortized cost	Amortized cost
Convertible note payable	FVTPL	FVTPL
Convertible redeemable preferred shares	FVTPL	FVTPL
Derivative liabilities	FVTPL	FVTPL

There were no adjustments to the carrying amounts of the Company's financial instruments on the date of transition as a result of the transition from IAS 39 to IFRS 9.

b) IFRS 15, Revenue from Contracts and Customers

On September 1, 2018, the Company adopted IFRS 15, Revenue from Contracts and Customers ("IFRS 15"). IFRS 15 sets out the requirements for recognizing revenue that apply to all contracts with customers, except for contracts that are within the scope of the standards on leases, insurance contracts and financial instruments. IFRS 15 uses a control based approach to recognize revenue and establishes principles to address the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from an entity's contracts with customers. The Company currently does not have any operating revenue and therefore, the adoption of this new standard does not have any impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

The following pronouncement is issued but not yet effective:

IFRS 16, Leases

IFRS 16, *Leases* ("IFRS 16") was issued by the IASB in January 2016, and will replace IAS 17 *Leases*. IFRS 16 specifies the methodology to recognize, measure, present and disclose leases. The standard provides a single lessee accounting model, requiring lessees to recognize assets and liabilities for all leases except for short-term leases and leases with low value assets. IFRS 16 substantially carries forward the lessor accounting requirements in IAS 17. IFRS 16 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019, with early adoption permitted if IFRS 15 has also been adopted. A lessee will apply IFRS 16 to its leases either retrospectively to each prior reporting period presented; or retrospectively with the cumulative effect of initially applying IFRS 16 being recognized at the date of initial application.

The Company will adopt this standard effective September 1, 2019. Under this standard, the present value of lease commitments will be shown as a liability on the balance sheet together with an asset representing the right of use, including those leases classified as operating leases under the current standard IAS 17. This implies higher amounts of depreciation expense on the right of use assets and interest expense on lease liabilities will be recorded in the Company's statement of comprehensive loss in fiscal 2020 and future years. Additionally, a corresponding reduction in corporate and administrative expenses is expected from the elimination of lease expense.

The Company is in the process of completing its review and analysis of IFRS 16 and will apply IFRS 16 from the adoption date of September 1, 2019. The Company intends to apply the simplified transition approach and will not restate comparative amounts for the year prior to first adoption. Right-of-use assets and lease liabilities will be measured at the amount of the lease liability on adoption.

The Company will provide the quantitative impact of adopting IFRS 16 in its unaudited condensed interim financial statements for the first quarter of fiscal 2020.

Forward-Looking Statements, Risk Factors and Qualified Persons

Certain of the statements that are not historical facts contained in this MDA are forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from estimated or anticipated events or results reflected in the forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements reflect the Company's current views with respect to future events and include, among other things, statements regarding targets, estimates and/or assumptions in respect of reserves and/or resources, and are based on estimates and/or assumptions related to future economic, market and other conditions that, while considered reasonable by management, are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties, including significant business, economic, competitive, political and social uncertainties and contingencies. These estimates and/or assumptions include, but are not limited to:

- grade of ore;
- mineral product and commodity prices;
- metallurgical recoveries;
- operating costs;
- achievement of current timetables for development;
- strength of the global economy;
- availability of additional capital; and
- availability of supplies, equipment and labour.

Factors that could cause the Company's actual results, performance, achievements, developments or events to differ materially from those expressed or implied by forward-looking statements include, among others, the factors described or referred to under "Description of the Business - Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Information Form for the year ended August 31, 2018, and:

- risks related to the Company's history of losses, lack of operating history, ability to generate material revenues and continue as a going concern;
- risks related to establishing new mining operations in the event that the Company elects to proceed with the development of one of its mineral projects;
- risks related to the Company's need for additional financing;
- risks related to any joint venture or strategic alliances that may be entered into by the Company;
- risks related to the progression of the Separation Rapids Lithium Project to a positive feasibility stage;
- risks related to securing product off-take agreements on a timely basis;
- risks related to the unique ore type at the Nechalacho Rare Earth Elements Project ("Nechalacho" or the "Nechalacho Project") and the Separation Rapids Lithium Project for which known metallurgical processes have not previously been applied;
- uncertainty related to title to the Company's properties as well as the risk of delays in obtaining licenses and permits as a result of local opposition, including uncertainty related to any challenges in connection with Indigenous land title claims and Indigenous rights
- risks related to the possible existence of rights and interests of Indigenous groups, which may limit the Company's ability to develop its properties;
- risks related to the need to acquire properties for the hydrometallurgical plant and potentially a rare earth refinery for the Nechalacho Project;
- risks that actual capital costs, production schedules and economic returns for the Nechalacho Project may differ significantly from those anticipated by the Company;
- risks related to the demand for technology metals and minerals and fluctuations in their pricing;
- risks related to the demand for lithium and fluctuations in its pricing;
- risks related to competition and the actions of competitors;
- risks related to costs or delays in the commercialization of rare earth products;

- uncertainties related to the fact that the Company's mineral resources and mineral reserves are only estimates;
- risks related to the Company's ability to secure the required mineral tenure licenses at the East Kemptville Tin-Indium Project ("East Kemptville Project") which could adversely affect the Company's ability to conduct further studies and exploration activities;
- risks related to obtaining, maintaining and renewing licenses and permits, and the material costs, liabilities and obligations in connection therewith;
- risks that the Company will be subject to material costs, liabilities and obligations in connection with environmental laws, regulations and approvals and that approvals will not be available;
- uncertainties involving uninsured risks;
- risks related to possible shortages of supplies, equipment and labour;
- risks related to the Company's ability to attract and retain qualified management and technical personnel;
- uncertainty whether the Company will acquire commercially mineable ore deposits or whether the current mineral deposits identified by the Company can be developed as commercially viable ore bodies;
- risks inherent to the competitive nature of the mineral industry;
- risks related to the extensive federal, state, provincial, territorial and local laws and regulations to which the Company's activities are subject;
- risks related to the availability and reliability of adequate infrastructure;
- risks and hazards inherent to the mining industry;
- risks related to any changes in critical accounting estimates that adversely affect the Company's financial results;
- risks related to potential conflicts of interest of the Company's directors and officers who may have involvement with other resource companies;
- risks due to being a "passive foreign investment company" for U.S. purposes;
- risks related to fluctuations of currency exchange rates;
- risks related to share price volatility;
- risks related to dilution of existing shareholders;
- risks related to not paying cash dividends;
- risks related to being a non-US corporation; and
- risks related to there being no market for the Company's warrants.

Most of the foregoing factors are beyond the Company's ability to control or predict. Although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results, performance, achievements, developments or events to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actual results, performance, achievements, developments or events not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that the estimates and/or assumptions upon which these forward-looking statements are based will occur.

Readers can identify many of these statements by looking for words such as "believe", "expects", "will", "intends", "projects", "anticipates", "estimates", "continues" or similar words or the negative thereof. There can be no assurance that the plans, intentions or expectations upon which these forward-looking statements are based will occur.

The forward-looking statements contained herein are made as of the date of this MDA and are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement. Readers should not place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements, which reflect management's plans, estimates, projections and views only as of the date hereof. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly revise these forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances, except as required by applicable law.

The technical information included in this MDA, unless otherwise stated, has been reviewed and approved by Donald S. Bubar, P. Geo., President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and Dr. William Mercer, P. Geo., Vice-President, Exploration of the Company. Mr. Bubar and Dr. Mercer are both Qualified Persons under National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101").

Notice Regarding Presentation of our Mineral Reserve and Resource Estimates

This MDA has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Canadian securities laws, which differ from the requirements of United States securities laws. Unless otherwise indicated, all reserve and resource estimates included in this MDA have been prepared in accordance with NI 43-101. NI 43-101 is a rule developed by the Canadian Securities Administrators which establishes standards for all public disclosure an issuer makes of scientific and technical information concerning mineral projects.

Canadian standards, including NI 43-101, differ significantly from the requirements of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), and reserve and resource information contained in this MDA may not be comparable to similar information disclosed by United States companies. In particular, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the term "resource" does not equate to the term "reserve". Under United States standards, mineralization may not be classified as a "reserve" unless the determination has been made that the mineralization could be economically and legally produced or extracted at the time the reserve determination is made. The SEC's disclosure standards normally do not permit the inclusion of information concerning "measured mineral resources", "indicated mineral resources" or "inferred mineral resources" or other descriptions of the amount of mineralization in mineral deposits that do not constitute "reserves" by United States standards in documents filed with the SEC. United States investors should also understand that "inferred mineral resources" have a great amount of uncertainty as to their existence and as to their economic and legal feasibility. It cannot be assumed that all or any part of an "inferred mineral resource" exists, is economically or legally mineable, or will ever be upgraded to a higher category. Under Canadian rules, estimated "inferred mineral resources" may not form the basis of feasibility or pre-feasibility studies except in rare cases. Disclosure of "contained ounces" in a resource estimate is permitted disclosure under Canadian regulations; however, the SEC normally only permits issuers to report mineralization that does not constitute "reserves" by SEC standards as in-place tonnage and grade without reference to unit measures. The requirements of NI 43-101 for identification of "reserves" are also not the same as those of the SEC, and reserves reported by Avalon in compliance with NI 43-101 may not qualify as "reserves" under SEC standards. Accordingly, information concerning mineral deposits set forth herein may not be comparable with information made public by companies that report in accordance with United States standards.

Other Information

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