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### Avalon Appoints Ms. Patricia Mohr to its Board of Directors

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Toronto, ON - [Avalon Advanced Materials Inc.](#) (TSX: AVL and OTCQX: AVLNF) (“Avalon” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Patricia Mohr to the Company’s Board of Directors.

Ms. Mohr is the former Vice President, Economics and Commodity Market Specialist at Scotiabank’s Executive Offices in Toronto, before retiring in 2016 after 31 years with the bank. At Scotiabank, Ms. Mohr worked closely with Corporate and Investment Banking, including the Mining team, with Wealth Management and Global Risk Management. Ms. Mohr prepared the metal and oil and gas price forecasts for all credit evaluations at Scotiabank. During this time, Ms. Mohr developed the Scotiabank Commodity Price Index: the first Index designed to measure price trends for Canadian commodities in export markets.

Avalon’s President and CEO, Don Bubar, noted, “Ms. Mohr brings extensive knowledge of national and international economic, financial and commodity market developments to the Company’s Board of Directors. Ms. Mohr also shares an interest in lithium and other specialty metals and materials and I believe she will be a great asset in advancing both Avalon’s Separation Rapids Lithium and East Kemptville Tin-Indium projects. We are delighted to have Ms. Mohr accept our invitation to join Avalon’s Board of Directors.”

Prior to joining Scotiabank, Ms. Mohr spent a number of years with Alberta Energy Co. Ltd. (now EnCana Corp.) in Calgary and with CP Ships and Canadian Pacific Bermuda in London as Corporate Economist. She holds an Honours B.A. Degree and an M.A. Degree in Economics from The University of British Columbia. Ms. Mohr began her career as a mineral economist with Energy, Mines and Resources (now Natural Resources Canada) in Ottawa.

Ms. Mohr is also currently a Director of Emissions Reduction Alberta (“ERA”): an organization channelling public funds into leading-edge R&D for greenhouse gas mitigation. Ms. Mohr is a Director of the Centre for Research & Innovation in the Bio-Economy, established by the Ontario Government to fund and commercialize forest-based biotechnology. She has also recently joined the Board of the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade, on the Policy Council.

Ms. Mohr commented, “I am pleased to accept Avalon’s invitation to serve on its Board of Directors. I share the Company’s vision for sustainable development that maximizes opportunities for business and community prosperity. I look forward to working with Avalon’s Board and management team in achieving the Company’s aspirations in the specialty metals and minerals business.”

## **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](mailto:ir@AvalonAM.com), or phone Don Bubar, President & CEO at 416-364-4938.

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