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**ASHBURTON APPLIES FOR DRILL PERMITS ON CLAYTON VALLEY ELON LITHIUM CLAIMS**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016, VANCOUVER, B.C. – ASHBURTON VENTURES INC. (ABR-TSX:V) (ARB-FRANKFURT) (“Ashburton” or the “Company”)** announces it has commenced the drill permitting process for its 100% owned Elon lithium claims located in Clayton Valley, Nevada.

“With Pure Energy drilling directly beside our border, we are excited to prepare Ashburton to commence testing our claims.” stated Michael England, CEO of Ashburton Ventures.

Ashburton Ventures Inc. has recently increased its landholdings in Clayton Valley, Nevada. These new claims are contiguous to the existing Elon lithium claims already held by Ashburton. Additionally, these claims border both Pure Energy Minerals Ltd. (PE – TSXV) and Lithium-X Corp. (LIX – TSXV) making the entire Elon lithium project now enclosed between the two companies.

Please see map for location: <http://ashburtonventures.com/i/elon-map.pdf>

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ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

*Signed “Michael England”*

Michael England, President

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