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APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Mining Executive Paul Bridson joins Avalon team

Australian minerals company Avalon Minerals Ltd (ASX: **AVI**; "Avalon") is pleased to announce the appointment of mining executive Paul Bridson to the position of CFO effective immediately.

Mr Bridson was most recently Financial Controller with the successful Australian iron ore company, Gindalbie Metals Limited from 2001, where he was responsible for the finance and accounting function of the group.

He has over 16 years experience in the mining industry, holding a wide range of senior financial positions.

Mr Bridson holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Western Australia. He is a Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Financial Services Institute of Australasia and is also a Member of the Chartered Secretaries Australia.

In welcoming his appointment, Avalon's Managing Director, Mr David McSweeney, said; "I am very pleased to welcome Paul to the Avalon team and look forward to the opportunity of once again working alongside him."

"Paul is a highly capable individual who has a strong track record in finance. He will join our team at an exciting time as we progress our 100%-owned Viscaria Copper Project in northern Sweden through the feasibility stage towards development."

Avalon recently completed the 'D' Zone drilling program at Viscaria, targeting extensions to the existing resource inventory.

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Avalon Minerals – Background

Avalon Minerals Ltd listed in March 2007 with the aim of developing and discovering mineral deposits.

Avalon's corporate objective is to build a diversified resource mining group based on cash flows from producing operations.

The primary project generation strategy has been successful with the acquisition of the advanced Viscaria copper deposit in northern Sweden where a maiden JORC Code compliant copper resource has been defined. This resource comprises of an Inferred Resource of:

8.2 million tonnes grading 2.7% Cu for the 'A' Zone South; 5.6 million tonnes grading 1.3% Cu for the 'A' Zone North; 24.3 million tonnes grading 0.8% Cu for the 'B' Zone; and 2.5 million tonnes grading 1.6% Cu for the 'D' Zone.

When combined, this totals 520,000 tonnes of contained copper.

In addition the recently acquired cluster of five closed historical copper- zinc mines at Adak, 300km south of Viscaria, also provides potential for Avalon to grow its base metal inventory within northern Sweden.