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AVALON ENTITLEMENT ISSUE CLOSES

Australian-based metals company Avalon Minerals Ltd (ASX: **AVI**; "Avalon") is pleased to announce that its 1 for 5 Entitlement Issue including shortfall applications closed oversubscribed on 11 February 2011 raising \$6.14 million.

The Entitlement Issue take-up was 70.85% totalling \$4.35 million. The balance of \$1.79 million representing 9,945,427 shares comprised applications for shortfall shares from amongst eligible shareholders and the Underwriter.

With over \$9 million in funds the Company is now sufficiently funded to complete its bankable feasibility study at its 100%-owned **Viscaria Copper and Iron Project** in Northern Sweden.

Of the Company's Directors, Tan Sri Abu Sahid Mohamed subscribed for his full entitlement of 6,060,623 shares as did Mr Andrew Munckton for 163,000 shares and Mr Gary Steinepreis for 451,432 shares. Mr David McSweeney applied for 555,555 shares representing part of his entitlement.

Avalon Minerals Managing Director, Mr Munckton said that "The 70.85% take up on the Entitlement Issue and the high level of applications for shortfall shares was an excellent result for Avalon".

With three diamond drilling rigs and one RC rig on site at Viscaria conducting the extensive 10,000 metre infill drilling program on the 'D' Zone and additional works at both A Zone and B Zone the Company looks forward to growing the resource and reserve base at Viscaria whilst also testing several exciting new exploration targets.

Further Information

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