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ISSUE OF EXCLUSIVE PROSPECTING LICENCES IN NAMIBIA

Avonlea Minerals Limited (ASX:AVZ) is pleased to advise that it has been notified of the issue of five Exclusive Prospecting Licences (“EPL’s”) held by Eris Mining Pty Ltd (“Eris”) by the Namibian Ministry of Mines and Energy (“MME”). Avonlea recently completed the purchase of 95% of the issued capital of Eris under a Sale and Purchase agreement. While Eris had received notification of the preparedness to grant such licences, the Company required the issue of the licences to begin any exploration activity. Exploration can now commence directly.

As previously announced, the five licences cover a significant and highly prospective ground holding. A synopsis of these ground holdings together with an outline of the commodity focus is summarised below. The Okatumba Iron Ore prospect within EPL 4129 will be a priority target in this initial exploration phase.

Licence	Type	Period	Target	Area (km ²)
EPL4129	Exploration	3 Years	Iron & base metals	1,000
EPL4125	Exploration	3 years	Copper, Gold, Molybdenum	617
EPL4126	Exploration	3 years	Base & rare metals	996
EPL4127	Exploration	3 years	Diamonds & rare metals	990
EPL4128	Exploration	3 years	Diamonds & rare metals	978

The issue of EPL 4129 also triggers the achievement of an important performance milestone under the sale and purchase agreement.

In anticipation of the issue of these licences, the Company applied for and have subsequently received environmental clearances for each of the five licence areas. Furthermore during the same intervening period, a range of initiatives has been developed to enable the Company to commence its programs directly which includes but not limited to, in-country geological and logistical support and as part of its commitment to local community, empowerment and localised employment programs.

The Company aims to utilise local service providers, where practical as its exploration programs commence and as these programs develop.

Managing Director, David Riekie commented:

***“The issue of the licences is a significant milestone for the Company as much of the preparatory work has been done including the required environmental clearances. We are now in the enviable position of being able to commence our rock chip and reconnaissance exploration programs, the results of which should be available within the third quarter of this calendar year.*”**

We can also draw on the significant level of country and geological exploration experience we have within our Board and Management, to ensure the timely processing and interpretation of this data, so that a clearer understanding of our exploration targets emerges and can be further developed within these licence ground holdings. This will undoubtedly be an exciting phase for the Company and its stakeholders.”

Yours Faithfully



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About Avonlea:

Avonlea Minerals Limited is an Australian publically listed exploration company based in Perth, Western Australia. The Company has gold and base metal opportunities in Central Queensland and holds 85% of the iron ore rights to the Diemals Iron Ore Project in Western Australia.

Avonlea finalised a Share Sale Agreement for the acquisition of 95% of the issued capital in Eris Mining (Pty) Limited, a Namibian incorporated company on 22 May 2009. The terms of which and the details regarding various performance milestones are outlined in the release to ASX dated 19 March 2009.

Namibia is generally considered one of the more desirable places in Africa to explore for minerals based on the stable political and mining friendly environment. Exploration activity in Namibia will focus on iron ore, copper, gold and rare earths/metals.

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