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ERIS RECEIVES NOTICE OF INTENTION TO GRANT LICENCES

Avonlea Minerals Limited (ASX:AVZ) has been notified by Eris Mining (Pty) Limited (“Eris”) that they have received from the Ministry of Mines and Energy (“MME”) of the Republic of Namibia a **“Notice To Applicant of Preparedness to Grant Application for an Exclusive Prospecting Licence”** for each of the 5 Exclusive Prospecting Licences it has applied for.

The table below summarises the details in relation to the pending Exclusive Prospecting Licences in question:

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

Further update as to progression of the remaining reconnaissance licence is still awaited.

The Board is delighted to be advised of this important development and awaits confirmation of the various terms and conditions attaching to the licences; specifically payment of the normal annual licence fees and confirmation of the work programs and attaching obligations originally submitted to the MME by Eris.

The Board notes however, the condition for participation by local Namibian parties to the licence and is awaiting clarification on the basis of this commitment.

As a consequence, the Board considers the approval of the transaction to acquire 100% of the Shares of Eris at the shareholders meeting scheduled for 14 January 2009 can progress the commencement of exploration activity subject to meeting the terms and conditions during the first half of next year.

Commenting on the notification Mr Riekie Managing Director said:

“This is a very significant event for Avonlea. Subject to shareholder approval, the Company is poised to commence a period of significant activity that we are confident can enable our geologists to quickly ascertain the scale of the Okatumba Iron Ore project and map out the necessary programs to unlock its value and consider options for the extensive land holding of Eris.”

The Board looks forward to updating Shareholder in these key events in the near future.

Yours Faithfully



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