

**ASX**

AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE

MARKET RELEASE

12 August 2010

Avalon Minerals Limited**TRADING HALT**

The securities of Avalon Minerals Limited (the "Company") will be placed in pre-open at the request of the Company, pending the release of an announcement by the Company. Unless ASX decides otherwise, the securities will remain in pre-open until the earlier of the commencement of normal trading on Monday, 16 August 2010 or when the announcement is released to the market.

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REQUEST FOR TRADING HALT

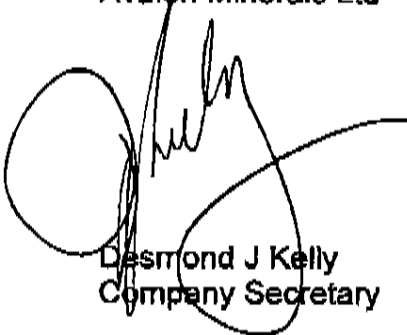
Dear Sir

Further to our verbal advice this morning the Company confirms its request for a Trading Halt effective immediately.

In accordance with Listing Rule 17.1 the Company advises:

- The reason for the Trading Halt is due to the finalisation of a Capital Raising
- The Trading Halt shall last for 2 trading days or the announcement of the Capital Raising
- The Trading Halt shall end following documentation and announcement of the Capital Raising
- The Company is not aware of any reason why the Trading Halt should not be granted.

Yours sincerely
For and on Behalf of
Avalon Minerals Ltd



Desmond J Kelly
Company Secretary